








TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY
DECEMBER 2013 GRADUATE SURVEY RESPONSES
Findings as of July 22, 2014

1. From which college did you graduate?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Agriculture and Environmental Sciences		20	13.25%
2	Business		50	33.11%
3	Education		35	23.18%
4	Liberal and Fine Arts		23	15.23%
5	Science and Technology		23	15.23%
	Total		151	100.00%

2. Which degree did you most recently receive from Tarleton?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	undergraduate		100	67.57%
2	graduate		48	32.43%
	Total		148	100.00%

3. What was your major?

Text Entry
Earth Science
Ag Eco
BBA
Interdisciplinary Studies
English
Information Technology
nursing
counseling psychology
baas business administration
Educational Administartion
Human Resource Management
Curriculum and Instruction
Kinesiology
Nursing
Business
Masters of Education -- Instructional Design and Technology
Business Administration
Agriculture Economics
Business Administration
Counseling Psychology
business administration
Business Administration
Ag Business
BS
Pure & Applied Mathematics
Information Technology
Nursing
Educational Administration
Counseling Psychology
Psychology
Animal Industries
businesses administration
criminal justice
History
criminal justice
Management and Leadership
Art
Business Administration
Business
Nursing
BBA/BBOA---Masters M&L
applied science business administration
Accounting
School Counseling
Medical Laboratory Technician
bsas
Animal Production
chemistry
Information Systems
Kinesiology
International Business

4. Which Tarleton location did you primarily attend?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Stephenville	<div></div>	93	62.42%
2	Fort Worth	<div></div>	29	19.46%
3	Waco	<div></div>	24	16.11%
4	Midlothian	<div></div>	3	2.01%
	Total		149	100.00%

5. What is your gender?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Female	<div></div>	92	61.33%
2	Male	<div></div>	58	38.67%
3	Prefer not to answer		0	0.00%
	Total		150	100.00%

6. Did you graduate in the time frame you expected?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	120	79.47%
2	No	<div></div>	31	20.53%
	Total		151	100.00%

7. Did it take you longer than expected?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	29	93.55%
2	No	<div></div>	2	6.45%
	Total		31	100.00%

8. Which of the following barriers were applicable to your situation?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Financial	<div></div>	9	31.03%
2	Family commitments	<div></div>	7	24.14%
3	Academic preparedness	<div></div>	9	31.03%
4	Availability of courses	<div></div>	11	37.93%
5	Change of major	<div></div>	6	20.69%
6	Other	<div></div>	8	27.59%
	Total		50	100.00%

Other
Poor advisement
Military service
Just being immature and not taking my education serious my first two years
Relocated out of country
Thesis barriers and work commitments
Poor academic advising
securing an internship




9. Did you work (on or off campus) during your enrollment at Tarleton?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	131	86.75%
2	No	<div></div>	20	13.25%
	Total		151	100.00%








10. How many hours per week?

Text Entry	
10	
40	
40+	
60	
40	
30	
40+	
50-60	
40	
50	

11. Did you have an internship?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes - Required for my degree		45	30.41%
2	Yes - Not required for my degree		12	8.11%
3	No		91	61.49%
	Total		148	100.00%

12. When did you obtain your first career related position?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Before graduation.		28	31.11%
2	One month after graduation.		11	12.22%
3	Two months after graduation.		3	3.33%
4	Three months after graduation.		8	8.89%
5	Remaining with the same employer as during my undergraduate education.		11	12.22%
6	Remaining with the same employer as during my graduate education.		11	12.22%
7	Other		18	20.00%
	Total		90	100.00%

13. Since leaving Tarleton, which statements are applicable to you (check all that apply)

#	Answer		Response	%
1	I found employment in an area related to my degree.		68	45.95%
2	Other		26	17.57%
3	I am pursuing additional undergraduate study		0	0.00%
4	I am employed in an area unrelated to my degree.		36	24.32%
5	I am still searching for employment.		30	20.27%
6	I started or assumed ownership of a business.		2	1.35%
8	I have started or am raising a family		21	14.19%
9	I am serving in the military		3	2.03%
10	I am pursuing volunteer service		3	2.03%
11	I am pursuing graduate study		31	20.95%
	Total		220	100.00%

Other

Moved out of state due to husbands military job

I have found employment in an area unrelated to my degree since graduating but I am currently searching for employment.

we moved after graduation and I still am searching for employment.

I'm still working to pass the state exams to be teacher certified.

Other
5 months
Two months after graduating I received a temporary employment position and several since.
No work.
10 months post grad
I received my first job 4 months after my undergraduate, then I moved up in my current job to a management position 1 month after graduating with my graduate degree.
Military service
I will be employed as an instructional aide.
Four months after graduation.
5 months after graduation
6 months after graduation

14. If you are NOT working in a job related to your major, please check ONE statement which best describes why you are not working in a job related to your major.

#	Answer		Response	%
1	I am continuing my college education.	<div></div>	1	33.33%
2	I am unable to find a job in my field.	<div></div>	1	33.33%
3	I am working in another field while continuing to look for a position related to my major.		0	0.00%
4	I have not seriously sought employment.		0	0.00%
5	I have found another job in another field.		0	0.00%
6	I am caring for my family.		0	0.00%
7	Other	<div></div>	1	33.33%
	Total		3	100.00%

15. Total number of years employed at current business:

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Less than 1 year	<div></div>	59	50.43%
2	1 to 5 years	<div></div>	33	28.21%
3	6 to 10 years	<div></div>	9	7.69%
4	11 to 15 years	<div></div>	5	4.27%
5	16 to 20 years	<div></div>	3	2.56%
6	20 to 25 years	<div></div>	6	5.13%
7	More than 25 years	<div></div>	2	1.71%
	Total		117	100.00%

16. Approximate salary earned per year:

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Less than \$20,000	<div></div>	17	14.91%
2	\$20,000 - \$29,000	<div></div>	11	9.65%
3	\$30,000 - \$39,000	<div></div>	22	19.30%
4	\$40,000 - \$49,000	<div></div>	29	25.44%
5	\$50,000 - \$59,000	<div></div>	18	15.79%
6	\$60,000 and over	<div></div>	17	14.91%
	Total		114	100.00%

17. After Graduation, did you remain within a 50 mile radius of Stephenville?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	54	36.99%
2	No (If no, Why?)	<div></div>	92	63.01%
	Total		146	100.00%

No (If no, Why?)

My Family lives North of the Metroplex

Moved due to military

Moved closer to current employment opportunities area.

Not sure if Dallas is within that radius

There aren't many jobs

I was and still am living overseas

Moved to hometown area

did not live in stephenville

I live near and went to the Waco campus.

Moved back home with family

18. Do you intend to pursue another degree, license, or certification?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	92	62.59%
2	No	<div></div>	55	37.41%
	Total		147	100.00%

19. What other schools or universities are you considering?

Text Entry
UNT
Undecided
I am continuing my education at Tarleton State University
Baylor Law, Colorado State Law, and TSU for MBA
Tarleton for Reading Specialist
Tarleton, Texas Tech, University of Texas at Arlington
University of Maryland University College
unsure at this time
UT Southwestern
UNT

20. Did you apply to a professional school (i.e. law, medical, veterinary, etc)?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	1	1.10%
2	No	<div></div>	90	98.90%
	Total		91	100.00%

21. Did you get accepted to the professional School?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes - (What school)		0	0.00%
2	No	<div></div>	1	100.00%
	Total		1	100.00%

22. How much debt did you incur to finance your Tarleton education?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	0-\$2,499	<div></div>	55	37.93%
2	\$2,500-\$4,999	<div></div>	9	6.21%
3	\$5,000-\$9,999	<div></div>	12	8.28%
4	\$10,000-\$14,999	<div></div>	10	6.90%
5	\$15,000-\$19,999	<div></div>	9	6.21%
6	\$20,000-\$24,999	<div></div>	15	10.34%
7	\$25,000-\$29,000	<div></div>	9	6.21%
8	\$30,000 or more	<div></div>	26	17.93%
	Total		145	100.00%

23. Would you refer a friend or family member to Tarleton State University based on your experience?

#	Answer		Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	137	94.48%
2	No	<div></div>	8	5.52%
	Total		145	100.00%

24. What would you change about your Tarleton experience?

Text Entry
EVERYTHING. The program was horrible and a complete headache from start to finish. If I could have gone back and changed what school I attended for my BSN I would have gone with UTA or Texas tech.
While my major was in Curriculum and Instruction, my emphasis was in the area of an educational diagnostician. I graduated with little preparation in this area. I was able to get a job as a diagnostician in the school district where I was employed, but saw quickly that I was not prepared by Tarleton for my new job.
Better advisors and intern mentors. (Neither of mine taught or helped me.) Instructors that do not belittle students but are good examples of how counselors should behave a treat others. It would also be helpful if a the instructors were on the same page so that students would receive consitent information. / / In addition, your web site is very difficult to navigate and find all the information students need to fulfill all requirements of students.
My education was lacking. I anticipated leaving college with much more knowledge than I came in with about my degree and I didn't leave with as much as I hoped for. Although some of the teachers I had were amazing, others were not up to par and I don't believe it was fair for me to pay a teacher to essentially teach me a subject they are supposed to know, and I end up teaching myself. The education here is not something I would recommend to many, at least in my major or my minor.
It was very difficult to register for classes. I always needed a waiver to take online classes from another campus because the classes I needed weren't offered on my campus. I had to sit out for an entire year because none of the classes I needed to take were being offered that year. Dr. XXXX was the only person who helped me get into the classes I needed and advised me on how the graduate process worked. I essentially had no adviser. On my profile it said Dr. XXXX was my adviser, but every time I contacted her (which was very difficult, she was VERY busy) she would tell me that Dr. XXXX was actually my adviser. Dr. XXXX would tell me that Dr. XXXX was my adviser and it was a very difficult cycle to maneuver.
I would have gone to another university.
Equine department needs serious review after XXXX death. It isn't what it used to be.
Fire Dr. XXXX He knows nothing about educational psychology. The rest of the department is great.

25. Did you have a life-changing experience while at Tarleton, and, if so, would you briefly describe it?

Text Entry
I started the pursuit of my degree as a fianc, and before leaving I had been married for two years with a three month old. My life has truly been changed forever by the greatest gift God can give. I couldn't ask for a happier, healthier or more loving family than what I have. Through obtaining my degree I know it has and will continue to open doors for me to be able to provide for my loved ones.
Continuing my education has been a long-term dream and now it is happening. My life-changing experience is acquiring my Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and now working toward my Masters in Criminal Justice, absolutely "Fabulous!" Thank you Tarleton State University; you're a wonderful school!
Back when I began my teaching career by enrolling with TMATE in 2006-07, my first husband left our family, and we divorced. I completed the requirements for TMATE and continued in my education career but did not finish my M.Ed. at that time. I remarried and my husband encouraged me to go back and finish beginning in the fall of 2011. At the end of that semester, his daughter unexpectedly came to live with us permanently (even though we hadn't known where she was for two years). Those are my life-changing experiences in a nutshell.
Yes- my husband and I adopted our son during my last year of graduate school.
no
Taking the courses assured me I was on the right path.
no
My program was combined with principal certification through Region XIII. My experience was positive in regards to the curriculum overall. I feel the content was well chosen and relevant. The format of online modules and periodic sessions in Austin was extremely helpful. Notable was a lack of alignment between my comprehensive exam and the review. Thank you for asking!
No
Tarleton just helped me get to where I wanted to be.