First Destination Report 2021

Traditional Undergraduate, Graduate & ACCESS Students Outcomes

Post-Graduation Success Rate*
Recent undergraduates, graduates, and ACCESS students employed, entering graduate school, serving in the military, serving in a volunteer or service program, or starting a business.

*Outcomes for 472 traditional undergraduate degree, graduate degree & ACCESS degree recipients for the May class of 2021.

Who Completed the Survey?
Traditional program graduate: 67.8% | ACCESS program graduate: 16.7% | Masters program graduate: 14.8%
Doctoral program graduate: 0.4% | Accelerating Nursing program graduate: 0.2%

Post-graduation plans, six months after graduation:

- Employed 63%
- Graduate School 20%
- Other* 10%
- Still Seeking Employment 6%
- Military 1%

Leading Employers
- Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.
- Allentown School District
- Barnes & Noble
- Bolt On Technology
- Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit
- CliftonLarsonAllen
- Crayola
- CrossAmerica Partners
- Defense Logistics Agency
- DeSales University
- Dorney Park
- Geisinger Medical Center
- Guardian Life Insurance

Top Graduate Schools
- Lehigh Valley Health Network
- New York Presbyterian Hospital
- Palmerton Police Department
- Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival
- Pfizer
- PPL Electric Utilities
- Ross Stores, Inc.
- St. Luke’s University Health Network
- Target
- The Hartford
- Victaulic


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COVID-19 IMPACT ON POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Have you experienced a change in your post-graduation plans due to the COVID-19 pandemic?

While COVID-19 continues to impact the world and economy, the DeSales’ class of 2021 felt a slight impact to their post-graduation plans. A large percentage of graduates were able to successfully obtain their sought out plans.

**Experiential Learning Opportunities**

How many graduates completed an internship, field experience, clinical rotation, student teaching, or other experiential learning opportunity while enrolled at DeSales?

- **51%** At Least One Experiential Learning Opportunity
  - 1 or 2 (59%)
  - 3 or 4 (14%)
  - 5+ (27%)

  **31%** of those who completed at least one experiential learning opportunity said it resulted in an offer of employment.

  **74%** of those who completed at least one experiential learning opportunity that did not result in an offer of employment, said the experience was still instrumental in gaining other employment.

**Degree Related?**

Is your new or current position related to the degree you are receiving?

- **88%** YES
  - Strongly Agree / Agree
- **10%** Neutral
- **9%** Disagree / Strongly Disagree

**Recommend DeSales?**

I would recommend DeSales to a family member or friend:

- **81%** Strongly Agree / Agree
- **10%** Neutral
- **9%** Disagree / Strongly Disagree

**DeSales Mission?**

To what extent has DeSales’ mission impacted your educational experience?

- **66%** A Great Deal / Quite a Bit
- **20%** Somewhat
- **14%** Very Little / Not At All

**DeSales has allowed me to** open myself up in so many different ways that has given me the chance to change majors and fall in love with a new career. I felt so comfortable with the change and being able to explore a new path, but at the same time have constant support and reassurance from my professors, advisors, and family.

**DeSales has allowed me to** embrace my faith in all aspects of campus life and challenged me to be the best student, athlete, and person I could be.

**Embracing Salesian Spirituality allowed me to** become the leader that I am today and to think of other’s perspectives throughout my time here at DeSales.

EXPLORE. EXPERIENCE. ACHIEVE.