

## 2001-2002 GRADUATE SURVEY Highlights of the Class of 2002

OIT's Class of 2002 was very successful especially in light of the economic downturn of the past two years. Of 248 graduates for whom we have information (60% of graduates), 94% were either employed, continuing their education, or inactive (not seeking employment). The other 6% were actively seeking employment at the time of the survey. Of those employed, 91% were in career-related positions. Average salaries rose overall for nine of fifteen bachelor's degrees for which comparison data is available and the average salary for all graduates increased 7.5%. Fewer graduates found employment in Oregon than last year. Bachelor of Science graduates went back to school in larger numbers.

This annual report is based on a survey of Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT) students completing graduation requirements between August 2001 and June 2002. It is intended to provide information about graduate outcomes to members of the OIT community, employers, and other interested publics. The information contained in the report can also be used to facilitate the career decisions of currently enrolled and prospective OIT students.

Highlights of the Class of 2002 follow:

- 94% Success Rate (employed, continuing education, or inactive/not seeking)
- 91% of employed grads were in career-related positions
- Average Annual Salary: All Grads - \$45,400
- By degree type:
  - Applied Science - \$28,811
  - Engineering - \$36,000
  - Engineering Technology - \$50,000
  - Health Technology - \$51,480
  - Management - \$27,040
- Strong demand for graduates led to dramatic salary increases in:
  - Nuclear Medicine - median salary \$70,000 (+37%)
  - Computer Engineering Technology - median salary \$58,000 (+11%)
  - Mechanical Engineering Technology - median salary \$48,500 (+7%)
- Top Salaries (median)
  - Nuclear Medicine - \$70,000
  - Computer Systems Engineering Technology - \$58,000
  - Software Engineering Technology - \$56,002

### OIT GRADUATES AT A GLANCE 2001-2002

	<i>Career-Related Employment</i>	<i>Other Employment</i>	<i>Continuing Education</i>	<i>Inactive</i>	<i>Seeking Employment</i>	<i>Success Rate*</i>
Master's Degree	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bachelor's Degree	75%	8%	10%	1%	6%	94%
Associate's Degree	46%	0%	42%	8%	4%	96%
ALL GRADUATES	71%	8%	13%	2%	6%	94%

\* The combined percentage of graduates who are employed, continuing their education, or inactive (not seeking employment)

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- Top five employers of 2002 grads: Boeing Company, Sandia National Labs, JELD-WEN, Washington DOT.
- Industries employing OIT grads and percentage of grads in industry:
  - Service (primarily health care, engineering, business) - 59%
  - Manufacturing (primarily transportation equipment) - 25%
  - Government - 11%
- Top states employing OIT grads: Oregon (54%), Washington (16%), California (14%)
- OIT grads found their jobs through Direct Contact (20%), Networking (19%), Campus Recruiting (17%), Classified Ads (15%), Co-op/Externship (6%)

SOURCE: OIT Career Services (excerpt from *Annual Graduate Status Report – Class of 2002*)