

4.3 Employment Milestones at TEP Fajardo Campus Graduates

The TEP at Fajardo Campus developed an oral telephone interview, after various tries to contact graduates by mail/or e-mails from the Planning Office.

As a response, our Department created a six open ended questionnaire, where one of the Education professors is responsible to call our graduates six months after graduation. We wait for 6 months in order to give time to our graduates to find jobs. Their questionnaire is filled by the professors and kept after trying for several times to contact our graduates by phone (AM, PM or night) and also by e-mail.

In the year 2013-14, we could contact twelve out of twenty-three graduates (52%). We also found that seven graduates, (30%) are presently working in their field as teachers. Two graduates contacted are not working as teachers but rather preferred to stay in their jobs due to economic reasons (job pays better). One graduate, moved to the States to try to find job as a teacher. Finally, ten graduates out of twenty-three (43 %) did not respond either by phone/mail. We have found out they closed the Fajardo E- mail given and have changed their cell phone numbers.

It is a challenge for our TEP to contact out graduates and we even use social media to try to contact them. The following table presents a summary of the telephone interview data from our graduates 2013-2014. The following presents a copy of the Instrument we are using to retrieve the data:

**Inter American University of Puerto Rico
Fajardo campus
Department of education and social sciences**

**Telephone survey
Graduate education program students**

Good day/good afternoon. The Department of Education and social sciences at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico of Fajardo is calling you with the purpose of asking you a few questions in regards to milestones in finding employment related to your specialty and how long did it took you to find a job in the field you studied . This information is necessary as a requirement of the accrediting agency CAEP (Council Accreditation Education Providers). Everything that you answer will be used confidentially and only for the purpose described above.

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1. In what year you graduated?	
2. Could you tell us what is your specialty?	
3. Are you working at present? Yes/no	
4. Where do you work? Place	
5. Specify school or place .What level you are you working on? If you are not working in your specialty, specify the reasons of not working in the field you studied.	
6. How long did it take you to get this job?	

Thanks for your time. I certify that the information is correct.

Name

Since

Date

Table 20: Summary of the Telephone Interview Data for Employment Milestones from our TEP graduates for the year 2013-2014

Student Id	Code	Are you working?		Place (if yes)	Type School/ Job		How long it took you to find a job?
		Yes	No		Private	Public	
F00285018	136	___	___	___	___	___	No response by either phone/mail
F00288142	136	X		Public Secondary School Education		X	20 days (Graduated 2014, finished Dec 2013, found job Jan 10/2014)
F00345975	136	X		Berta Zalduondo Elementary Special Education		X	7 months after graduation
F00236613	136	X		Joanelys Academy (salón contenido)	X		1 month after graduation
F00258840	147		X	Airport in Isla Verde			I was called to work at the D.E. P.R, but pat in school is lower than the job I preform at the airport (7 years working)
F00309808	174						No information Tried by phone, and e-mail no response
F00360525	174						No response, either by phone/e-mail

Student Id	Code	Are you working?		Place (if yes)	Type School/ Job		How long it took you to find a job?
		Yes	No		Private	Public	
F00013798	177						No response, either by phone/e-mail
F00348618	177	X		Carmen D. Feliciano Secondary		X	6 months after graduation
F00293661	177	X		Rio Grande Academy	X		1 week after graduation
F00050986	236						No response, left various messages by phone/e-mail
F00171045	236	X		As a muse in Fajardo			Hospital. Have not called her. Does not look for teaching job.
F00082114	236						No response, either by phone/e-mail
F00319876	236						No response, either by phone/e-mail
F00014130	236						Looking for a job in USA sense graduation
F00320279	237						Does not respond either by phone/e-mail
F00344303	237		X			X	Worked for 6 months, but is studying full time. Master's Degree

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		Yes	No		Private	Public	
F00144787	243						No response
F00140788	243						No response/changed phone number
F00339000	243		X			X	Worked for 3 months, not working sense oct/14
F00295659	206	X		Secondary School	X		Working in private school, English (Rio Grande)
F00028009	206	X		FAU Fajardo	X		Working 3 months after graduation, studying masters (15 credits approved)
F00309813	206	X		Camilo Valles, Luquillo		X	7 months after graduation, English elem. teacher

