



# [Name of UNC Institution]

## First-Year Alumni Survey Class of 1999-2000

(surveyed in the spring of 2001)<sup>i</sup>

Dear [Name of UNC Institution] Alumnus,

[Name of UNC Institution] is conducting a brief survey of recent graduates—*not linked in any way to fund-raising activities*. Do you have a minute to learn about the survey?

The purpose of the survey is to help the campus identify areas of strong and weak performance so it can improve undergraduate education. Our plan is to compare the responses of [Name of UNC Institution] graduates with those of graduates from other campuses in the UNC system. A copy of the survey results will be provided to all survey participants. Your answers will be kept confidential. Can you help us with this now? It should only take 10 minutes.

- At the time you graduated from [Name of UNC Institution], what were your plans for the next year? (● *Fill in all that apply.*)
  - Continue job held before graduation [1]
  - Begin a new job [2]
  - Continue searching for a job [3]
  - Continue your formal education [4]
  - Something else [5]
  - No definite plan [6]
  - Not sure [7]
  - No answer [8]

**The next few questions are about your employment experiences in the months since you've graduated.**

- Counting internships, externships, self-employment, and contract work as employment, have you been employed since graduation?
  - Yes [1]
  - No [2] (*skip to question 11*)

- Have any of your jobs since graduation been in North Carolina?  Yes [1]  No [2]

If no, did you initially look for a job in North Carolina?  
 Yes [1]  No [2]

- Have you worked as a school teacher since you graduated?  Yes [1]  No [2]

If yes, was the school public or private?  
 Public [1]  Private [2]  Both [3]

- Considering all of the jobs you have held since you graduated, have any of them:

a. Offered you valuable training?

Yes [1]

No [2]

Not sure [3]

b. Had clear career potential?

c. Offered you a chance to develop some of your personal talents?

d. Given you a chance to use what you learned in college?

e. Given you a chance to live in a desirable location?

f. Paid well?

- Are you currently employed either full-time or part-time?

Yes, full-time (35 hrs/wk or more) [1]

Yes, part-time (< 35 hrs/wk) [2]

No [3]

- How related is your present job to your major (or co-major) field of study?

Directly related [1]

Somewhat related [2]

Not related [3]

Not sure [4]

<sup>i</sup> If the vendor uses scannable paper forms, instructions on use of pencil, etc., would be added.

	Very much [4]	Somewhat [3]	Very little [2]	Not at all [1]	Don't know [0]
8. Using the responses "Very much," "Somewhat," "Very little," "Not at all," or "Don't know," please evaluate the extent to which you think your college education contributed to your skills and personal development in these areas:					
a. Speaking/oral communication	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Writing skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Analytical skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Computer and information technology skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Leadership skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Ability to function as part of a team	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Ability to accept ambiguity comfortably	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Ability to "roll with the punches" and be flexible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Understanding the implications and dimensions of globalization	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
l. Ability to recognize and act on ethical principles	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Do you think [Name of UNC Institution] prepared you well for employment?  
 Yes [1]     No [2]     Not sure yet [3]

**We now want to ask you some questions about your educational experiences since you graduated.**

10. To help us advise students, please tell us how much you have earned from all of the jobs you have held in the past 12 months. If you don't know the exact amount, please give us your best "guesstimate."  
 Less than \$15,000 [1]  
 \$15,001 to \$17,500 [2]  
 \$17,501 to \$20,000 [3]  
 \$20,001 to \$22,500 [4]  
 \$22,501 to \$25,000 [5]  
 \$25,001 to \$27,500 [6]  
 \$27,501 to \$30,000 [7]  
 \$30,001 to \$32,500 [8]  
 \$32,501 to \$35,000 [9]  
 \$35,001 to \$37,500 [10]  
 \$37,501 to \$40,000 [11]  
 \$40,001 to \$50,000 [12]  
 More than \$50,000 [13]  
 Not sure [14]  
 No answer [15]

	Yes [1]	No [2]
11. Have you taken any of the following admissions tests either prior to graduation or since graduation?		
GRE (for graduate school)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
GMAT (for business school)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
LSAT (for law school)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
MCAT (for medical, dental, or vet school)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Miller Analogies Test (for graduate school)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other test to be admitted to a post-graduate program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. Since graduation, have you applied for admission to another college or university?  
 Yes [1]     No [2]

13. Since graduation, have you been accepted by another college or university?  
 Yes [1]     No [2]     Don't know [3]

14. Since graduation, have you been enrolled either full-time or part-time at another college or university?
- Yes, full-time [1]
  - Yes, part-time [2]
  - No [3] *(skip to question 17)*

15. What is the name of this institution? *(Most recent if you've attended more than one.)*
- \_\_\_\_\_

16. What is your major field of study at this institution?
- \_\_\_\_\_

17. Have you held an assistantship, fellowship, traineeship, or any form of non-repayable financial aid while you attended this institution?
- Yes [1]
  - No [2]

18. Which degree or certificate are you seeking (or what degree have you completed)?
- An associate degree [1]
  - A second baccalaureate [2]
  - A college-level certificate [3]
  - A master's degree [4]
  - A doctorate [5]
  - A first professional degree (law, medicine, etc.) [6]
  - Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_ [7]

19. Which statement best describes how well your undergraduate education prepared you for this program of study?
- Well prepared; understand and can generally perform all that is expected of me [1]
  - Adequately prepared [2]
  - Not adequately prepared for advanced study [3]
  - Not applicable, I switched fields [4]
  - Not sure [5]

20. What is the highest degree that you intend to pursue in the next ten years?
- An associate degree [1]
  - Another baccalaureate [2]
  - A college-level certificate [3]
  - A master's degree [4]
  - A doctorate [5]
  - A first professional degree (law, medicine, etc.) [6]
  - Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_ [7]
  - None [8]
  - Don't know [9]

**We now want to ask you some questions about your undergraduate experience at (Name of UNC Institution)**

- |  | Yes [1]               | No [0]                |
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| 21. In paying for your undergraduate education, did you:           |                       |                       |
| a. Receive any tuition assistance from an employer?                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| b. Receive any need-based financial aid?                           | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| c. Receive any other type of financial aid?                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| d. Take out any college loans? <i>(if no, skip to question 23)</i> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

22. At the time you graduated, what was the total amount of your college loans?
- Less than \$2,500 [1]
  - \$2,501 to \$5,000 [2]
  - \$5,001 to \$7,500 [3]
  - \$7,501 to \$10,000 [4]
  - \$10,001 to \$12,500 [5]
  - \$12,501 to \$15,000 [6]
  - \$15,001 to \$17,500 [7]
  - \$17,501 to \$20,000 [8]
  - \$20,001 to \$22,500 [9]
  - \$22,501 to \$25,000 [10]
  - \$25,001 to \$27,500 [11]
  - \$27,501 to \$30,000 [12]
  - \$30,001 to \$40,000 [13]
  - \$40,001 to \$50,000 [14]
  - \$50,001 to \$75,000 [15]
  - \$75,001 to \$100,000 [16]
  - More than \$100,000 [17]
  - Not sure [18]
  - No answer [19]

23. In your last year of college, how many hours per week did you work for pay?
- None [1]
  - 1-19 [2]
  - 20 or more [3]

	Used				Helpful			
	Often [1]	Some [2]	Little [3]	Never [4]	Very [1]	Somewhat [2]	Not at all [3]	Not sure [4]
24. Please tell us how much you used each of the following three services while you were an undergraduate and how helpful you found each service to be:								
a. Career counseling from your major department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Career counseling from career counseling office	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Job search and placement services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Career counseling from a faculty advisor	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. Did you have an internship, co-op, student teaching, clinical, or similar off-campus work experience?
- Internship [1]
  - Co-op [2]
  - Student teaching [3]
  - Clinical [4]
  - Similar off-campus work experience [5]
  - Other [6]
  - None [7]

26. How would you evaluate that experience?
- Excellent [1]
  - Good [2]
  - Fair [3]
  - Poor [4]
  - Not sure [5]

27. Were you at any time during your undergraduate program at [Name of UNC Institution] actively involved in a research project with a faculty member?
- Yes [1]
  - No [2] (*skip to question 29*)

28. If so, how would you evaluate the educational value of that experience?
- Excellent [1]
  - Good [2]
  - Fair [3]
  - Poor [4]
  - Not sure [5]

29. Looking back over your undergraduate experience, how would you evaluate:
- The overall quality of instruction in your major?
- Excellent [1]
  - Good [2]
  - Fair [3]
  - Poor [4]
  - Not sure [5]
- The overall quality of instruction?
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30. If you could begin again (i.e., if you had it to do over again):
- Would you choose the same major field of study?
- Yes [1]
  - No [2]
  - Not sure [3]
- Would you choose to attend the same institution from which you graduated?
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31. Is there anything you would like to tell us about your undergraduate experience that we haven't asked you about?

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**Finally, we would like to ask you a question about your background.**

32. Did either of your parents or guardians earn a bachelor's or higher level degree?
- Yes [1]
  - No [2]
  - Not sure [3]