

Where did the 2005 Master of Social Work graduates go?

I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2005 to answer following questions about Master of Social Work graduates:-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- 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 2005

Of the 13 graduates from this programme, 10 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	MSW				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	10	100%	24	100%	527	100%	707	100%
Employed	10	100%	23	96%	495	94%	642	91%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	0	0%	2	0.4%	8	1%
Further Studies	0	0.0%	0	0%	21	4.0%	30	4%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0.0%	0	0%	3	0.6%	14	2%
Not seeking F/T job	0	0.0%	1	4%	6	1.1%	13	2%

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III 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	
	2005	2004
May or before	33%	35%
June	33%	40%
July	44%	70%
August	67%	80%
September	78%	100%
October	78%	100%
November	89%	100%
December	100%	100%

No Response = 1

IV Employment Sectors

The majority of Master of Social Work graduates were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services, while others were employed in the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Community, Social & Personal Services	89%	82%
Civil Service	11%	0.0%
Educational Institutions	0.0%	18%

No Response = 1

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V Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Master of Social Work graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	MSW		HKU Average*		MSW		HKU Average*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$13,693	\$13,876	\$17,827	\$16,731	\$13,693	\$13,876	\$17,964	\$17,063
Median	\$14,000	\$12,300	\$16,000	\$15,000	\$14,000	\$12,300	\$16,000	\$15,000
Minimum	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Maximum	\$18,000	\$20,150	\$57,500	####	\$18,000	\$20,150	\$58,333	####

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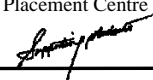
VI Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Master of Social Work graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	3 (38%)
Two	4 (50%)
Seven	1 (13%)

No Response = 2

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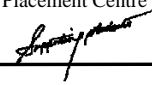
VII Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Master of Social Work graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- Social Welfare Department	- Social Worker
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Caritas, Hong Kong	- School Guidance Personnel
- Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service -Hong Kong	- Social Worker
- Harmony House	- Social Worker
- Hong Kong Family Welfare Society	- Social Worker
- Mother's Choice	- Child Assistant
- The Hong Kong Society of the Aged	- Human Resources Officer
- The Salvation Army	- Social Worker
- Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service	- Assistant Service Development Officer
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Social Worker

Note: Some of the 2005 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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VIII. 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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