

Research/Project Title: Tracer Study of Graduates of Northwestern University

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Abstract

This study aimed to trace the graduates from the various colleges of this university enrolled from SY 2009-2017. It also determined their sex, civil status, degree earned, year graduated, licensure examination passed, and membership to a professional organization, employment status, occupation, occupational sector, place of work, promotions and needs. It also figured out the relevance of the programs, how the competencies and skills based on CMO and 21stcentury skills contributed to their present job, and their suggestions for improving the program. Along with profile of respondents, the majority are male; single; with licensure examination passed and with membership to professional organization. As to employment data, most of them are employed in LGU's with non-supervisory position and with permanent status here in the country and were promoted due to their educational qualification. However, they need seminars, conventions, continuing professional development. Further, those who have difficulties in getting promoted are caused by a lack of training and seminar. The foundational courses contributed much to their present job and their competencies and skills-based on CMO and 21st-century skills. The respondents suggested updating of references and other instructional materials, participation of stakeholders, alumni, industry in the curriculum planning, competent faculty, aligning theory and practice, presence of simulation facilities, timely review of curriculum, and integration of students and faculty evaluation in the curriculum for the improvement of the various programs.