JOURNEY TO SUCCESS
CLASS OF 2017 CAREER OUTCOMES

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The success of University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) undergraduates is one of the most important outcomes of a UIC degree. UIC’s Class of 2017 First Destination Survey Initiative gathered information about the career outcomes of its bachelor’s degree graduates within six months of graduation. The results provided insights to what a sample of 2017 UIC graduates (December 2016 and May 2017 cohorts) were doing with their bachelor’s degrees (“career outcomes”) including employment, continuing education, volunteer service, and military service.

UIC’s data was collected via a survey* administered to bachelor’s degree students who graduated in December 2016 or May 2017 from one of the eight** undergraduate colleges and schools (Applied Health Sciences, Architecture, Design, and the Arts, Education, Engineering, Liberal Arts and Sciences, Nursing, Public Health, and Urban Planning and Public Affairs). Secondary sources (i.e., LinkedIn™ profiles) were reviewed and supplemented survey data. Based on these sources, UIC confirmed career outcomes of 1,528 graduates of the 2,989 Class of 2017 graduates, translating to a knowledge rate*** of 51%.

*Data collection was based on guidelines defined by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).

**UIC College of Business conducts its own survey administration. The College’s results are not included.

***According to NACE’s 2014 First Destination Standards and Protocols, the knowledge rate is the percent of graduates for which the institution has reasonable and verifiable information concerning the graduates’ post-graduation career activities.
Based on the First Destination Initiative findings, UIC bachelor’s degree graduates pursue varied outcomes within the 6 months following graduation including continuing education, employment, and volunteer/service program participation.

**CAREER OUTCOMES**
The following is a summary of the career outcomes confirmed via survey or secondary sources for 1,528 graduates within six months of graduation:

- **Class of 2017 Graduate Population**: 2,989
- **Graduates Who Completed Surveys**: 1,217 (41%)
- **Secondary Sources**: 311 (10%)
- **Knowledge Rate**: 1,528 (51%)

- **Employed Full-Time**: 46%
- **Continuing Education**: 19%
- **Employed Part-Time**: 9%
- **Volunteer/Service Program**: 1%
- **Military Service**: 0.5%
- **Seeking Employment/Internship**: 23%
- **Other**: 0.9%
- **Not Seeking Employment/Internship**: 0.7%

**Class of 2017 Career Outcomes Highlights**

76% of graduates secured employment (full- or part-time), were involved in a volunteer/service program, served in the military, or continued their education.
Based on the First Destination Initiative findings, UIC graduates work in a variety of industry sectors for a variety of employers. Many of these graduates opt to stay and work in Illinois.

EMPLOYMENT SECTORS
Of surveyed graduates who indicated they were employed and what sector they were employed in (N = 428), 74% of responses fell into the following ten sectors:

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<td>Healthcare Services and Hospitals</td>
<td>22%</td>
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<td>Engineering</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>Retail</td>
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<td>Research/Development/Science</td>
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<td>Food and Beverage</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Social Services</td>
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<td>Sales</td>
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<td>Education/Teaching Pre K-12</td>
<td>3%</td>
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EMPLOYMENT IN ILLINOIS
Of the respondents who identified an employer name and location of employment, 93% are working in Illinois.

EMPLOYERS
The following is a sample of full- and part-time employers identified by survey respondents or confirmed by secondary sources.

- Allstate
- Amazon.com
- Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
- Athletico
- Avanade
- Best Buy
- Chicago Police Department
- Chicago Public Schools
- ComEd
- Discover Financial Services
- Exelon
- Federal-Mogul
- FM Global
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Milhouse Engineering & Construction
- Motorola Solutions
- Navistar
- Northrop Grumman Corporation
- NorthShore University HealthSystem
- Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- Peoples Gas
- Relativity
- Rush University Medical Center
- ScribeAmerica
- Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
- Shure Incorporated
- Siemens
- Slalom Consulting
- Superior Ambulance Service
- UI Health
- UL
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Class of 2017
Continuing Education Highlights

Based on graduate school enrollment data*, UIC graduates continue their education at a variety of institutions across the U.S. pursuing graduate degrees and post-baccalaureate certifications.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS
The following is a sample of institutions who reported enrollments of UIC graduates to the National Student Clearinghouse.

| Boston University |
| Case Western Reserve University |
| Claremont Graduate University |
| DePaul University |
| Governors State University |
| Illinois Institute of Technology |
| Loyola University |
| Mount Mary University |
| New York University |
| Northeastern Illinois University |
| Northern Illinois University |
| Northwestern University |
| Purdue University |
| Roosevelt University |
| Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science |
| Rush University |
| The Chicago School of Professional Psychology |
| The Ohio State University |
| University of California - Berkeley |
| University of Chicago |
| University of Illinois at Chicago |
| University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign |
| University of Rochester |
| University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee |

In addition to National Student Clearinghouse data, the First Destination Initiative survey also asked graduates to confirm what type of continuing education degree they were pursuing.

CONTINUING EDUCATION DEGREES
The following table summarizes the continuing education degree types reported by survey respondents (N=282):

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<td>Master’s</td>
<td>43%</td>
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<td>Other/Professional (Medical School/Law School)</td>
<td>42%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ph.D./Ed.D.</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Post-baccalaureate Certificate</td>
<td>6%</td>
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*Enrollment data reported by the National Student Clearinghouse, a national provider of transcript and enrollment information for higher education institutions.
UIC offers a range of programs and resources to help students obtain internships including off-campus employment, research/clinical work, and credit-based internships. UIC’s strong connection with Chicago and the institution’s cutting-edge research provides students with opportunities to gain valuable work experience, skills, and connections with employers.

**INTERNSHIPS AND EMPLOYMENT**

In the First Destination Initiative survey, graduates indicated if they completed one or more internships while attending UIC. Based on analysis of survey results, graduates that completed one or more internships were more likely to be employed full-time than those who did not complete an internship. Of survey respondents that indicated they were full-time employed and participated in an internship while attending UIC (N=387), 66% completed one or more internships.

**INTERNSHIP EMPLOYERS**

The following are a sample of internship employers reported by graduates:

- Abbott
- Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center
- Ameresco
- Argonne National Laboratory
- BorgWarner
- Caterpillar
- Chicago Public Schools
- Chicago Youth Centers
- City of Chicago (multiple offices)
- Cook County (multiple offices)
- Exelon
- Federal-Mogul
- Field Museum of Natural History
- Navistar
- Northwestern University
- PASO West Suburban Action Project
- Primera Engineers
- Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
- Rush University Medical Center
- University of Illinois at Chicago
- UL
- University of Illinois Hospital & Health Science System
- Village Leadership Academy
- Walgreens
- YMCA/YWCA
UIC students have the opportunity to develop career interests and skills through a range of internships, employment, and research opportunities. Throughout their time at UIC, students also are able to network with employers and obtain job and internship opportunities at UIC career events.

CAREER FAIRS
UIC hosts 15 major job and internship fairs for students and alumni throughout the academic year providing employment and internship opportunities to a broad range of majors. Across these events, more than 700 employers participate including companies, government agencies, and non-profit organizations.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
UIC is designated by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education as belonging to the top tier of universities engaging in extensive research activities. The UIC Office of Undergraduate Research (ure.uic.edu) maintains a database of more than 700 on-campus opportunities for research assistantships and apprenticeships in all disciplines allowing students to gain critical skills including critical thinking, problem solving, persuasive public speaking, and more. The Office also connects students with opportunities on- and off-campus as well as locally, nationally, and globally. UIC students can engage in research for credit, hourly wages, or a substantial stipend during the academic year and the summer. Visit undergradresearc.uic.edu for more information.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT
There are a myriad of opportunities for UIC students interested in working on- and off-campus while completing their degree. Student employment not only provides students with a means of earning money, it also provides students an opportunity to develop new skills, positive work habits, and hands-on experience to help ensure their professional success. At any given time, through UIC’s Student Employment Office, nearly 3,000 students work on-campus at more than 4,000 positions. Visit studentemployment.uic.edu for more information.