

# POST-GRADUATION PLANS SURVEY CLASS OF 2010



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## RESPONSE RATES BY SCHOOL

The online administration of the survey generated responses from just over half of the Class of 2010; the Connell School of Nursing (CSON) had the highest response rate (61%) followed by the Lynch School of Education (LSOE) with a 57% response rate.

## Primary activity of Class of 2010 graduates six months post graduation

### Trends, Primary activity

The percent of graduates reporting they plan to work full-time is the lowest it has been in the past five years, and the percent reporting they plan to attend graduate school is the highest.

Activity	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Working full-time for pay	64.1%	66.6%	64.5%	58.7%	55.9%
Attending graduate, law, or medical school	21.6%	17.8%	22.1%	24.5%	28.1%
Working as a volunteer	6.2%	5.5%	5.2%	5.3%	6.6%
Participating in a fellowship, research grant, etc.	0.8%	1.4%	1.3%	3.1%	1.9%
Internship/Other	7.2%	8.6%	6.9%	8.4%	7.4%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

## TOP TEN CAREER FIELDS

Topping the list of career fields reported by 2010 graduates are teaching and consulting (9.8% and 8.6% of respondents who reported their field of employment, respectively).

Class of 2010, Top ten career fields

Employment field	Total number reporting (N=429)	Percent of total # reporting
Teaching	42	9.8%
Consulting	37	8.6%
Accounting (Public)	26	6.1%
Registered Nurse	26	6.1%
Research (Technical/Scientific)	25	5.8%
Marketing - Sales	19	4.4%
Financial/Treasury Analysis	18	4.2%
Paralegal	18	4.2%
Auditing (Public)	17	4.0%
Finance - Portfolio Management/Brokerage	17	4.0%

## TOP EMPLOYERS

With regard to the companies and organizations hiring the greatest number of recent BC graduates, there is representation across a variety of employers, although those in the fields of accounting, financial services, and nursing, along with Teach for America, dominate the list of top employers.

Class of 2010, Top employers (all companies/organizations employing at least four graduates are listed)

Employer	Total # employed	Employer	Total # employed
Teach for America	19	JPMorgan Chase and Co.	6
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC	18	KPMG	6
Ernst and Young	11	Liberty Mutual	6
Citigroup	9	Deloitte and Touche LLP	5
Georgetown University Hospital	9	Dana Farber Cancer Institute	4

## TIMING OF EMPLOYMENT OFFERS

Among students who have accepted an offer of employment, the majority of full-time employed respondents had secured their positions prior to graduation; however, there was variation in the timing of offers across the colleges. (Note: "Employment field" labels are supplied by the National Association of Colleges & Employers.)

Class of 2010, Acceptance of employment offers by school

Time Period	A&S	CSOM	CSON	LSOE	All Schools
Prior to senior year	4.8%	24.9%	3.7%	-	12.1%
First semester senior year	19.4%	34.6%	-	15.4%	23.9%
Second semester senior year	41.1%	25.9%	63.0%	38.5%	36.4%
Summer following senior year	29.0%	11.4%	22.2%	42.3%	22.6%
Fall following senior year	5.6%	3.2%	11.1%	3.8%	4.9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Class of 2010, Acceptance of employment offers prior to graduation by field of employment

Employment field	Prior to Senior Year	First Semester Senior Year	Second Semester Senior Year
Accounting/Auditing (Private) (N=13)	-	46.2%	46.2%
Accounting/Auditing (Public) (N=43)	37.2%	53.5%	9.3%
Commercial Banking (N=3)	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%
Communications (N=15)	-	-	53.3%
Computer Science (N=12)	8.3%	8.3%	66.7%
Consulting (N=37)	2.7%	43.2%	45.9%
Finance (Other) (N=38)	2.6%	39.5%	47.4%
Healthcare (Other) (N=8)	-	-	87.5%
Human Resources (N=4)	-	-	100.0%

## PRIMARY RESOURCES USED TO OBTAIN CURRENT POSITION

Four out of 10 (39.3%) of the respondents who are working full-time indicated that they found their position through on-campus interviewing or other Career Center programs. This has increased slightly over the past two years: in 2008 and 2009 approximately 35.0% found their positions in that manner. A similar proportion of respondents (35.6%) noted networking or internships as the primary source used to obtain their positions, comparable to results in 2008 and 2009.

Class of 2010, Primary resources used to obtain current position

Resources	A&S	CSOM	CSON	LSOE	All Schools
EagleLink on-campus interviews	14.1%	48.2%	-	4.2%	26.0%
Other EagleLink listings	7.0%	8.9%	-	4.2%	7.2%
Listings linked through Career Center website	1.9%	-	-	-	0.9%
Other job listings (e.g., Internet, print)	16.9%	3.6%	26.9%	16.7%	12.3%
Career fair at BC	0.9%	4.2%	26.9%	-	3.7%
Career fair outside of BC	0.9%	0.6%	3.8%	-	0.9%
Career Center program	1.9%	-	-	4.2%	1.2%
Networking	30.0%	19.6%	11.5%	45.8%	25.8%
Internship	8.9%	10.7%	15.4%	8.3%	10.0%
Family business	0.9%	-	-	-	0.5%
Employment agency	0.5%	0.6%	-	4.2%	0.7%
Other	16.0%	3.6%	15.4%	12.5%	10.9%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Class of 2010, Primary resources used to obtain current position by field of employment

Employment field	N	EagleLink on-campus interviews	Networking	Internship	Other Career Center/ Eagle Link Program	Other job listings (e.g., print, Internet)	Other
Accounting/Auditing (Private)	13	46.2%	15.4%	7.7%	30.8%	-	-
Accounting/Auditing (Public)	43	60.5%	9.3%	20.9%	4.7%	2.3%	2.3%
Commercial Banking	3	66.7%	33.3%	-	-	-	-
Communications	15	-	26.7%	20.0%	6.7%	20.0%	26.7%
Computer Science	12	8.3%	16.7%	8.3%	50.0%	16.7%	-
Consulting	37	40.5%	35.1%	2.7%	10.8%	5.4%	5.4%
Finance (Other)	38	47.4%	34.2%	5.3%	2.6%	5.3%	5.3%
Healthcare (Other)	8	12.5%	12.5%	25.0%	-	37.5%	12.5%
Human Resources	4	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%	-	-	-
Investment Banking	47	55.3%	23.4%	6.4%	10.6%	-	4.3%
Management (Training/General)	6	16.7%	16.7%	-	16.7%	16.7%	33.3%
Marketing	50	16.0%	30.0%	8.0%	22.0%	12.0%	12.0%
Paralegal	18	11.1%	16.7%	5.6%	22.2%	27.8%	16.7%
Public Administration	12	16.7%	33.3%	8.3%	8.3%	8.3%	25.0%
Registered Nurse	26	-	11.5%	15.4%	26.9%	26.9%	19.2%
Research	34	2.9%	29.4%	17.6%	5.9%	20.6%	23.5%
Social Services	14	-	35.7%	21.4%	-	14.3%	28.6%
Teaching	41	-	31.7%	2.4%	17.1%	22.0%	26.8%





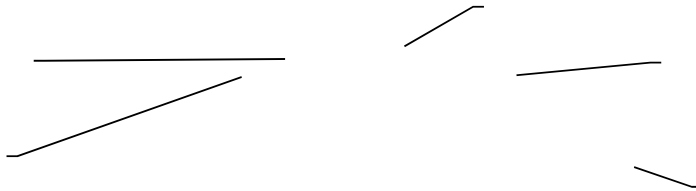
Class of 2010, Reported starting salaries by field of employment

Employment field/job type	N	Average	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Finance</b>				
Accounting (Private)	7	\$54,714	\$40,000	\$85,000
Accounting (Public)	25	54,022	49,000	61,000
Auditing (Private)*	5			
Auditing (Public)	16	52,356	46,000	56,000
Commercial Banking (Consumer)*	1			
Commercial Banking (Lending)*	2			
Consulting	33	57,727	40,000	71,000
Financial/Treasury Analysis	17	54,147	20,000	70,000
Insurance (Claims)*	1			
Insurance (Underwriting)*	2			
Investment Banking (Corp Finance)	16	61,813	37,000	70,000
Investment Banking (Mergers & Acquisitions)	12	64,292	40,000	70,000
Investment Banking (Real Estate)*	2			
Investment Banking (Sales & Trading)	15	71,667	55,000	110,000
Management Trainee (Entry-Level)*	4			
Management, General (Mid to Upper Level)*	2			
Portfolio Management/Brokerage	16	55,094	35,000	80,000
<b>Public Administration</b>				
Executive, Legislative & General*	2			
Military*	3			
National Security*	3			
<b>Computer Science</b>				
Computer Programming*	2			
Computer Systems Analysis*	4			
Other Computer Related*	5			
<b>Social Services</b>				
Administrative*	3			
Counseling*	2			
Fundraising/Development	6	28,117	3,000	38,000
Social Work*	2			
<b>Healthcare</b>				
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Employment field/job type	N	Average	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Marketing</b>				
Advertising	11	\$37,227	\$30,000	\$60,000
Brand/Product Management	6	40,167	30,000	55,000
Buyer/Merchandising*	4			
Customer Service*	3			
Distribution*	1			
Marketing Research*	5			
Sales	19	43,668	30,000	80,000
<b>Communications</b>				
Media Planning*	1			
Production (Communications)*	1			
Public Relations	8	29,688	14,000	42,500
Reporting*	1			
Writing/Editing*	1			
<b>Other</b>				

## GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION OF EMPLOYED GRADUATES

While the majority of survey respondents noted employment in the Northeast, all areas of the United States were cited; international destinations were also represented as places of employment and included such locales as Spain, Korea, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.



## GRADUATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY PROGRAM/DEGREE TYPE

Approximately 24.0% of the survey's respondents indicated that they are currently pursuing graduate degrees full-time; another 2.4% are enrolled part-time. Of the respondents reporting a degree program, almost one fifth are pursuing education degrees (19.3%) and another fifth are pursuing law degrees (21.2%).

Class of 2010, Distribution of graduate program enrollments

Graduate Degrees	Number reporting	Percent of respondents
<b>Master's Degrees</b>		
Education (M.A., M.A.T., M.Ed.)	61	19.3%
Humanities (M.A., M.Div., Other)	20	6.3%
Natural/Applied Science or Math (M.A., M.S.)	6	1.9%
Social Sciences (M.A.)	16	5.1%
Fine Arts (M.A., M.F.A.)	5	1.6%
Business (M.S., M.B.A.)	25	7.9%
Health, Policy, or Planning (M.P.H., M.P.P., Other)	4	1.3%
Social Work (M.S.W.)	17	5.4%
Communications (M.A., M.S.)	3	0.9%
Counseling (M.A.)	8	2.5%
Nursing (M.S.)	8	2.5%
Other Master's (M.A., M.S., M.L.I.S)	5	1.6%
<b>Ph.D.</b>		
Humanities or Social Sciences	9	2.8%
Sciences or Math	24	7.6%
Applied Doctorates (D.P.T., Pharm.D., Other)	6	1.9%
<b>J.D.</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>21.2%</b>
<b>M.D.</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
<b>D.O.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>D.D.S./D.M.D.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>100%</b>

## GRADUATE SCHOOLS OF ATTENDANCE

The array of institutions attended by Class of 2010 graduates varies by the degree and field of study pursued. Listed below is a sample of the graduate schools currently being attended by members of the Class of 2010, by primary field of study (number of students enrolled is included in parentheses.) (Note: these data are self-reported by survey respondents – they are not supplied by the institution. Enrollment numbers include full- and part-time students.)

Sample of graduate schools of attendance by the Class of 2010

### Law

Boston College Law School (11)  
Brooklyn Law School (3)  
Boston University School of Law (3)  
Suffolk University Law School (3)

### Medicine

Tufts University School of Medicine (5)  
University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine (2)  
Universidad Central del Caribe (2)  
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## VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS

Comparable to the results for the Class of 2009, about 5.3% of Class of 2010 members indicated that they are volunteering full-time post their Boston College graduation. While volunteer sites were both domestic and international, the majority of students are volunteering with

## INTERNSHIPS

Twenty-two members of the Class of 2010 reported that they have secured post-graduation internships. The internships range in duration from one season to three years.

### Class of 2010, Internship duration

Time Frame	Number reporting	Percent of respondents
Summer	9	40.9%
1 academic year	7	31.8%
1 calendar year	4	18.2%
2 or 3 years	2	9.0%
Total	22	100%

### Class of 2010, Organizations where graduates are interning for at least one academic year



## FELLOWSHIPS

Of the survey respondents from the Class of 2010, 17 reported that they have been accepted into a fellowship program. The following table lists the fellowship programs to which graduates have been accepted. The Fulbright Fellowship was the most frequently cited fellowship program.

Class of 2010, Fellowship participation

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Program	Number reporting
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