

Where did the 2005 Food and Nutritional Science graduates go?



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I. Introduction

The information in this paper is extracted from the Graduate Employment Survey of 2005 to answer the following questions about Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutritional Science graduates :-

- How many were employed six months after graduation?
- Among those who pursued further studies, what programmes were they enrolled in?
- Among those who were employed full-time, how long did it take them to get their first job offer?
- In which sectors were they employed?
- How much salary did they receive?
- How many job offers did they receive?
- Who were their employers and what were their job titles?

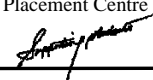
II. Employment Situations in 2005

Of the 49 graduates from this programme, 44 responded to the survey. Their employment situations are listed below.

	Food and Nutritional Science				HKU Overall*			
	2005		2004		2005		2004	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No. of respondents	44	100%	44	100%	2273	100%	2361	100%
Employed	37	84%	37	84%	1786	79%	1787	76%
Unemployed seeking F/T job	0	0%	0	0%	12	0.5%	15	0.6%
Further Studies	5	11%	7	16%	457	20%	531	22%
Emigrated/Returned to home country	0	0%	0	0%	2	0.1%	7	0.3%
Not seeking F/T job	2	4.5%	0	0%	16	0.7%	21	0.9%

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III. Further Studies

5 graduates proceeded to postgraduate studies. The tables below show the academic programmes that they pursued and their sources of funds.

Field of Study	Academic Programme	
	M.Phil.	Postgraduate Certificate
Education	-	1
Science	2	-
Others	1	-

No Response = 1

Source of Funds	No. of Graduates
Own Funds	1
Government Grant + Loan	1
Teaching Assistantship/Studentship	3

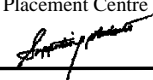
IV. Time Taken to Secure Employment

The time taken for graduates to secure employment is shown below.

By the end of	% of new graduates who have secured employment	
	2005	2004
May or before	18%	19%
June	42%	63%
July	73%	72%
August	88%	94%
September	97%	97%
October	97%	97%
November	100%	100%

No Response = 3

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V. Employment Sectors

The majority of Food and Nutritional Science graduates were employed in Commerce & Industry, while others were employed in Community, Social & Personal Services, Educational Institutions and the Civil Service.

Sector	% of graduates	
	2005	2004
Commerce & Industry	71%	75%
Community, Social & Personal Services	12%	13%
Educational Institutions	8.8%	6.3%
Civil Service	8.8%	6.3%

No Response = 2

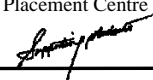
VI. Basic Salary and Gross Income

The remuneration received by Food and Nutritional Science graduates is shown below.

	Basic Salary				Gross Income			
	Food and Nutritional Science		HKU Average*		Food and Nutritional Science		HKU Average*	
	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004
Mean	\$10,721	\$9,649	\$13,322	\$12,550	\$11,370	\$10,606	\$14,121	\$13,374
Median	\$10,000	\$9,000	\$10,250	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$11,050	\$10,292
Minimum	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$5,400	\$3,000	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$5,500	\$3,500
Maximum	\$25,000	\$22,000	\$67,000	\$55,000	\$25,000	\$22,000	\$74,443	\$62,500

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VII. Number of Full-Time Job Offers

The number of job offers received by Food and Nutritional Science graduates is shown in the following table.

No. of job offers received	No. of graduates (% of graduates)
One	11 (32%)
Two	9 (26%)
Three	7 (21%)
Four	1 (2.9%)
Five	2 (5.9%)
Six	4 (12%)

No Response = 2

VIII. Names of Employers and Job Titles

The job titles of Food and Nutritional Science graduates in full-time employment and the names of their employers are listed below.

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Job Titles</u>
Civil Service -	
- Hong Kong Police Force	- Police Inspector
- Immigration Department	- Immigration Assistant
- Immigration Department	- Immigration Assistant
Educational Institutions -	
- The Open University of Hong Kong	- Clerk
- The University of Hong Kong - General Education Unit	- Executive Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Technician
Community, Social and Personal Services -	
- Hospital Authority	- Technical Service Assistant
- Ting House Beauty Clinic	- Nutrition Consultant and Personal Assistant
- Organization's name not reported	- Medical Executive
Commerce and Industry -	
- Agnes B.	- Marketing Assistant
- Amway	- Nutritionist
- Automated Systems Limited	- Service Sales Executive
- Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Company Ltd.	- Administrative Assistant



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- Dah Chong Hong, Ltd.	- Buyer
- Dancer	- Dancer
- Hong Kong Delivery Company	- Customer Service Representative
- HSBC	- Financial Service Officer
- Kampery Development Ltd.	- Product Development Assistant
- Lucullus Food and Wine Ltd	- Sales and Marketing Executive
- Mence Beauty and Skin Toning Authority	- Nutritionist
- Orison Company Limited	- Customer Relationship Officer
- Perfect Shape and Skin Ltd	- Nutritionist
- San Francisco Coffee Ltd.	- Barista
- Shanghai Commercial Bank Ltd	- Graduate Trainee (Commercial Banking)
- Starbucks	- Management Trainee
- Sun Cheng Industrial Company	- Marketing Executive
- SYNCO(HK) Ltd.	- Marketing Executive
- The Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd.	- Insurance Consultant
- Organization's name not reported	- Healthcare Executive
- Organization's name not reported	- Nutritionist
- Organization's name not reported	- Nutritionist
- Organization's name not reported	- Senior Consultant
Others -	
- Organization's name not reported	- Health Consultant Trainee
- Organization's name not reported	- Nutritionist

No Response = 2

Note: Some of the 2005 graduates indicated willingness to talk to individual students about their work. Contact numbers can be obtained from counsellors at the CePc.

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- IX.** Similar information on graduates from other disciplines is available for reference in the Careers Library. Please contact the CePc for further details.

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