

1999-2000 GRADUATE SURVEY

Highlights of the Class of 2000

The *Annual Graduate Status Report--Class of 2000* is based on a survey of students completing graduation requirements from August 1999 to June 2000. It is intended to facilitate the career decisions of currently enrolled and prospective students, and to provide general information about recent graduates to employers, members of the OIT community and other interested publics.

Every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information included in the report. Each graduate was sent a one-page survey with a postage-paid return envelope, as well as a postcard reminder. Telephone follow-up was attempted for each student who did not respond. A response rate of 72% was achieved, a fairly representative sample by any standard. Nevertheless, caution is urged in interpreting the information. Some of the information was provided by secondary sources. Likewise, some statistics (salary averages, for example) are based on rather small samples.

Highlights of the class of 2000 follow:

- ◆ 98% Success Rate (employed, continuing education, or inactive/not seeking employment)
- ◆ 94% of employed grads were in career-related positions

- ◆ Average Annual Salary: All Grads - \$39,000
by degree type:
 - Health - \$39,025
 - Engineering - \$36,000
 - Engineering Technology - \$45,000
 - Applied Science - \$27,200
 - Management - \$30,000

- ◆ Strong demand for graduates led to dramatic salary increases in:
 - Computer Systems Eng Tech - median salary \$48,000 (+21%)
 - Management Info Systems - median salary \$35,000 (+19%)
 - Manufacturing Eng Tech - median salary \$44,750 (+18%)

- ◆ Top Salaries
 - Software Engineering - \$53,000
 - Laser/Optical Engineering Technology - \$51,000
 - Electronic Engineering Technology - \$50,000

OIT GRADUATES AT A GLANCE
1999-2000

	<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	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N/A
Bachelor's Degrees	88%	5%	5%	1%	2%	98%
Associate's Degrees	44%	7%	46%	2%	0%	100%
ALL GRADUATES	81%	5%	11%	1%	2%	98%

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

- ♦ Top five employers of 2000 grads: Jeld-Wen Corp., Intel, Oregon Institute of Technology, Merle West Medical Center and the Herald & News.

- ♦ Industries employing OIT grads (and percent of grads employed in those industries):
 - Service (primarily health care, engineering education, business) - 57%
 - Manufacturing (primarily electrical/electronic equipment, industrial machinery, transportation equipment, wood products) - 28%
 - Government - 11%
 - Other – 4%

- ♦ Employers range in size from large manufacturing firms, hospitals, and federal agencies to small and medium size businesses, consulting firms, and health care practices.

- ♦ Top states employing OIT grads: Oregon (67%), Washington (12%), California (8%), Arizona (3%), and Nevada (3%).

- ♦ OIT grads found their jobs through Campus Recruiting (35%), Networking (19%), Classified Ads (16%), Direct Contact (15%), Co-op/Externship (12%), and Employment Agencies (3%).

SOURCE: OIT Career Services (excerpt from *Annual Graduate Status Report - Class of 2000*)