

ECU MPA Time to Graduation Rates & Employment Statistics

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Time to Graduation Rates

Between fall 2013 and spring 2016, ECU's MPA Program admitted 52 students, 11 of whom declined admission and either enrolled elsewhere or did not pursue graduate studies. Of the 41 students who began the program 35, or 88% are still enrolled or have graduated. The most recent entering class is particularly large—32 students began the program either in summer or fall of 2016. Part of the reason for this increase is the summer 2016 start of a new cohort-based program in Rocky Mount, NC that enrolled 13 students.

ECU's MPA program is designed so that a full time student taking 9 sh for four regular fall-spring terms and 9 sh during the intervening summer term can complete the program in 21 months. Our program enrollment, however, has generally had an even balance between full and part-time students. Thus, our time to graduation rates vary substantially based on the nature of the student enrollment considered. For the 11 students graduating in spring 2016, the average time from enrollment to graduation was 25 months and the median time was 21 months. As reported to NASPAA for the 2014-15 Annual Report, of the 12 students who enrolled in fall 2009, 3 graduated within 19 months, 7 graduated within 27 months, 10 graduated within 42 months and 2 students withdrew. The 2015-16 Annual Report will show figures for the 10 students who enrolled in fall 2010. Of these, one graduated within 19 months, six within 27 months, one left to pursue Dental School and two withdrew from the program.

Alumni Employment Statistics

For our 32 students who graduated from spring 2014 to spring 2016, the following breakdown is available: 16 students are working in local government; 3 in state government; 4 for non-profit organizations, 5 for private companies, 2 went into other degree programs (PhD, Law) after graduation and 2 are not in the labor force.

For our earlier graduates, we have data from a survey was that sent out in spring 2013. Below is a breakdown by the categories of their employment. Of those employment records we have, over 70 percent of our graduates work either for local governments or state/regional governments. Seventy-three percent of our graduates currently work in North Carolina with another six percent working in Virginia. The other graduates are spread across almost forty other states and several countries.

Alumni Category of Position

Level	#	% Total	% Known
State/Provincial/Regional Government	91	23.3	35.7
National or Central Government	15	3.8	5.9
City/County/Local Government	88	22.6	34.5
Foreign Government	1	0.0	0.0
Nonprofit (domestic)	6	1.5	2.4
Nonprofit (international):	0	0.0	0.0
Private Sector	55	14.1	21.6
Unknown	134	34.4	
Total	390		256

More recent data from the 2012 and 2013 graduation cohorts reveals a similar pattern with a little more emphasis on local government employment.

Level	#	% Total
State/Provincial/Regional Government	6	24
National or Central Government	0	0
City/County/Local Government	12	48
Foreign Government	0	0
Nonprofit (domestic)	2	8

Nonprofit (international):	1	4
Private Sector	2	8
Unknown	2	8
Total	25	100

Of the 11 students graduating from the MPA program in spring 2016, five are working in local government, two in state government, two in non-profit agencies, one in the private sector, and two are in the labor force.