Framingham State University

Office of Institutional Research

Graduate Alumni Survey Report 2017-18

Target Population: 373

Total Respondents: 134

Response Rate: 35.92%

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Introduction

The Graduate Alumni Survey was sent out, via email, in May 2019 to a total of 373 of Framingham State University alumni that completed their graduate degree in 2017-2018 academic year. The Office of Institutional research received 134 completed surveys giving the survey a response rate of 35.92%.

Which graduate degree, program or certification did you complete at Framingham State?

Table 1.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Master of Arts - Counseling Psychology	1.49%	2
Master of Arts - Educational Leadership	9.70%	13
Master of Business Administration - Healthcare Management	0.75%	1
Master of Business Administration - Management	2.24%	3
Master of Education - Art	1.49%	2
Master of Education - Curriculum and Instructional Technology	2.99%	4
Master of Education - Educational Technology	2.24%	3
Master of Education - International Teaching	39.55%	53
Master of Education - Literacy and Language	0.75%	1
Master of Education - Mathematics	1.49%	2
Master of Education - Nutrition Education - Nutrition Education Specialist	2.24%	3
Master of Education - Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM)	0.75%	1
Master of Education - Special Education	1.49%	2
Master of Education - Teaching English as a Second Language	13.43%	18
Master of Health Care Administration	3.73%	5
Master of Public Administration	4.48%	6
Master of Science - Food and Nutrition - Coordinated Program in Dietetics	2.24%	3
Master of Science - Food and Nutrition - Nutrition Science and Informatics	1.49%	2
Master of Science - Merchandising	0.75%	1
Master of Science in Nursing - Education	2.99%	4
Master of Science in Nursing - Leadership	3.73%	5
Total	**100%**	**134**

Was your program hybrid or campus based, 100% online, or at an IEP site?

Figure 1.
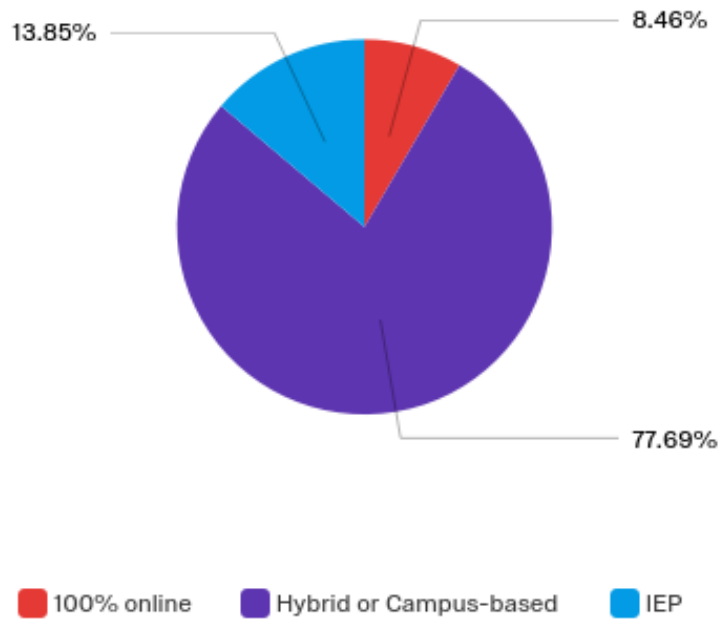
Table 2.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Hybrid or Campus-based	77.69%	101
IEP	13.85%	18
100% online	8.46%	11
Total	**100%**	**130**

IEP sites

Table 3.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Bangkok, Thailand	16.67%	3
Queretaro, Mexico	16.67%	3
Seoul, S. Korea	16.67%	3
Monterrey, Mexico	11.11%	2
Taipei, Taiwan	11.11%	2
Port of Spain, Trinidad	5.56%	1
San Pedro Sula, Honduras	5.56%	1
San Salvador, El Salvador	5.56%	1
Xiamen, China	5.56%	1
Guatemala City, Guatemala	5.56%	1
Managua, Nicaragua	0.00%	0
Busan, S. Korea	0.00%	0
San Jose, Costa Rica	0.00%	0
Total	**100%**	**18**

Thinking about any degree you have completed since you graduated from Framingham State, which of the following best describes you:

Figure 2.
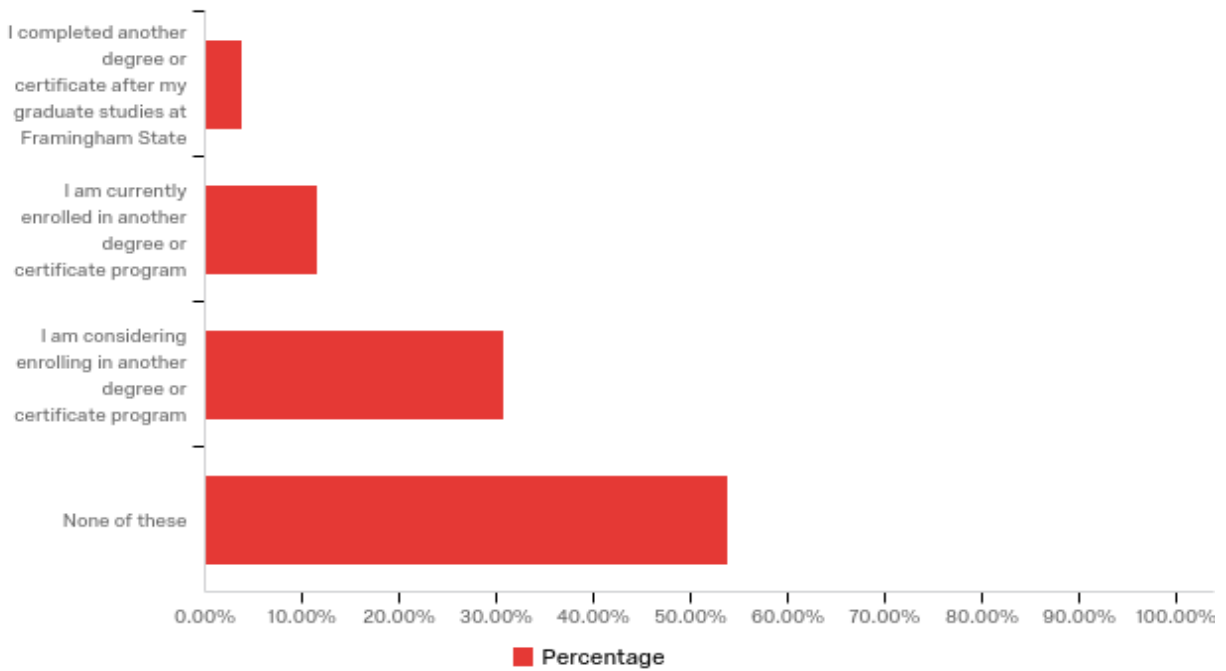
Table 4.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
None of these	53.85%	70
I am considering enrolling in another degree or certificate program	30.77%	40
I am currently enrolled in another degree or certificate program	11.54%	15
I completed another degree or certificate after my graduate studies at Framingham State	3.85%	5
Total	**100%**	**130**

If you have completed or are pursuing a degree, what type of degree is it:

Table 5.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
PhD or other doctorate	30.00%	6
Certificate	30.00%	6
Master's degree	25.00%	5
Professional degree	10.00%	2
Second Bachelor's degree	5.00%	1
Other, please specify	0.00%	0
Total	**100%**	**20**

Institution you attended or are attending and program you completed or are pursuing:

Table 6.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Buffalo State University	**5.26%**	**1**
International Inclusive Education	5.26%	1
Capella University	**5.26%**	**1**
Education	5.26%	1
Capella University	**5.26%**	**1**
Educational Technology	5.26%	1
Casa Luz Mexico	**5.26%**	**1**
Emotional Intelligence	5.26%	1
Fitchburg State University	**5.26%**	**1**
Education	5.26%	1
Google	**5.26%**	**1**
Google Innovator and Google Trainer	5.26%	1
Northeastern University	**5.26%**	**1**
EdD in Curriculum Teaching Learning and Leadership	5.26%	1
Penn State University	**5.26%**	**1**
Graduate Certificate in Children's Literature	5.26%	1
PTC Principal's Training Course	**5.26%**	**1**
PTC Miami (4 courses)	5.26%	1
Regis College	**5.26%**	**1**
Doctorate of Nurse Practice	5.26%	1
Simmons University	**5.26%**	**1**
Program in Dietetics Certificate	5.26%	1

Thompson Rivers University	**5.26%**	**1**
Bachelors of Education	5.26%	1
UMass Amherst	**5.26%**	**1**
Dietetic Internship	5.26%	1
UMass Boston	**5.26%**	**1**
American History	5.26%	1
Universidad Galileo	**5.26%**	**1**
Math Education	5.26%	1
Universidad Pedagogica Nacional (Honduras)	**5.26%**	**1**
Preschool Professional Degree	5.26%	1
University of North Florida	**5.26%**	**1**
Clinical Nutrition	5.26%	1
University of West Florida	**5.26%**	**1**
Teacher certificate Preparation Program	5.26%	1
Youngsan University	**5.26%**	**1**
Wellness Tourism	5.26%	1
Total	**100%**	**19**

What is your current employment status?

Table 7.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Employed, full-time, same field as degree	70.00%	91
Employed, full-time, somewhat related to degree	18.46%	24
Not currently employed	4.62%	6
Employed, part-time, same field as degree	3.08%	4
Employed, part-time, somewhat related to degree	2.31%	3
Employed, full-time, unrelated to degree	0.77%	1
Employed, part-time, unrelated to degree	0.77%	1
Total	**100%**	**130**

You stated that your employment is unrelated to your Framingham State graduate degree. Please select which of the following best describes you:

Table 8.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
I was unable to find a position related to my graduate education	50.00%	1
Other, please specify	50.00%	1
I found a more desirable position in a different field	0.00%	0
I have not seriously looked for a position related to my graduate education	0.00%	0
Total	100%	2

Other, please specify
I'm still consulting in the education field. I took another job in tech because the pay and opportunities were better.

Who is your current employer?

Table 9.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
CNMI Public School System	9.64%	8
John F Kennedy The American School of Queretaro	7.23%	6
Massachusetts General Hospital	3.61%	3
Escuela Americana John F. Kennedy	2.41%	2
Hanyang University	2.41%	2
San Roberto International School	2.41%	2
American Red Cross	1.20%	1
American School of El Salvador	1.20%	1
Anglo Singapore International School	1.20%	1
Aoba International School	1.20%	1
Bay Cove human services	1.20%	1
Bi-County Collaborative	1.20%	1
Buena Vista Concordia International School	1.20%	1
Carlisle Public Schools	1.20%	1
Colegio Euroamericano de Monterrey	1.20%	1
Colegio Franklin D. Roosevelt -- The American School of Lima	1.20%	1
Colegio Interamericano de Guatemala	1.20%	1
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1.20%	1

Contemporary Media	1.20%	1
Dar es Salaam International Academy	1.20%	1
Emerson College	1.20%	1
Emerson Hospital	1.20%	1
Escuela Internacional Sampedrana (Honduras)	1.20%	1
Essential Nutrition	1.20%	1
Euroamerican School of Monterrey	1.20%	1
Framingham Public Schools	1.20%	1
Fuhsing Private School	1.20%	1
Granville County Public Schools	1.20%	1
Green Meadow School	1.20%	1
Guangzhou Nanfang International School	1.20%	1
Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Clinic	1.20%	1
Hiranandani Upscale School	1.20%	1
Hopkinton School District	1.20%	1
Hudson Public Schools	1.20%	1
Inxtron	1.20%	1
Jangan Middle School	1.20%	1
John F. Kennedy School	1.20%	1
Kasetsart University Laboratory School	1.20%	1
KNU	1.20%	1
Korea Maritime and Ocean University	1.20%	1
La Salle Bilingual School	1.20%	1
Laboure College	1.20%	1
Lahey Hospital and Medical Center	1.20%	1
Lawrence General Hospital	1.20%	1
Lucaya International School	1.20%	1
Marianapolis Preparatory School	1.20%	1
Massachusetts Department of Correction	1.20%	1
MCPHS	1.20%	1
MGH	1.20%	1
Natick Public Schools	1.20%	1
Northeast Metro Tech	1.20%	1
Olympus	1.20%	1
Quinsigamond Community College	1.20%	1
Rasami British International School	1.20%	1
Sacred Heart Convent School	1.20%	1
Singapore International School	1.20%	1
STRIVE Preparatory School (Charter)	1.20%	1
Tewksbury Public School District	1.20%	1
The International School of Port of Spain	1.20%	1

Tokai College	1.20%	1
Tom Lee Music	1.20%	1
UMass Memorial Hospital	1.20%	1
Valencia College	1.20%	1
Villas Del Campo School	1.20%	1
Virginia Department of Education, Office of School Nutrition	1.20%	1
Zhuoyue Experimental School of Beijing Normal University	1.20%	1
Total	**100%**	**83**

What type of industry best describes this employer?

Table 10.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Elementary or secondary education (public or private)	59.35%	73
Higher education (public or private)	14.63%	18
Private for-profit corporation / company / group practice	10.57%	13
Private non-profit organization (except education)	7.23%	9
Government, institution or agency (except education or military)	4.07%	5
Other, please specify	4.07%	5
Self-employed in own business or professional non-group practice	0.00%	0
Military	0.00%	0
Total	**100%**	**123**

Other, please specify
Hospital
Preschool private school
Put up my own private academy
Hospital
Hospital

In which state or country do you currently work?

Table 11.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Outside the U.S.	52.85%	65
Massachusetts	30.08%	37
Other U.S. state or territory	16.26%	20
Other New England State (CT, ME, NH, RI, VT)	0.81%	1
Total	**100%**	**123**

If you selected Massachusetts, which region of MA do you currently work in?

Table 12.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Middlesex	43.24%	16
Suffolk/Boston	29.73%	11
Worcester	10.81%	4
Norfolk	10.81%	4
Western Mass (Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire, Hampden)	2.70%	1
Essex	2.70%	1
Region # 3 (Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Nantucket, Dukes)	0.00%	0
Total	**100%**	**37**

If you selected other New England state, which New England State do you currently work in?

Table 13.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Connecticut	100.00%	1
Maine	0.00%	0
New Hampshire	0.00%	0
Rhode Island	0.00%	0
Vermont	0.00%	0
Total	**100%**	**1**

If you selected other U.S. state or territory, which state or territory do you currently work?

Table 14.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Other U.S. Territory	50.00%	10
Florida	10.00%	2
Colorado	10.00%	2
Virginia	5.00%	1
Illinois	5.00%	1
Tennessee	5.00%	1
North Carolina	5.00%	1
New York	5.00%	1
Hawaii	5.00%	1
Total	**100%**	**20**

If you selected outside the U.S., in which country do you currently work?

Table 15.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Mexico	25.00%	16
South Korea	17.19%	11
Thailand	15.63%	10
Honduras	6.25%	4
China	6.25%	4
Guatemala	4.69%	3
Taiwan	3.13%	2
Saudi Arabia	3.13%	2
El Salvador	3.13%	2
Trinidad	3.13%	2
India	1.56%	1
Ireland	1.56%	1
Tanzania	1.56%	1
Japan	1.56%	1
Saipan	1.56%	1
The Bahamas	1.56%	1
Nicaragua	1.56%	1
Peru	1.56%	1
Total	**100.00%**	**64**

Please use the scale below to rate how important each of the following research skills are in your current position.

Table 16.

Question	1 (Not important)	2	3 (Important)	4	5 (Essential)	Total	Rating Average
Analyzing data	6.42% 7	13.76% 15	21.10% 23	26.61% 29	32.11% 35	100% 109	3.64
	20.18% 22			58.72% 64			
Designing and executing research	16.36% 18	17.27% 19	17.27% 19	23.64% 26	25.45% 28	100% 110	3.25
	33.63% 37			49.09% 54			
Identifying and solving problems	1.74% 2	1.74% 2	15.65% 18	25.22% 29	55.65% 64	100% 115	4.31
	3.48% 4			80.87% 93			
Locating and applying information / data	0.88% 1	9.65% 11	14.91% 17	38.60% 44	35.96% 41	100% 114	3.99
	10.53% 12			74.56% 85			

Please use the scale below to rate how important each of the following skills are in your current position.

Table 17.

Question	1 (Not important)	2	3 (Important)	4	5 (Essential)	Total	Rating Average
Making clear formal presentation that fit audience interests	3.67% 4	3.67% 4	14.68% 16	22.02% 24	55.96% 61	100% 109	4.23
	7.34% 8			77.98% 85			
Grant writing	35.29% 30	12.94% 11	12.94% 11	18.82% 16	20.00% 17	100% 85	2.75
	48.23% 41			38.82% 33			
Writing reports, articles, books, etc.	19.15% 18	17.02% 16	22.34% 21	15.96% 15	25.53% 24	100% 94	3.12
	36.17% 34			41.49% 39			
Working collaboratively.	0.90% 1	1.80% 2	11.71% 13	11.71% 13	73.87% 82	100% 111	4.56
	2.70% 3			85.58% 95			
Teaching or training groups of people	5.71% 6	5.71% 6	10.48% 11	25.71% 27	52.38% 55	100% 105	4.13
	11.42% 12			78.09% 82			
Managing others in work settings	5.05% 5	13.13% 13	19.19% 19	21.21% 21	41.41% 41	100% 99	3.81
	18.18% 18			62.62% 62			
Managing budgets	34.94% 29	14.46% 12	18.07% 15	13.25% 11	19.28% 16	100% 83	2.67
	49.40% 41			32.53% 27			

While at Framingham State did you participate in any of the following?

Table 18.

Answer	Percent of Cases*	Response Count
Field work (within courses)	46.67%	42
Capstone experience	27.78%	25
Practicum	25.56%	23
Work study	20.00%	18
Thesis	12.22%	11
Internship	6.67%	6
Graduate Assistantship	1.11%	1
Total		**90**

*Percent of Cases (Number of times the factor was selected divided by the number of respondents who answered the question)

Please use the scale below to rate the following resources at Framingham State based on the extent to which they helped you meet your goal.

Table 19.

Question	1 (Not important)	2	3 (Important)	4	5 (Essential)	Total	Rating Average
Course work	1.68% 2	3.36% 4	10.92% 13	33.61% 40	50.42% 60	100% 119	4.28
	5.04% 6			84.04% 100			
Communication with faculty	5.13% 6	7.69% 9	14.53% 17	32.48% 38	40.17% 47	100% 117	3.95
	12.82% 15			72.65% 85			
Communication with program coordinators or advisors	11.50% 13	12.39% 14	15.93% 18	25.66% 29	34.51% 39	100% 113	3.59
	23.89% 27			60.17% 68			
Networking opportunities	12.15% 13	19.63% 21	19.63% 21	26.17% 28	22.43% 24	100% 107	3.27
	31.78% 34			48.60% 52			
Career services	35.11% 33	17.02% 16	14.89% 14	12.77% 12	20.21% 19	100% 94	2.66
	52.13% 49			32.98% 31			

Please use the scale below to rate the quality of each of the following research skills you developed in your program at Framingham State.

Table 20.

Question	1 (Very Poor)	2	3 (Acceptable)	4	5 (Very Good)	Total	Rating Average
Identifying and solving problems	3.54% 4	4.42% 5	19.47% 22	27.43% 31	45.13% 51	100% 113	4.06
	7.69% 9			72.56% 82			
Locating and applying information / data	6.14% 7	4.39% 5	24.56% 28	30.70% 35	34.21% 39	100% 114	3.82
	10.53% 12			64.91% 74			
Designing and executing research	7.96% 9	2.65% 3	23.89% 27	38.94% 44	26.55% 30	100% 113	3.73
	10.61% 12			65.49% 74			
Analyzing data	4.31% 5	8.62% 10	28.45% 33	24.14% 28	34.48% 40	100% 116	3.76
	12.93% 15			58.62% 68			

Please use the scale below to rate the quality of each of the following skills you developed in your program at Framingham State.

Table 21.

Question	1 (Very Poor)	2	3 (Acceptable)	4	5 (Very Good)	Total	Rating Average
Making clear formal presentations that fit audience interests	2.59% 3	1.72% 2	12.93% 15	34.48% 40	48.28% 56	100% 116	4.24
	4.31% 5			82.76% 96			
Grant writing	32.05% 25	12.82% 10	16.67% 13	23.08% 18	15.38% 12	100% 78	2.77
	44.87% 35			38.46% 30			
Writing reports, articles, books, etc.	8.26% 9	11.01% 12	21.10% 23	26.61% 29	33.03% 36	100% 109	3.65
	19.27% 21			59.64% 65			
Working collaboratively	2.56% 3	3.42% 4	8.55% 10	21.37% 25	64.10% 75	100% 117	4.41
	5.98% 7			85.47% 100			
Teaching or training groups of people	3.74% 4	6.54% 7	16.82% 18	26.17% 28	46.73% 50	100% 107	4.06
	10.28% 11			72.90% 78			
Managing others in work settings	9.09% 8	7.95% 7	20.45% 18	26.14% 23	36.36% 32	100% 88	3.73
	17.04% 15			62.50% 55			
Managing budgets	31.51% 23	13.70% 10	27.40% 20	13.70% 10	13.70% 10	100% 73	2.64
	45.21% 33			27.40% 20			

Please select your current salary range:

Table 22.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Under $24,999	31.90%	37
$25,000 - $49,999	27.59%	32
$50,000 - $74,999	22.41%	26
$75,000 - $99,999	10.34%	12
$100,000 - $149,999	6.03%	7
$150,000 - $199,999	0.86%	1
Over $200,000	0.86%	1
Total	100%	116

What is your racial background?

Table 23.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
White	60.00%	69
Hispanic	18.26%	21
Asian	14.78%	17
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	3.48%	4
Black/ African American	2.61%	3
Cape Verdean	0.87%	1
Total	100%	115

To which gender identity do you most identify?

Table 24.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Female	66.38%	77
Male	31.90%	37
Non-binary/ third gender	0.00%	0
Prefer to self-describe	0.00%	0
Prefer not to answer	1.72%	2
Total	100%	116

Do you identify as transgender?

Table 25.

Answer	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	0.90%	1
No	98.20%	109
Prefer not to answer	0.90%	1
Total	100%	111

Which of the following would you be interested in as an alumnus of Framingham State?

Table 26.

Answer	Percent of Cases*	Response Count
Professional networking opportunities	81.25%	78
Receiving Graduate Alumni/ae communications	40.65%	39
Returning to / Visiting campus	27.08%	26
Participating in Alumni events	20.83%	20
Interacting socially, non-professionally, with other alumni	19.79%	19
Participating in University-wide events	12.50%	12
Total		96

*Percent of Cases (Number of times the factor was selected divided by the number of respondents who answered the question)

How would you prefer to receive information about news, events, and activities of interest to the Graduate Alumni/ae community?

Table 27.

Answer	Percent of Cases*	Response Count
Email	84.47%	87
Websites	27.18%	28
Facebook	21.36%	22
Other	6.80%	7
Personal contact	5.83%	6
Other social media	4.85%	5
Twitter	2.91%	3
Total		103

**Percent of Cases (Number of times the factor was selected divided by the number of respondents who answered the question)

Which other social media would you prefer?

LinkedIn
Instagram
What's App

Which other forms of communication would you prefer?

LinkedIn
University Magazines
Skype