

Graduate Exit Survey

2016-2017

College of Education

Number of Respondents: 87

Question 1 - Did you receive your undergraduate degree from GVSU?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	49%	43
No	51%	44
Total	100%	87

Question 2 - If no, please list the institution that granted your undergraduate degree:

Central Michigan University	6
Michigan State University	5
Western Michigan University	2
Hope College	2
Northern Michigan University	1
Aquinas College	1
University of Massachusetts	1
Cedarville University	1
Soka University of America	1
Saginaw Valley State University	1
Ferris State University	1
Calvin College	1
University of British Columbia	1
Wayne State University	1
Appalachian State University	1
Eastern Michigan University	1
University of Wisconsin Whitewater	1
Boston University	1
The University of Maryland	1
U of M Ann Arbor	1
Austin Peavy State University	1
Indiana University	1

Question 7 - Which MEd program did you complete?

Answer	%	Count
Educational Technology	6%	5
Higher Education	10%	9
College Student Affairs Leadership (CSAL)	16%	14
Instruction and Curriculum - Advanced Content Specialization	1%	1
Instruction and Curriculum - Early Childhood Education	14%	12
Instruction and Curriculum - Educational Differentiation	5%	4
Instruction and Curriculum - Elementary Education	3%	3
Instruction and Curriculum - Secondary Education	7%	6
Educational Leadership	15%	13
Education Literacy Studies - Reading & Language Arts	7%	6
Education Literacy Studies - TESOL	0%	0
School Counseling	7%	6
Special Education	9%	8
Total	100%	87

Question 9 - What were you doing before enrolling in graduate school? (check all that apply)

Answer	%	Count
Completing my undergraduate degree	13%	12
Completing a different graduate degree	2%	2
Employed in a field related to my current degree program	66%	59
Employed in a field unrelated to my current degree program	17%	15
Other	1%	1
Total	100%	89

Other:

Stay at home mother

Question 10 - Why did you decide to pursue a graduate degree?

Answer	%	Count
Career Advancement	48%	32
Career Change	12%	8
Personal Desire to continue education	12%	8
Required in my field	24%	16
Other:	5%	3
Total	100%	67

Other:

Pay increase, higher skills in what I teach
GTC teaching certificate program granted grad credit toward degree
Required for my field and personal desire to continue education

Question 11 - Please rate the following dimensions of your degree program.

Question	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Fair		Poor		Total
The intellectual quality of the faculty	50%	43	45%	39	5%	4	0%	0	0%	0	86
The intellectual quality of my fellow graduate/professional students	40%	34	36%	31	22%	19	2%	2	0%	0	86
The relationship between faculty and graduate/professional students	54%	46	38%	33	7%	6	1%	1	0%	0	86
Program's ability to integrate recent developments in my field	44%	38	44%	38	10%	9	1%	1	0%	0	86
Program space and facilities	43%	36	44%	37	11%	9	0%	0	2%	2	84
Overall quality of graduate level teaching by faculty	37%	32	49%	42	10%	9	3%	3	0%	0	86
Level of academic challenge	36%	31	37%	32	21%	18	6%	5	0%	0	86
Quality of academic advising and guidance	46%	39	27%	23	19%	16	7%	6	1%	1	85
Helpfulness of staff members in my department/program	45%	39	44%	38	7%	6	3%	3	0%	0	86
Assistance in grad degree-related employment opportunities	30%	24	35%	28	18%	14	8%	6	9%	7	79
The opportunity to interact with disciplines outside your degree program	22%	18	13%	11	24%	20	29%	24	12%	10	83
Academic standards in my program	39%	33	32%	27	24%	20	5%	4	0%	0	84
Overall program quality	43%	37	40%	34	14%	12	3%	3	0%	0	86

Question 12 - Which of the following experience(s) did you complete as part of your degree program? (check all that apply)

Answer	%	Count
Clinical case report	1%	1
Clinical rotation	0%	0
Internship/Practicum	36%	44
Thesis/Dissertation	13%	16
Research project (group or individual)	50%	62
Systematic review	0%	0
None	0%	0

Total	100%	123
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Question 13 - How important were the experience(s) you selected in the previous question for your future professional success?

Answer	%	Count
Very important	46%	33
Somewhat Important	46%	33
Neither Important nor unimportant	4%	3
Somewhat unimportant	1%	1
Not important at all	3%	2
Total	100%	72

Question 14 - Please rate the experiences that you selected in the previous question (e.g. internship/practicum, thesis/dissertation):

Question	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Fair		Poor		Total
Availability of mentorship	41%	29	39%	27	16%	11	3%	2	1%	1	70
Availability of research materials and equipment	49%	33	30%	20	19%	13	1%	1	0%	0	67
Clarity of deadlines and expectations	44%	31	41%	29	13%	9	1%	1	1%	1	71
Financial support	26%	11	29%	12	24%	10	14%	6	7%	3	42
Overall quality of your experience	37%	26	46%	32	14%	10	0%	0	3%	2	70
Statistical consulting help	41%	19	28%	13	22%	10	7%	3	2%	1	46
Timeliness of feedback from faculty	44%	31	29%	20	23%	16	3%	2	1%	1	70
Writing assistance	39%	23	31%	18	22%	13	7%	4	2%	1	59

Question 15 - Did you take a hybrid course (online and face-to-face) or a fully online course in your graduate program? (select all that apply)

Answer	%	Count
Hybrid course	55%	59
Fully online course	44%	48
Neither	1%	1
Total	100%	108

Question 16 - How would you rate the educational quality of the online components of your course(s)?

Answer	%	Count
Excellent	27%	17
Very Good	47%	30
Good	16%	10
Fair	9%	6
Poor	2%	1
Total	100%	64

Question 18 - Which of the following activities did you participate in during your graduate program? (check all that apply)

Answer	%	Count
Attended a professional conference	15%	27
Clinical Experience	0%	0
Co-op	0%	0
Community engagement related to your field of study	10%	18
Field experience	22%	40
Gave in-class presentations	26%	47
Gave a presentation at a professional conference	6%	11
Held a formal leadership role in a student organization	4%	7
Participated in a learning community or other formal program where groups of students take two or more classes together	6%	10
Participated in a study abroad program	2%	3
Student teaching	6%	10
Other	2%	3
None	2%	3
Total	100%	179

Other

Study away/co-taught class
Study Away
graduate assistantship

Question 19 - If you were to start graduate school over, would you still choose to come to GVSU?

Answer	%	Count
Yes	95%	79
No	5%	4
Total	100%	83

Question 23 - How important were your graduate degree experiences (non-academic) to you for your graduate education?

Answer	%	Count
Very important	42%	35
Somewhat important	28%	23
Neither Important nor unimportant	16%	13
Somewhat unimportant	5%	4
Not important at all	10%	8
Total	100%	83

Question 24 - Overall, how would you rate the quality of:

Question	Excellent		Very Good		Good		Fair		Poor		Total
Your academic experience at this university	39%	33	48%	40	10%	8	2%	2	1%	1	84
Your graduate/professional program at this university	42%	35	40%	34	14%	12	4%	3	0%	0	84
Your overall experience at this university	44%	37	45%	38	8%	7	1%	1	1%	1	84
Your student life experiences at this university	23%	18	35%	27	32%	25	6%	5	4%	3	78

Question 26 - Do you feel that GVSU adequately prepared you to enter, or advance you in, your chosen field/profession?

Answer	%	Count
Definitely yes	62%	52
Probably yes	33%	28
Maybe	1%	1
Probably not	4%	3
Definitely not	0%	0
Total	100%	84

Question 27 - What was a highlight of your graduate degree program?

Thesis Project
thesis
thesis
The variety of classes
the students in my cohort
The Science course where we sampled water from Lake Michigan
The relationships built with faculty and classmates; networking and sharing ideas
The Profs
The information obtained from courses that helped in my career
The highlight of my program was working with *** ** and *** **. They are amazing teachers!
the fact that I could take all online or hybrid courses because I work full time and have a family.
Studying abroad in Italy
Student teaching
Staff
Researching an area that I can use right away in my job.
Research Courses
Receiving my teaching certificate
Pushing myself to be a better teacher each day. Every class that I took at GVSU, I learned something new and innovative that I could immediately take back to my classroom.

Publishing in CSAL
Professors who had been in the field and had practical experience to share
Professor *** **!
Opportunity for my assistantship, which waived my tuition and parking pass
Online resources
Networking with faculty
Networking and forming connections with faculty in my field
my thesis project
My final project was the hardest but most rewarding part of my program.
my cohort.
mentoring by faculty
Meeting the faculty
master's project
Loved the people and the professors
*** ** as a mentor
Internships
Internship.
internship
Interaction and coursework
I liked the statistics class with *** **
Graduating! Being 50 years old and finally obtaining a Masters Degree is extremely rewarding.
Getting my diploma
gaining quality information and knowledge in my field of work.
Gaining education, course discussions, and some of the faculty.
GA/Thesis/Practicum
Finishing it
Field experience for each certification
Field experience
Faculty mentorship
EDR 625 with *** **
Dr. ****

Question 30 - How much student loan debt did you take on to finance your graduate education?

Answer	%	Count
\$0 - \$4,999	54%	45
\$5,000 - \$9,999	4%	3
\$10,000 - \$14,999	10%	8
\$15,000 - \$19,999	5%	4
\$20,000 - \$29,999	11%	9
\$30,000 - \$39,999	4%	3
\$40,000 - \$49,999	11%	9
\$50,000 - \$59,999	0%	0
\$60,000 - \$69,999	1%	1
\$70,000 +	2%	2
Total	100%	84

Question 31 - What are your immediate post-graduate plans?

Answer	%	Count
Continued employment in my current job (please describe below):	36%	30
Continued employment at a school (K-12)	39%	33
Employment in higher education (community college or college/university)	19%	16
Employment in a business or industry	0%	0
Employment in a non-profit organization	1%	1
Employment with government or government agency	0%	0
Employment in a health care organization/profession	0%	0
Self-employment	0%	0
Volunteer service	0%	0
Further graduate study	0%	0
Other	5%	4
Total	100%	84

Continued employment in my current job (please describe below):

Special Education Director
Preschool teacher
Substitute teaching
Superintendent
Preschool Teacher
Special Education Teacher
Teach high school
PE teacher, but hopefully move up to AD
Director of Special Education
Living Center Director at GVSU
GSRP teacher
Teaching mathematics
school administrator
work for GVSU
3rd grade teacher
Professional Development designer
Director of a tutoring center
Program Specialist in Technology Management and Evaluation
GVSU Employee
Registrar, Adult Education
My current job aligns with my graduate degree.
3rd grade teacher
Special Education Teacher in an elementary setting
early childhood specialist
Enrollment Management

Other

employment in higher education, but have not yet accepted a position
Looking to get a job in k-12.
Stay at home with my babies and go back to work when they are a little older.

Question 32 - Has earning your graduate degree resulted in a promotion or any new offers of employment that are related to your degree program? If yes, please describe the job/position you were offered (e.g., sales, service, technical support, teaching, research, etc.):

Answer	%	Count
Yes	30%	25
No	70%	57
Total	100%	82

Yes

Yes, I have been offered positions where a Masters is preferred or required
University Student Affairs Staff Member
teaching & research
Steps increase for masters
School Counselor + raise
Salary Raise
Residence life coordinator
Raise in salary
Program Specialist in Technology Management and Evaluation
Potential teaching at my institution
Pay scale increase
Pay increase
No new positions, but an increase in pay
It was a condition of accepting my current job as Superintendent 2 years ago.
Interview for a Principalship
Increase pay
Increase in yearly wage
I will receive a raise
I was offered 2 positions in academic advising, but have not accepted one yet
higher education
curriculum design