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2020 Alumni Survey

**Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and
Health Sciences**

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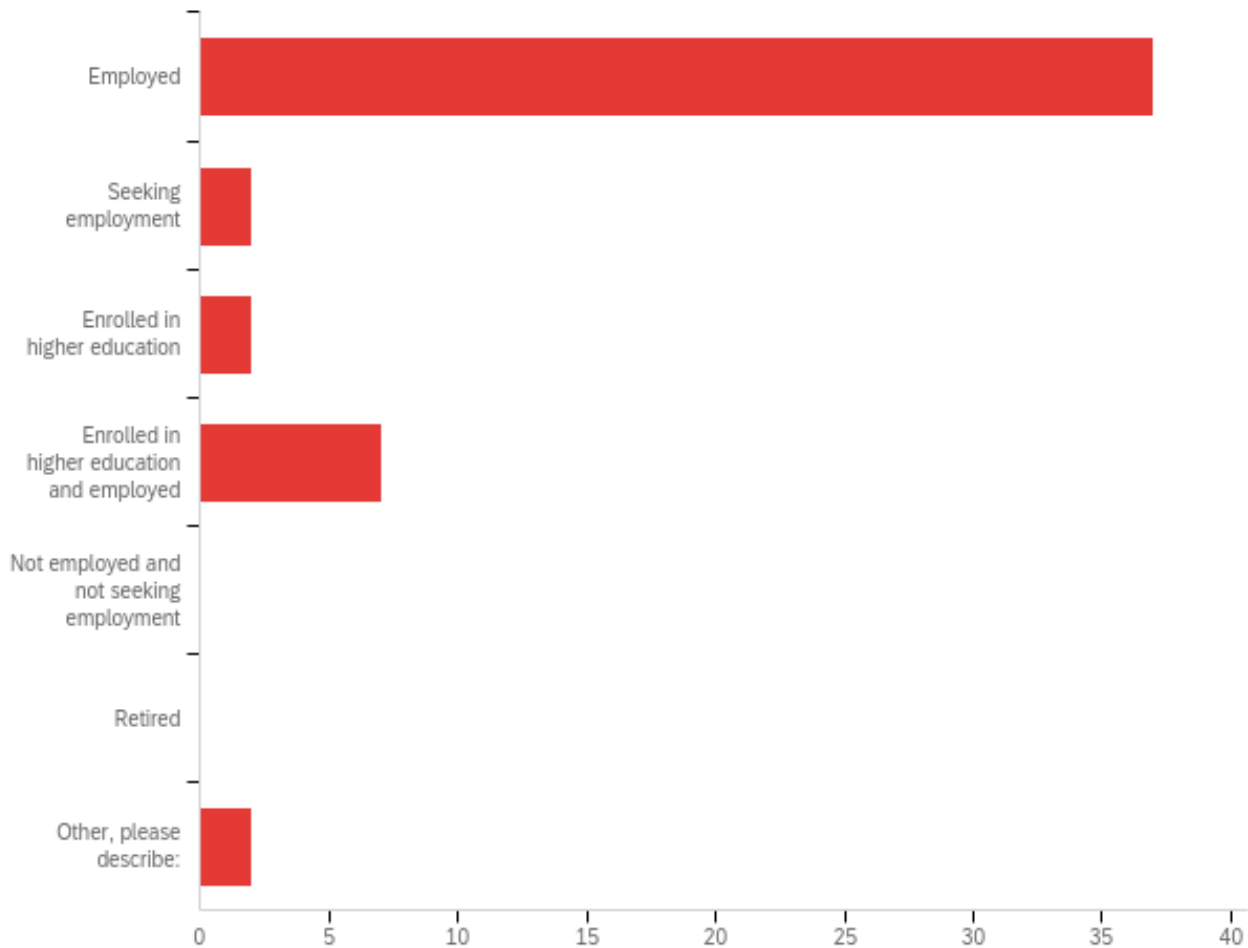
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2020 Alumni Survey Results, Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences

This is a report of selected frequency tables drawn from our 2020 Alumni Survey; it is a subset of the respondents who earned undergraduate degrees from the Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences in 2010, 2015, or 2019. Over 500 alumni were surveyed and 50 responded for a response rate of 9.2%. Please contact the Office of Institutional Research for more detailed analyses or results.

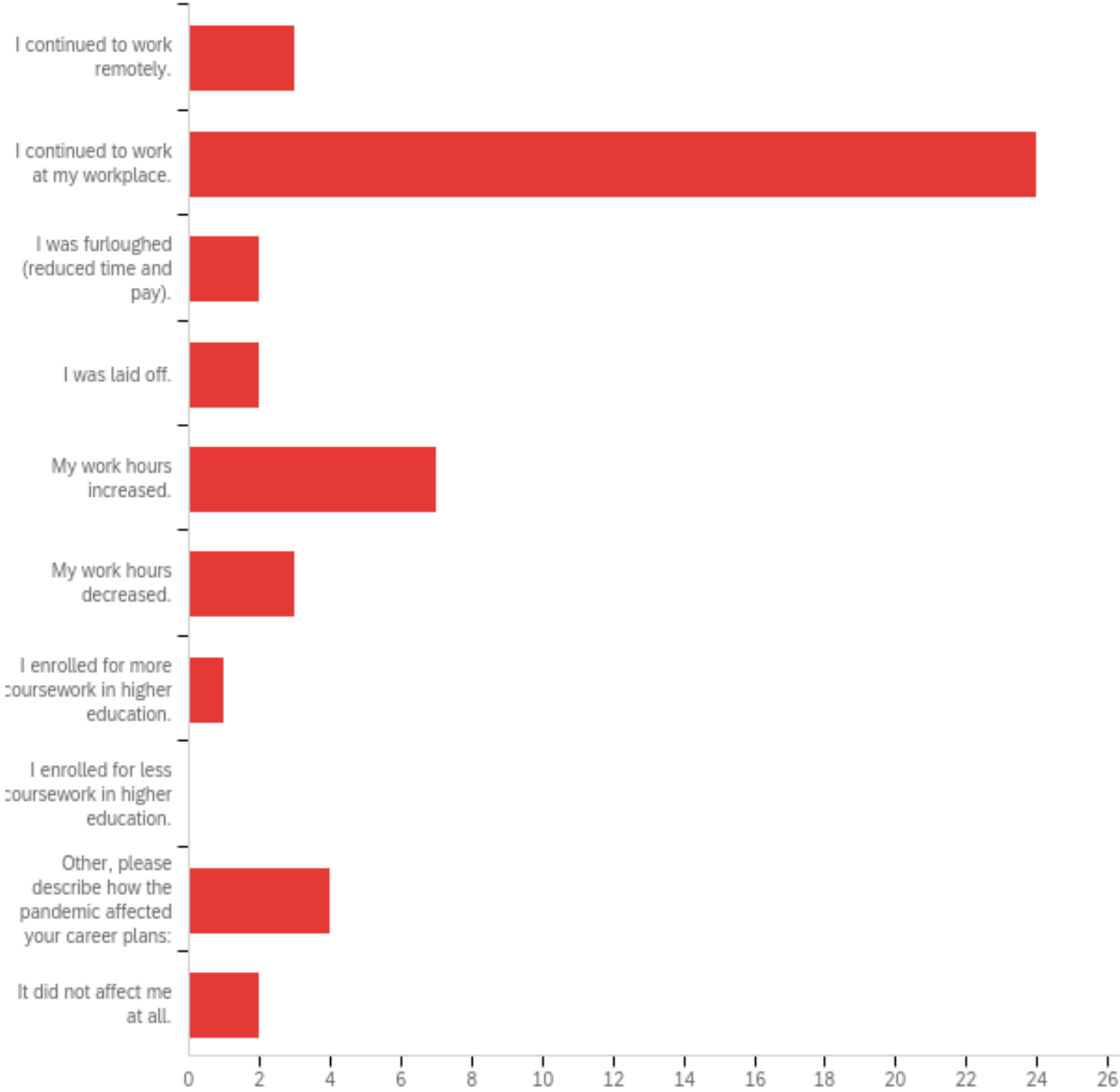
Please mark the status that best fits your situation today.



Please mark the status that best fits your situation today.	%	Count
Seeking employment	4.00%	2
Retired	0.00%	0
Other, please describe:	4.00%	2
Not employed and not seeking employment	0.00%	0
Enrolled in higher education and employed	14.00%	7
Enrolled in higher education	4.00%	2
Employed	74.00%	37
Total	100%	50

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your employment status or education plans?

Please mark all that apply.



How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your employment status or education plans?	%	Count
Other, please describe how the pandemic affected your career plans:	8.33%	4
My work hours increased.	14.58%	7
My work hours decreased.	6.25%	3
I was laid off.	4.17%	2
I was furloughed (reduced time and pay).	4.17%	2
It did not affect me at all.	4.17%	2
I enrolled for more coursework in higher education.	2.08%	1
I enrolled for less coursework in higher education.	0.00%	0
I continued to work remotely.	6.25%	3
I continued to work at my workplace.	50.00%	24
Total	100%	48

Please describe how the pandemic affected your career plans (open-ended responses):

COVID-19 postponed clinical hours

delayed certification, therefore delayed job hunt

I quit because I'm immunosuppressed

I took a travel assignment in New Jersey for a month

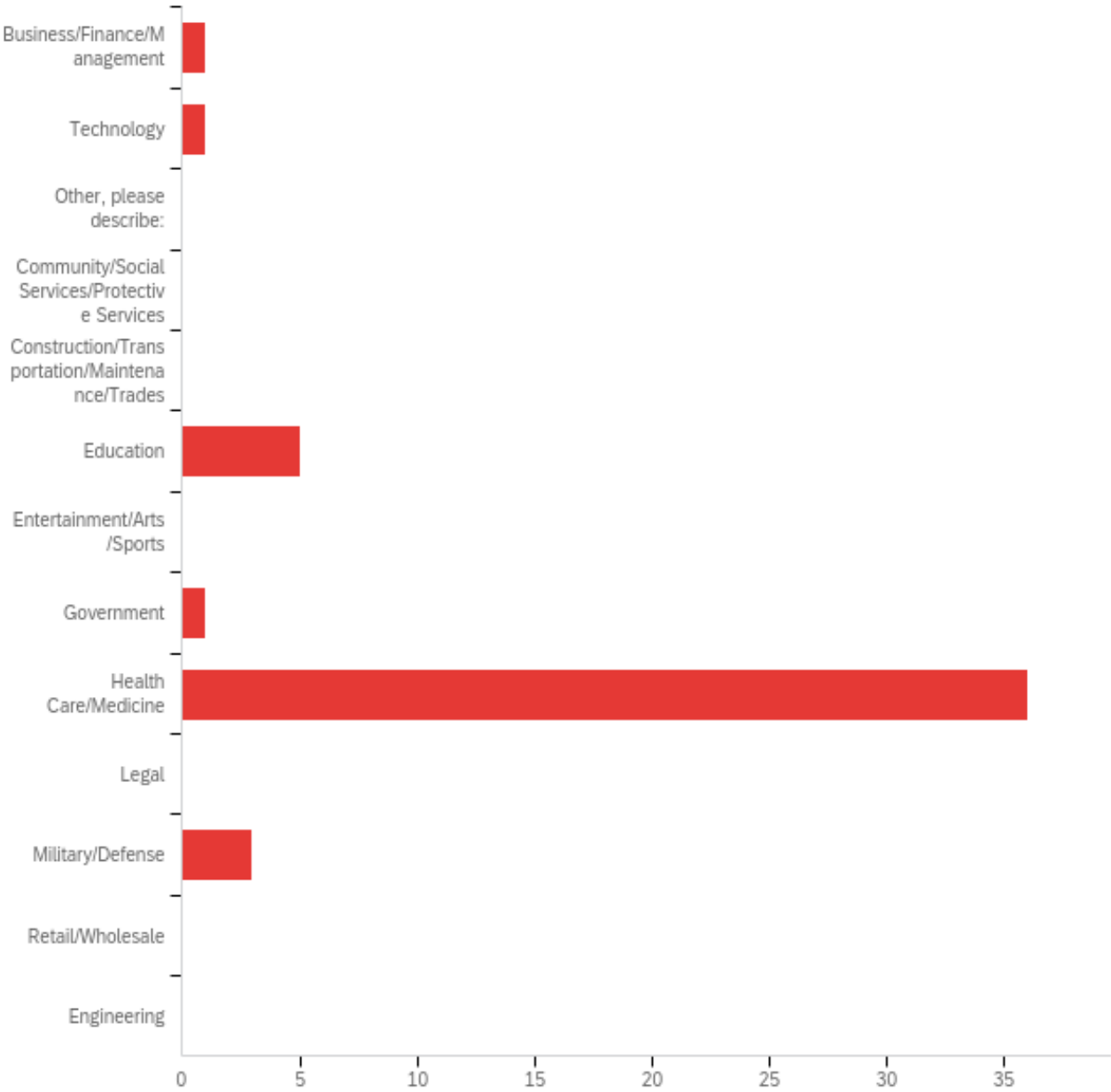
Could you provide more detail about your current or most recent job?

This info can help UCCS develop partnerships in the community and beyond.

Job title:	Company/Organization:	City & State:	Website, if applicable:
RN	Air Force Reserves	Stuttgart, Germany	
Family Nurse Practitioner	Peak Vista	Strasburg, CO	
Registered Nurse	University of Washington Medical Center	Seattle, WA	www.uwmedicine.org
Advice Line Nurse	Carilion Clinic Internal Medicine	Roanoke, VA	carilionclinic.org
Physical Education Teacher	Pueblo School for Arts & Sciences	Pueblo, CO	psas.ws
Registered Dietitian	US Renal Care	Pueblo, CO	
RN,BSN	TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center	Nashville, TN.	
Family nurse practitioner	Alabama allergy and asthma clinic	Montgomery, AL	
Wound & Ostomy Case Manager	Veterans Health Administration	Iowa City, IA	
Kids club supervisor	24 hour fitness	Highlands Ranch, CO	
RN	Vidant Medical Center	Greenville NC	

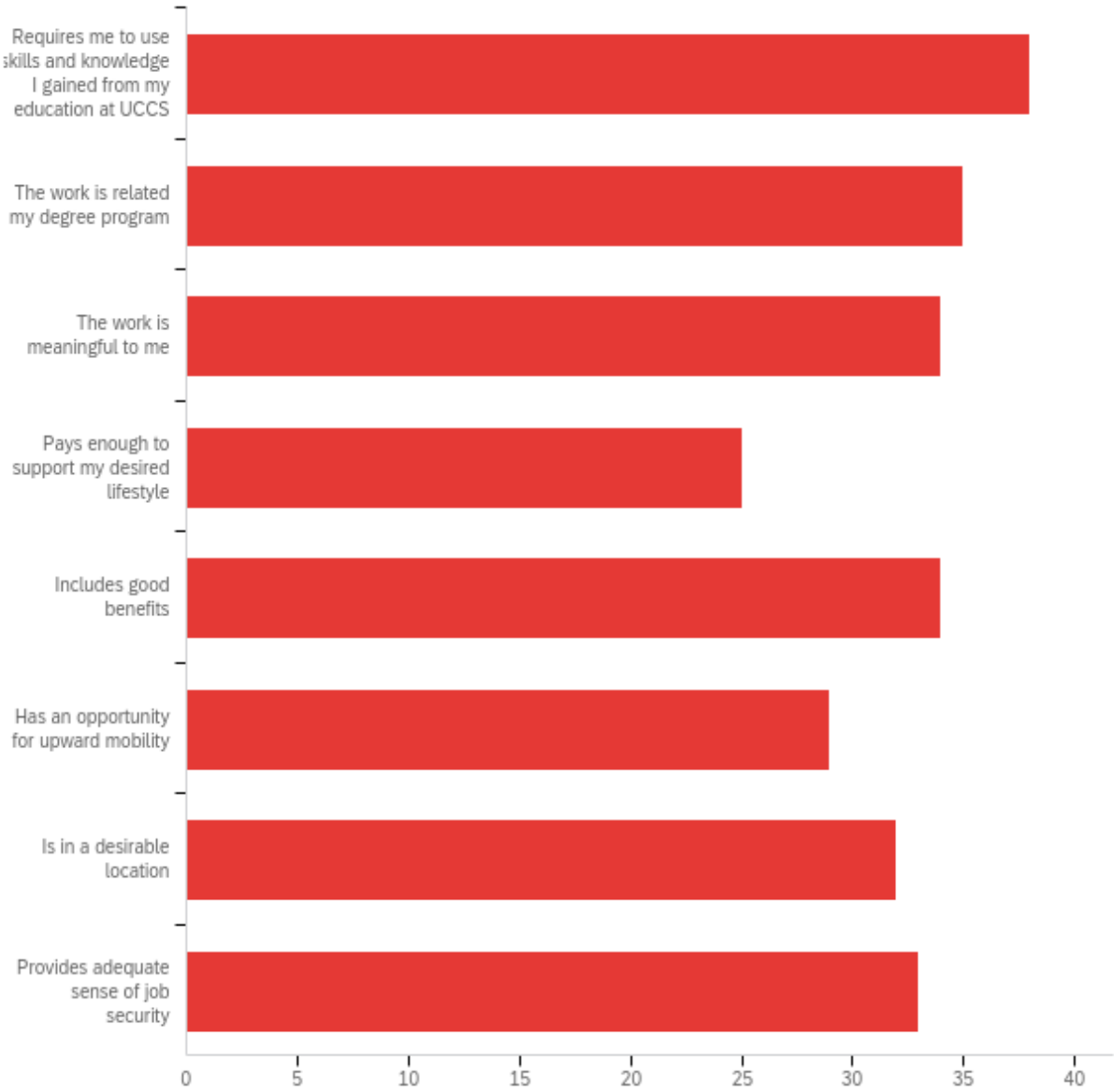
RN	UCHealth	Fort Collins, CO	
Medical lab assistant supervisor	Unipath	Denver, CO	
Clinical nurse coordinator in the operating room	Presbyterian St Luke's medical center	Denver, CO	
Clinical Nurse	United States Air Force	Dayton, Ohio	
RN	UCHealth	Colorado Springs, CO	
Clinical nurse I	Children's Hospital Colorado Colorado Springs	Colorado Springs, CO	
Charge RN	UC Health	Colorado Springs, CO	www.uchealth.org
Assistant Professor	UCCS	Colorado Springs, CO	www.uccs.edu
Registered Nurse	UCHealth	Colorado Springs, CO	uchealth.org
Education and Training technician	U.S. Air Force	Colorado Springs, CO	
RN	CHCO	Colorado Springs, CO	
Registered Nurse	UCHealth Memorial Hospital	Colorado Springs, CO	
RN	Centura	Colorado Springs, CO	
Nurse	UCHealth	Colorado Springs, CO	
RN	Centura	Colorado Springs, CO	
Physical Therapist	Fyzical	Colorado Springs, CO	
R.N. (L&D)	Centura	Colorado Springs, CO	
Instructor	UCCS	Colorado Springs, CO	uccs.edu
Registered nurse	Uchealth	Colorado Springs, CO	
Graduate Assistant	Center forActive Living and UCCS Campus Recreation & Wellness Center	Colorado Springs, CO	
Critical Care RN	Centura Health	Colorado Springs, CO	
Wellness Center Office Manager	UCCS	Colorado Springs, CO	
Exercise Physiologist	UCHealth	Colorado Springs, CO	
Donor Center Technician	Grifols	Colorado Springs, CO	
Athletic trainer	United States Air Force academy	Colorado	
Registered Nurse	Erlanger Health System	Chattanooga Tennessee	https://www.erlanger.org/baroness-hospital/baroness-hospital
RN	UCHealth	CO	
Nurse	University of Maryland Medical Center	Baltimore MD	
Research RN	University of Colorado	Aurora, CO	
Registered Nurse			

Which of the following occupational categories is the best fit for your current (or most recent) job?
These categories are based on the Standard Occupational Classification System.



Which of the following occupational categories is the best fit for your current job?	%	Count
Technology	2.13%	1
Retail/Wholesale	0.00%	0
Other, please describe:	0.00%	0
Military/Defense	6.38%	3
Legal	0.00%	0
Health Care/Medicine	76.60%	36
Government	2.13%	1
Entertainment/Arts/Sports	0.00%	0
Engineering	0.00%	0
Education	10.64%	5
Construction/Transportation/Maintenance/Trades	0.00%	0
Community/Social Services/Protective Services	0.00%	0
Business/Finance/Management	2.13%	1
Total	100%	47

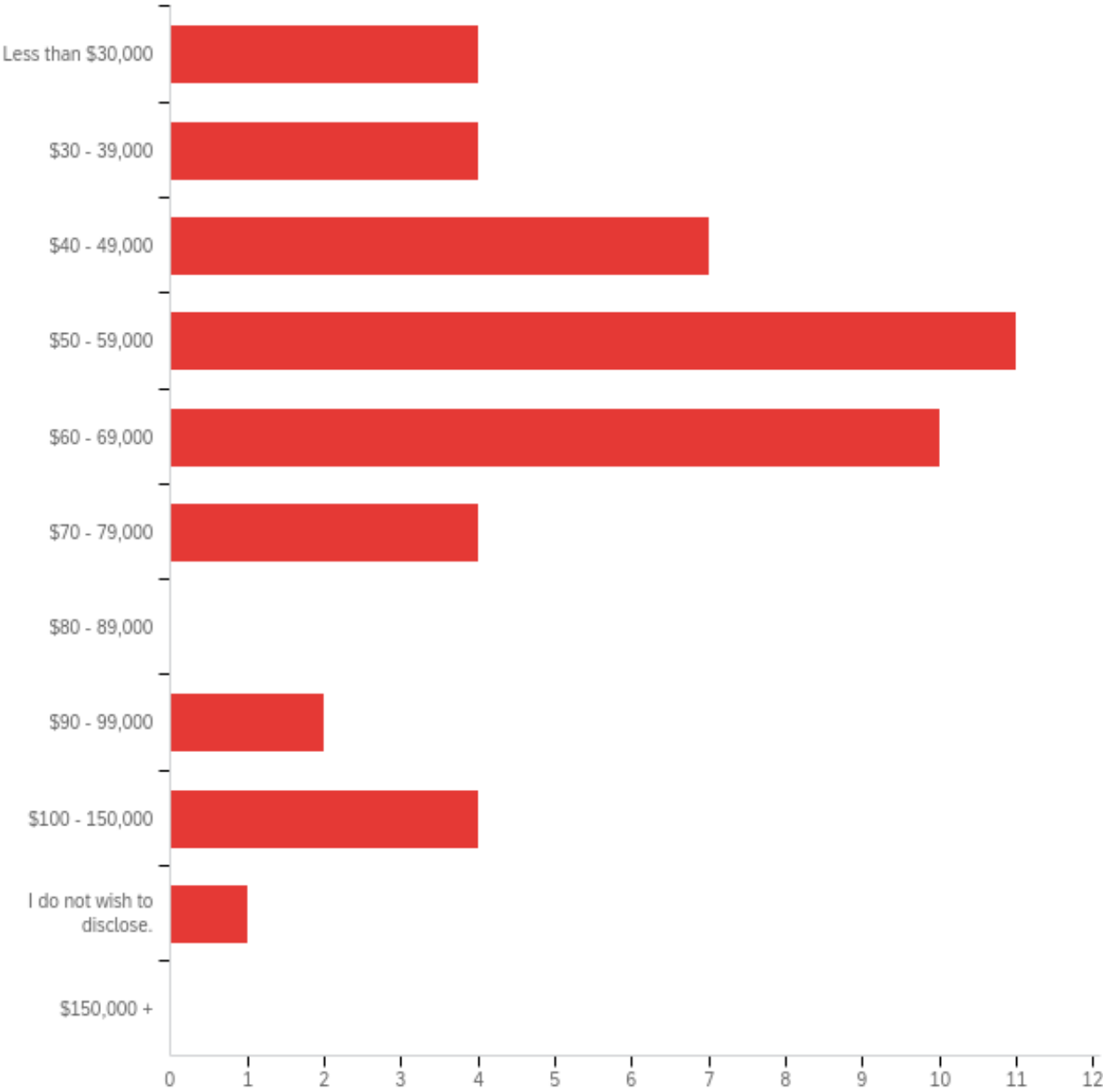
Please indicate if the following statements apply to your current (or most recent) job.



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The work is related to my degree program	13.46%	35
The work is meaningful to me	13.08%	34
Requires me to use skills and knowledge I gained from my education at UCCS	14.62%	38
Provides adequate sense of job security	12.69%	33
Pays enough to support my desired lifestyle	9.62%	25
Is in a desirable location	12.31%	32
Includes good benefits	13.08%	34
Has an opportunity for upward mobility	11.15%	29
Total	100%	260

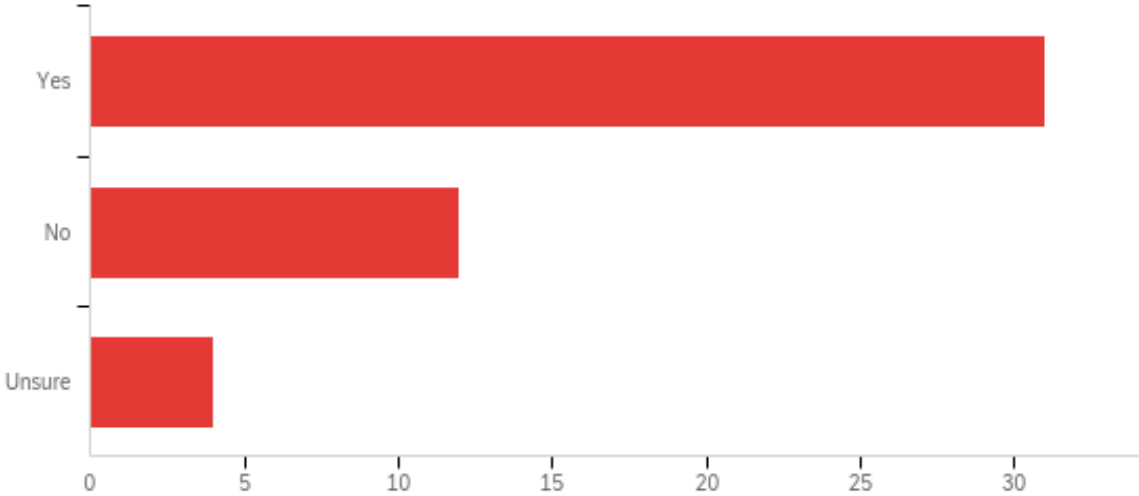
Please estimate your current annual salary.

Note: adjust your estimate to reflect the salary as if you are working 100% time. For example, if you are earning 25k and working 50% time, then your annual estimate should be 50k.



Please estimate your current annual salary	%	Count
Less than \$30,000	8.51%	4
I do not wish to disclose.	2.13%	1
\$100 - 150,000	8.51%	4
\$90 - 99,000	4.26%	2
\$80 - 89,000	0.00%	0
\$70 - 79,000	8.51%	4
\$60 - 69,000	21.28%	10
\$50 - 59,000	23.40%	11
\$40 - 49,000	14.89%	7
\$30 - 39,000	8.51%	4
\$150,000 +	0.00%	0
Total	100%	47

Did your degree enhance your salary?

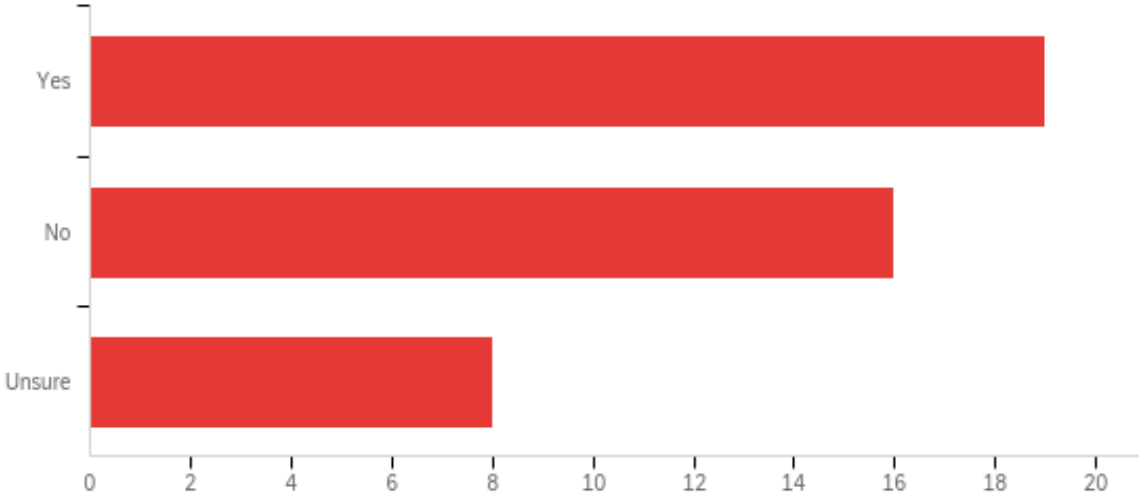


Did your degree enhance your salary?	%	Count
Yes	65.96%	31
No	25.53%	12
Unsure	8.51%	4
Total	100%	47

Please estimate in dollars how much you think your degree enhanced your annual salary.

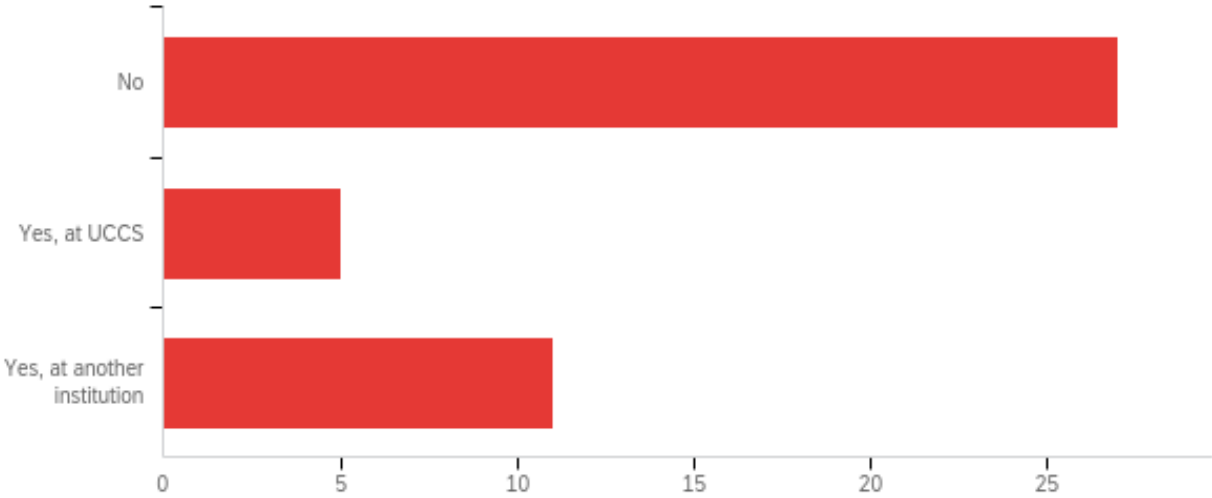
Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
Please estimate in dollars how much you think your degree enhanced your annual salary.	0.00	65000.00	22730.86	19866.34	394671603.57	22

Did your degree help you advance or be promoted within your career?



Did your degree help you advance or be promoted within your career?	%	Count
Yes	44.19%	19
Unsure	18.60%	8
No	37.21%	16
Total	100%	43

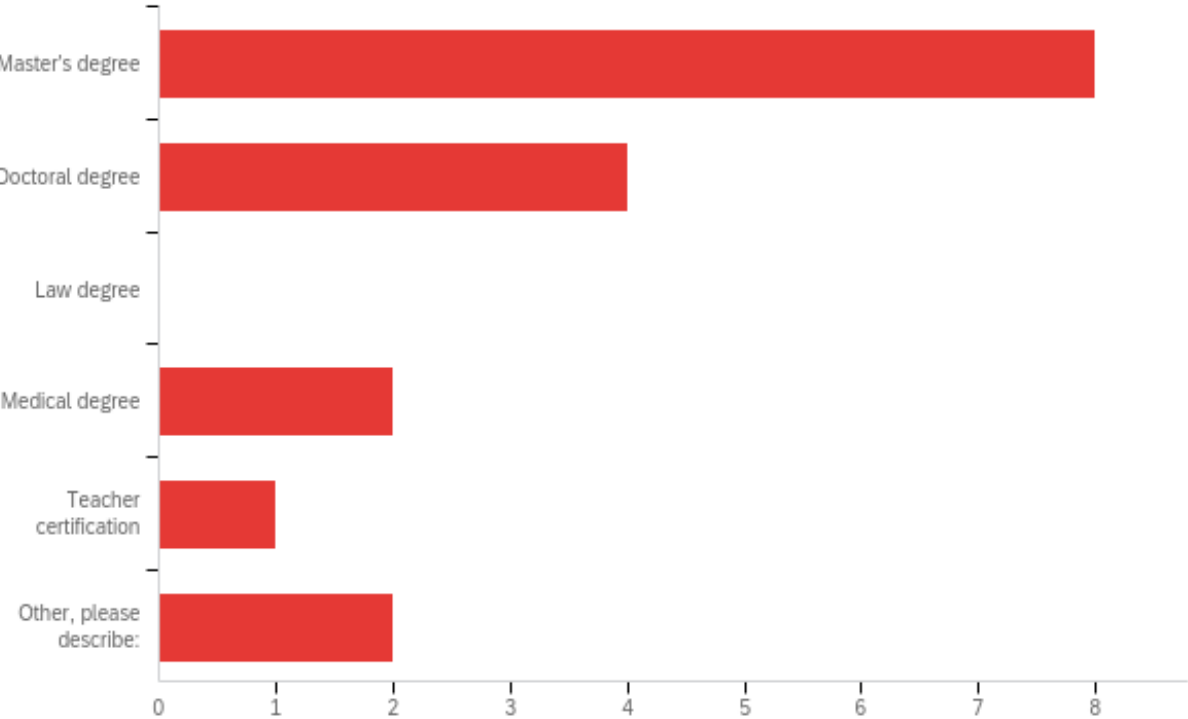
Have you enrolled in another degree/certificate program after graduating from UCCS?



Have you enrolled in another degree/certificate program after graduating from UCCS?	%	Count
Yes, at another institution	25.58%	11
Yes, at UCCS	11.63%	5
No	62.79%	27
Total	100%	43

What type of degree/certificate program did you pursue?

Check all that apply.



What type of degree/certificate program did you pursue?	%	Count
Teacher certification	5.88%	1
Other, please describe:	11.76%	2
Medical degree	11.76%	2
Master's degree	47.06%	8
Law degree	0.00%	0
Doctoral degree	23.53%	4
Total	100%	17

Other, please describe (open-ended responses)

Bachelor's Degree Nursing

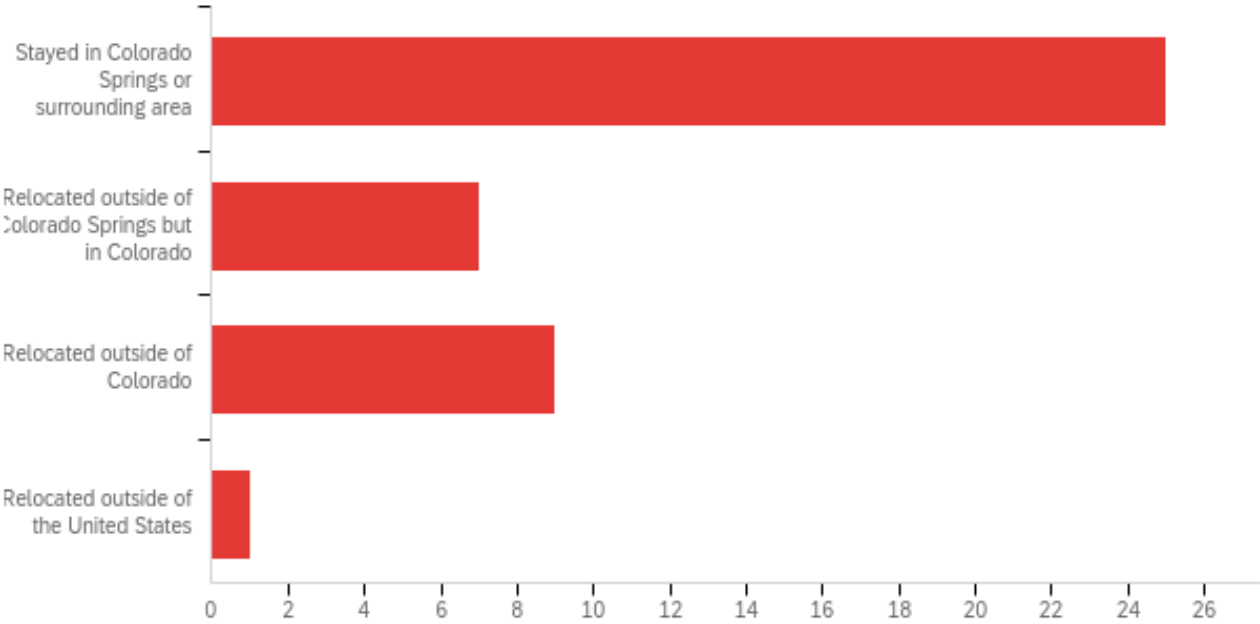
Certified wound, ostomy, and continence nurse

Where did you pursue another degree?

(or where are you attending now)?

Name of institution:	Location (state):	Area of study:
CSU-p	CO	AGACNP/FNP DNP
University of Northern Colorado	Colorado	Sport and Exercise Science
Suffolk University	Massachusetts	Healthcare Administration
Samford University	Birmingham, AL	Doctor of Nursing Practice
The Cleveland Clinic	OH	Wound, ostomy, and continence
Colorado State University-Pueblo	CO	Teacher Education
Chamberlain	IL	FNP
Columbia University	New York	Physical therapy
AMU	Online	Medical
Grand Canyon University	Arizona	Nursing

Did you relocate after or since earning your UCCS degree?

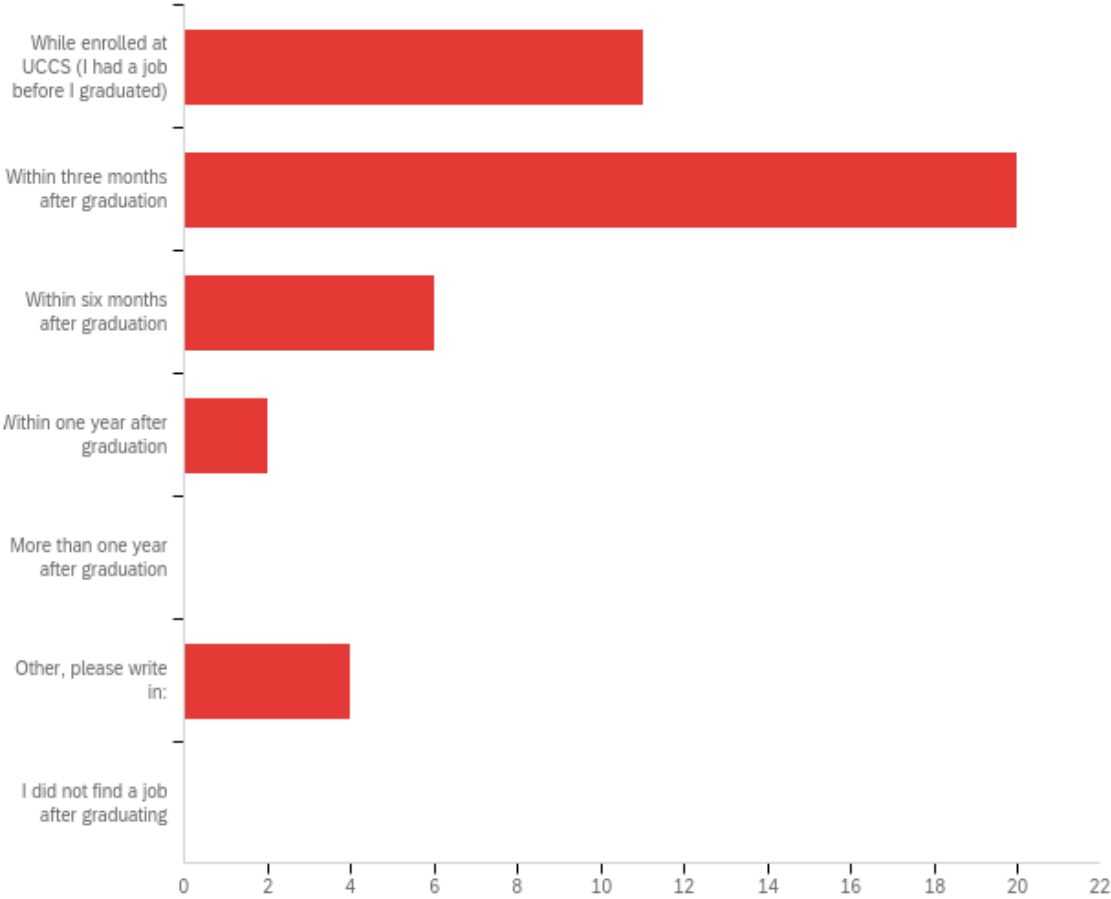


Did you relocate after or since earning your UCCS degree?	%	Count
Stayed in Colorado Springs or surrounding area	59.52%	25
Relocated outside of the United States	2.38%	1
Relocated outside of Colorado Springs but in Colorado	16.67%	7
Relocated outside of Colorado	21.43%	9
Total	100%	42

What prompted you to relocate?

- Job
- Spouse
- Husband's job
- Desire to leave CO Springs
- Wife's enrollment in graduate school.
- Military spouse
- My husband was active duty military and we were reassigned.
- Wanted a bigger city than the Springs to spend my 20ies.
- Was living in current city during last year at UCCS.
- Commenting. Traffic is getting worse. Cost of living as well.
- Graduate school
- Military
- More jobs in the city

When did you get your first job after graduating from UCCS?

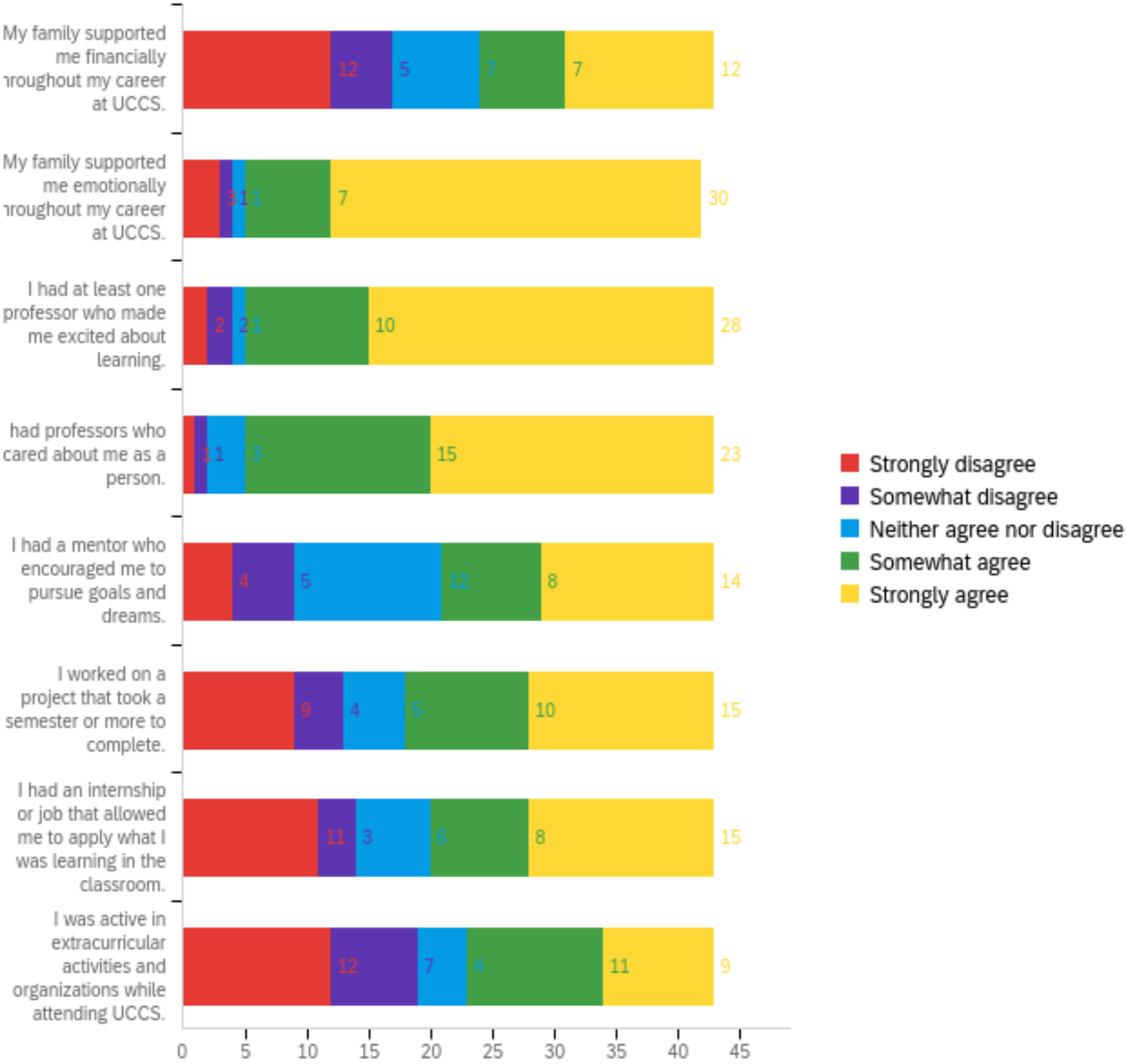


When did you get your first job after graduating from UCCS?	%	Count
Within three months after graduation	46.51%	20
Within six months after graduation	13.95%	6
Within one year after graduation	4.65%	2
While enrolled at UCCS (I had a job before I graduated)	25.58%	11
Other, please write in:	9.30%	4
More than one year after graduation	0.00%	0
I did not find a job after graduating	0.00%	0
Total	100%	43

Other, please write in (open-ended responses):

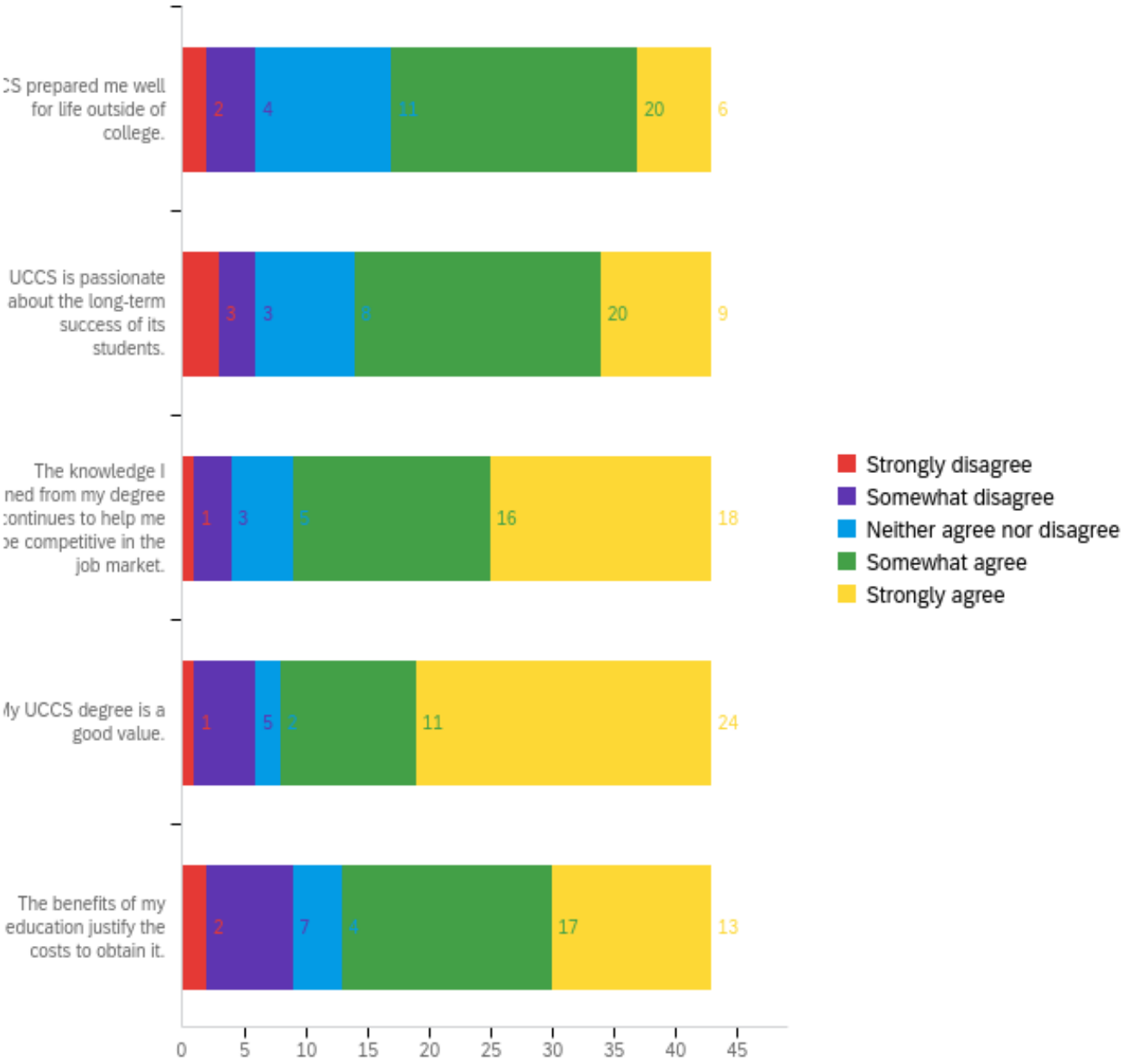
- Received job offer week before commencement
- I had to complete an internship first, so over 1 year.
- I was employed before attending UCCS
- After graduate degree

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:
 (pertaining to your experiences at UCCS.)



Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:	Strongly disagree		Somewhat disagree		Neither agree nor disagree		Somewhat agree		Strongly agree		Total
	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	(N)
My family supported me financially throughout my career at UCCS.	27.91	12	11.63	5	16.28	7	16.28	7	27.91	12	43
My family supported me emotionally throughout my career at UCCS.	7.14	3	2.38	1	2.38	1	16.67	7	71.43	30	42
I worked on a project that took a semester or more to complete.	20.93	9	9.30	4	11.63	5	23.26	10	34.88	15	43
I was active in extracurricular activities and organizations while attending UCCS.	27.91	12	16.28	7	9.30	4	25.58	11	20.93	9	43
I had professors who cared about me as a person.	2.33	1	2.33	1	6.98	3	34.88	15	53.49	23	43
I had at least one professor who made me excited about learning.	4.65	2	4.65	2	2.33	1	23.26	10	65.12	28	43
I had an internship or job that allowed me to apply what I was learning in the classroom.	25.58	11	6.98	3	13.95	6	18.60	8	34.88	15	43
I had a mentor who encouraged me to pursue goals and dreams.	9.30	4	11.63	5	27.91	12	18.60	8	32.56	14	43

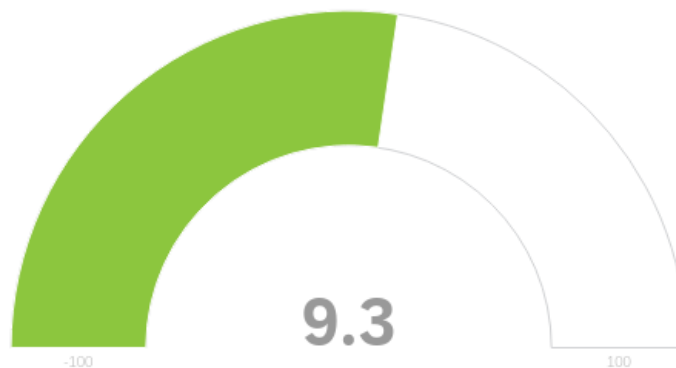
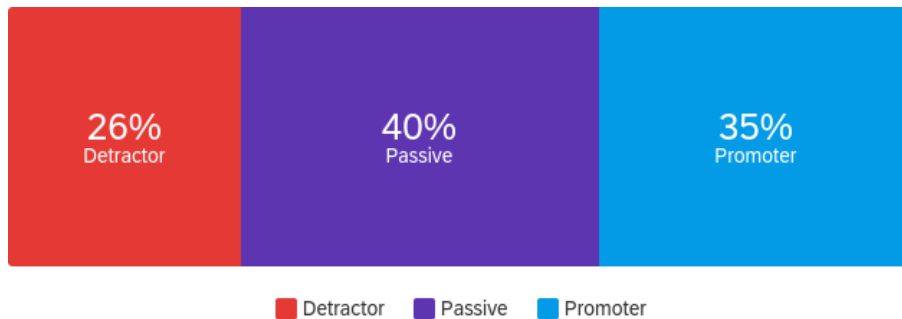
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	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	%	(N)	
UCCS prepared me well for life outside of college.	4.65	2	9.30	4	25.58	11	46.51	20	13.95	6	43
UCCS is passionate about the long-term success of its students.	6.98	3	6.98	3	18.60	8	46.51	20	20.93	9	43
The knowledge I gained from my degree continues to help me be competitive in the job market.	2.33	1	6.98	3	11.63	5	37.21	16	41.86	18	43
My UCCS degree is a good value.	2.33	1	11.63	5	4.65	2	25.58	11	55.81	24	43
The benefits of my education justify the costs to obtain it.	4.65	2	16.28	7	9.30	4	39.53	17	30.23	13	43

Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences Net Promoter Score
On a scale from 0-10, how likely are you to recommend UCCS to a potential student?

The net promotor score (NPS) is a measure of customer satisfaction and score represents the likelihood that the respondent will recommend the institution to other consumers. The score ranges from -100 to +100 and we aim for a score between 30-50.



Why did you rate UCCS the way you did?

For nursing program

The graduate nursing program did not cover contract negotiations, legal liability, malpractice, procedures beyond pap smears, in depth lab reading skills, advanced ekg reading, business side of healthcare, barely touched coding and billing, and reviewing materials for certification exams-all of this should be included in an MSN/DNP program. Fewer papers and more education on the above would have prepared me better for my NP role, no one in practice gives a rat's a** about theory, philosophy, or nursing policy, or how well I can write a paper in APA format.

Strong program with good clinical experience opportunities

The cost of the accelerated BSN is high when a vast majority of the coursework is conducted online. I felt I had to self-teach a lot of the material, making the financial burden frustrating. All in all, however, I would not have my current job without the degree I obtained.

You have a lot of old professors that have no business teaching anymore. I tell everyone I meet who is thinking about going to nursing school to go to PPCC. They offer a better program at a lower cost. Am I thankful for UCCS and Beth-el, yes. Do I think it should be as coveted as it is, absolutely not.

I enjoyed my time at Beth El, but I cannot speak to the rest of the campus. Many of my more "general classes" were not as engaging.

You don't get that big college experience with the big sporting events and the variety of extra curricular activities are not developed enough.

Enjoyed my College experience

The degree I obtained from UCCS is from a very reputable school. I am proud to say that I went to UCCS.

The feeling of warmth, smaller class sizes, GREAT campus, fun activities, gym, the professors were fantastic! Overall great school!

My class was always the class that got the new professors that still had kinks to work out. Nursing school as a whole did not feel supportive or invested in my success. But there were a handful of individuals who loved their job and genuinely wanted students to succeed. Overall, I really couldn't wait to graduate and my experience in nursing school is why I chose to seek my masters degree elsewhere.

Would like more real life education to apply in practice.

Got me the degree I needed and I have a great career, but UCCS did not feel like a true college experience as most people commuted. You had to try extremely hard (harder than was worth it) to be involved in the community and meet people. My friends who went to other universities made more friends and had more memorable experiences.

There were still many growing pains for the nursing program while I attended UCCS. This led to a lack of up to date educational resources, diminished function of spaces in the building, and high turnover in the staff in the nursing college.

Uccs has a lot of things going for it but I do feel it lacks the "big University feel." Years later I still wish it had a football team, I wish it had more Greek life, I wish it was more known. Even staying in state after graduation people don't know what I'm talking about if I say UCCS. So I rated it a 7/10. It doesn't have the scholarly clout of a small private school but also doesn't have the recognition or pep of a large school.

I felt that the connections I gained will be very valuable. It was the connections that influenced me to continue pursuing higher education at UCCS. I have gained experience and pursued opportunities within my field of study that will be practical for my future career.

UCCS is a great place to work and go to school

I dint agree that the health sciences have the same tuition as nursing. If our internship was included, then it would be ok. We have to pay more for a nutrition degree without receiving all of the benefits. A job is not available, unless an internship is included.

I wanted to attend UCCS Masters program. I graduated from the BSN program with honors and could not get into the MSN program. Being a graduate of the school should hold some levery, but it does not.

I enjoyed attending and the location is beautiful.

I really enjoyed my time at UCCS. Faculty was very approachable and supportive. Class size was not too big. Parking was a little rough at times. Overall, UCCS provides a great campus atmosphere.

Graduate school chooses to value students trained at other universities over their own UCCS magne cum laude graduates.

Very expensive especially considering the PCC nursing program seems to be a better one.

Smaller class sizes. Great location and plenty of involvement

I loved UCCS and will always

1. Graduate faculty chair was contentious & demeaning (Mary Hines) 2. Faculty was not supportive or helpful with securing high quality clinical sites. You were "on your own". Only Dr. Spicher was a good instructor. 3. Clinical preparation was poor. You had to be self-taught and for the high tuition, this makes no sense. I'll be paying student loans from my social security checks. 4. I'm not interested in the T-shirt 5. The survey question regarding increase in salary (in dollars) does not work. I had to put \$50 so I could move on to the next section. Typical UCCS. My salary did increase by \$50,000 per year with my advanced nursing degree, but this increase is based on my licensure, DEA permit, liability insurance, I could've gotten the degree online or at CSU in Pueblo. I hope the graduate nursing program at Beth El has been subject to major quality improvement. I don't currently recommend your program to anyone. Not my worst enemy.

Not a great alumni network. Professional degrees are not looked super highly on there.