

Where did the 2003 Postgraduate Certificate in Psychology graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2003 to answer the following questions about Postgraduate Certificate in Psychology graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who pursued further studies, what programmes were they enrolled in?
- Among those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to get their first job offer?
- In which sectors were they employed?
- How much salary did they receive?
- How many job offers did they receive?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles?

II. Employment Situations in 2003

Of the 19 graduates from this programme, 13 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	PCPsych				HKU Overall*			
	2003		2002		2003		2002	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	13	100%	9	100%	690	100%	505	100%
Employed	7	54%	6	67%	605	88%	455	90%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	1	11%	9	1.3%	9	1.8%
Further Studies	4	31%	2	22%	51	7.4%	29	5.7%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	8	1.2%	6	1.2%
Not seeking F/T job	2	15%	0	0%	17	2.5%	6	1.2%

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III. Further Studies

4 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes that they pursued and their sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme	
	Master (Coursework)	Advanced Diploma / Diploma
Social Sciences	2	-
Others	1	1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Scholarship+Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	4

IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

By the end of	% of new graduates who have secured employment	
	2003	2002
May or before	0%	20%
June	0%	40%
July	40%	60%
August	40%	60%
September	60%	80%
October	60%	80%
November	80%	100%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 2

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Postgraduate Certificate in Psychology graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2003	2002
Commerce & Industry	57%	20%
Community, Social & Personal Services	43%	20%
Educational Institutions	0%	60%

VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Postgraduate Certificate in Psychology graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	PCPsych		HKU Average*		PCPsych		HKU Average*	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
Mean	\$13,566	\$19,700	\$16,502	\$18,081	\$13,566	\$20,067	\$16,825	\$18,265
Median	\$11,900	\$22,000	\$15,000	\$17,000	\$11,900	\$23,833	\$16,000	\$17,000
Minimum	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$3,900	\$7,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$3,900	\$7,000
Maximum	\$28,000	\$27,000	\$85,000	\$80,000	\$28,000	\$27,000	\$92,083	\$100,000

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Postgraduate Certificate in Psychology graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	3 (60%)
Three	1 (20%)
Four	1 (20%)

No Response = 2

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Postgraduate Certificate in Psychology graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Hospital Authority - Queen Elizabeth Hospital	- Research Assistant
- Hospital Authority	- Assistant to Clinical Psychologist
- Organization's name not reported	- Assistant Social Work Officer
Commerce and Industry -	
- HK Disneyland	- Assistant
- Red Gap Communications Ltd	- Creative Director
- Television Broadcasts Limited	- Programme Officer
- Tsang Co, Solicitors	- Solicitor

Note: Some of the 2003 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.

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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library. Please contact the CePc for further details.

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