The Truth About: Job Placement For College Graduates

Success Entering the Workforce

Within six months after graduation, at least nine out of ten Ohio independent college graduates are employed, are continuing their education in a graduate or professional school, or are in service ranging from military to missionary duties. Many Ohio independent colleges report even higher placement rates, of 95 to 98 percent.

One clear result of this is the sector’s lowest student loan default rate. Graduates from the independent sector in Ohio, by paying off their debts, are demonstrating their employability and their success in the workplace far more than those attending any other higher education sector.

Success For All Majors

Very small numbers of the majors in fields like foreign languages, philosophy, and English have jobs in retail sales: fewer than two percent. They are far more likely to be engaged in management, education, and the law. Between 2010 and 2013, the growth of liberal arts majors entering the technology industry from undergrad outpaced that of computer science and engineering majors by 10 percent.

Why is this? Bachelor’s degree holders have learned critical thinking, problem solving, and teamwork skills that lead to a path of accomplishment and leadership in the workplace. This is achieved in a way that direct task-oriented applied job training, however valuable, can never do.

Success Thanks to Their Colleges

Of the Ohioans in the workforce with a bachelor’s degree, 98 percent are employed. This is a direct result of the talent and hard work of these graduates along with the education and support they receive from their colleges.

Executives and hiring managers alike believe that the time and expense of a college degree are worth it for their employees. Eighty-five percent of hiring managers and 88 percent of executives agree.