

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

AUGUST 2014 GRADUATE SURVEY RESPONSES

Findings as of February, 2015

From which college did you graduate?

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Agriculture and Environmental Sciences	<div></div>	8	11.11%
Business	<div></div>	25	34.72%
Education	<div></div>	15	20.83%
Liberal and Fine Arts	<div></div>	12	16.67%
Science and Technology	<div></div>	12	16.67%
Total		72	100.00%

Which degree did you most recently receive from Tarleton?

Answer	Bar	Count	%
undergraduate	<div></div>	44	62.86%
graduate	<div></div>	26	37.14%
Total		70	100.00%

What was your major?



Which Tarleton location did you primarily attend?

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Stephenville	<div></div>	39	56.52%
Fort Worth	<div></div>	17	24.64%
Waco	<div></div>	12	17.39%
Midlothian	<div></div>	1	1.45%
Total		69	100.00%

What is your gender?

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Female	<div></div>	42	58.33%
Male	<div></div>	29	40.28%
Prefer not to answer	<div></div>	1	1.39%
Total		72	100.00%

Did you graduate in the time frame you expected?

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Yes	<div></div>	54	75.00%
No	<div></div>	18	25.00%
Total		72	100.00%

Did it take you longer than expected?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	18	100.00%
2	No		0	0.00%
	Total		18	100.00%

Which of the following barriers were applicable to your situation?

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Financial	<div></div>	10	55.56%
Family commitments	<div></div>	6	33.33%
Academic preparedness	<div></div>	4	22.22%
Availability of courses	<div></div>	9	50.00%
Change of major	<div></div>	9	50.00%
Other	<div></div>	4	22.22%
Total		42	100.00%

Other
Socialized too much
personal
personal mental

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

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes	<div></div>	64	90.14%
2	No	<div></div>	7	9.86%
	Total		71	100.00%

How many hours per week?

Text Entry
40
40
40
30
25
60
45-50
29
50+
60
20-30
10-15
10
60
40
25
40-45
20
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40-60
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40+
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25 to 40
40
40+
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15-20
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12
30-40
20
40
20
40
15-20
40+
15
30-40
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20
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40
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20
24+
25 to 30
25
25
40
40-50
30+
20
40
40+
40
25

Did you have an internship?

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Yes - Required for my degree	<div></div>	23	32.39%
2	Yes - Not required for my degree	<div></div>	3	4.23%
3	No	<div></div>	45	63.38%
	Total		71	100.00%

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

Answer	Bar	Count	%
I found employment in an area related to my degree.	<div></div>	34	47.89%
Other	<div></div>	15	21.13%
I am pursuing additional undergraduate study	<div></div>	5	7.04%
I am employed in an area unrelated to my degree.	<div></div>	16	22.54%
I am still searching for employment.	<div></div>	14	19.72%
I started or assumed ownership of a business.	<div></div>	3	4.23%
I have started or am raising a family	<div></div>	8	11.27%
I am serving in the military		0	0.00%
I am pursuing volunteer service	<div></div>	2	2.82%
I am pursuing graduate study	<div></div>	15	21.13%
Total		112	100.00%

Other
I was already working in the field of my study
continuing in my field
Already worked in an area related to my degree
I'm waiting for professional credentials required before I can ethically and legally work
Still have same job
Looking to pursue a graduate program
Pursuing Law School
pursuing alternative teaching certificate
I am building my own business while working in my previous job.
Own company
I am employed in an area related to my degree
already owned a business
I am planning on looking for something in my field.
Possibly pursuing teaching certificate

When did you obtain your first career related position?

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Before graduation.	<div></div>	17	38.64%
One month after graduation.	<div></div>	8	18.18%
Two months after graduation.	<div></div>	2	4.55%
Three months after graduation.	<div></div>	5	11.36%
Remaining with the same employer as during my undergraduate education.	<div></div>	5	11.36%
Remaining with the same employer as during my graduate education.	<div></div>	5	11.36%
Other	<div></div>	2	4.55%
Total		44	100.00%

Other
I located an LPCSupervisor upon graduation
Grad Student

Total number of years employed at current business:

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Less than 1 year	<div></div>	28	54.90%
1 to 5 years	<div></div>	7	13.73%
6 to 10 years	<div></div>	7	13.73%
11 to 15 years	<div></div>	4	7.84%
16 to 20 years	<div></div>	2	3.92%
20 to 25 years	<div></div>	2	3.92%
More than 25 years	<div></div>	1	1.96%
Total		51	100.00%

Approximate salary earned per year:

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Less than \$20,000	<div></div>	6	11.76%
\$20,000 - \$29,000	<div></div>	5	9.80%
\$30,000 - \$39,000	<div></div>	14	27.45%
\$40,000 - \$49,000	<div></div>	11	21.57%
\$50,000 - \$59,000	<div></div>	3	5.88%
\$60,000 and over	<div></div>	12	23.53%
Total		51	100.00%

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

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Yes	<div></div>	31	44.93%
No (If no, Why?)	<div></div>	38	55.07%
Total		69	100.00%

No (If no, Why?)
Live in Waco
Fort Worth = 62.1 miles
I am sick of stephenville
In Waco
live in Hubbard
I've never lived within 50 miles of S'ville.
work
Wanted to leave Stephenvile
I live in abilene and was an online student
Live in Waco
Job
Major business done in dfw
Returned to California
fiancé
I never lived near Stephenville, I was an online student
never lived in or near Stephenville
Moved back to live with parents and found job in my hometown
I live in Frisco.
Work
I live in Waco
Moved back home
job is in Cochran county
Waco Student
Moved to California
My job was located in a different location
Moved home!
Offered GA position at TWU
Live in Waco
I am in FortWorth campus
remained in Waco
Job offer in midland
Online Student
online degree
Married
new job wasn't in Stephenville
I live in Waco.

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

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Yes	<div></div>	44	64.71%
No	<div></div>	24	35.29%
Total		68	100.00%

What other schools or universities are you considering?

Text Entry
None
UNT University of Houston
Texas A&M
Unknown
Not sure yet
Any that offer online MBA
Texas Christian University
Certificates for employment mostly.
Johns Hopkins, University of Texas Arlington, Baylor University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, University of North Texas, Texas A&M College Station, University of Texas Austin, University of Singapore, Oslo University
Baylor
Texas A&M Law School
Tarleton state university- Stephenville campus
I teach Texas
none specific right now. I would like to obtain an MBA later on. No big hurry.
Sul Ross State University; Sam Houston State University
UTA
Texas A&M Commerce, Sam Houston State
None
None, Attending Tarleton State University for MBA
Tarleton
TWU
Texas Womans University
Virginia Tech, TAMU
Not sure -want to take a few years off, then work on PhD
I haven't began looking
A&M law
TSU MBA Program
University of arlington
Tarleton for Phd
Tarleton University, currently attending for Master Degree
Tarleton
UT, A&M, etc.
Tarleton, University of North Texas

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

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Yes	<div></div>	1	2.27%
No	<div></div>	43	97.73%
Total		44	100.00%

Did you get accepted to the professional School?

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Yes - (What school)	<div></div>	1	100.00%
No		0	0.00%
Total		1	100.00%

Yes - (What school)
Not sure yet

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

Answer	Bar	Count	%
Yes	<div></div>	59	85.51%
No	<div></div>	10	14.49%
Total		69	100.00%

How much debt did you incur to finance your Tarleton education?				
#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	0-\$2,499	<div></div>	19	27.54%
2	\$2,500-\$4,999	<div></div>	6	8.70%
3	\$5,000-\$9,999	<div></div>	3	4.35%
4	\$10,000-\$14,999	<div></div>	11	15.94%
5	\$15,000-\$19,999	<div></div>	8	11.59%
6	\$20,000-\$24,999	<div></div>	3	4.35%
7	\$25,000-\$29,000	<div></div>	7	10.14%
8	\$30,000 or more	<div></div>	12	17.39%
	Total		69	100.00%

What would you change about your Tarleton experience?

Text Entry
Nothing.
Align my schedule so that I can focus on my hardest classes one or two at a time instead of trying to take them together. Understand how to get financial aid (excluding loans), especially that I can submit my FAFSA before I even get my W2, which I was never told. Etc.
The only major problem which I encountered at Tarleton was in taking a course with XXXXX. His participation in the online course was ZERO. His execution of the course was deplorable. And the only reason why I would not recommend Tarleton to a friend is because all of my friends are wanting to get their MBA and it is impossible to achieve that degree without taking a class with XXXXX. I would hate for a stellar student to have a less than perfect GPA from Tarleton because of his lack of interest in teaching, when they could instead have a perfect GPA at A&M College Station or UT.
Be more able to help students seek employment after graduation within their degree.
I took all of my classes in Fort Worth and had to graduate in Stephenville. For this reason, I chose not to walk the stage. I would want to take the leveling classes in person.
Most of the teachers within my major were very out of touch with the enterprise, but most importantly: Online labs that are purchased in addition to paying the school lab fees? The online labs don't teach anything whatsoever (they're quite literally saying exactly what to do, then just take a screenshot and submit). They're a waste of time and money, and serve no educational purpose since they don't tell you WHY you're doing what you're doing or what the command even does that you just typed. Labs can be virtual, but they need to be more focused on what's expected in the enterprise, not what's expected of a small-town computer shop. Another thing for all CIS majors-- it would be incredibly helpful if there was much more emphasis on learning PowerShell and BASH scripting. That neither was taught and it's easily 50% of what I do every day (and most of my friends that have enterprise jobs in IT) is scary.
Take more challenging courses.
super bad experience.

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

Text Entry
XXXXXX provided vast support beyond what I've ever experienced in my academic career. She gave me encouragement that meant a lot to me.
Nope!
Met my fiance to whom I'm engaged to marry next year.
My Cohort group is very close and we still stay in touch with each other regularly. I feel I have a strong network if needed in future endeavors. I also feel like XXXX and XXXX will be life long mentors for me.
No
I not only grew in knowledge but also in my personal well-being.
I now consider Stephenville my home. I grew so much as a student at Tarleton. I made life long friends who I consider family. My professors, still check in on me from time to time. I can not tell other potential students enough how much they will or would enjoy Tarleton. I am the 3rd person in my family to graduate from Tarleton and will not be the last.
After changing my major to CJ, my passion to become a lawyer grew. The CJ professors at Tarleton are amazing!!
no
i came to Tarleon my sophomore year as a transfer student. I met many great people, and always felt welcomed at Tarleton. I was a member of the Delta Chi fraternity, and really enjoyed being apart of greek life and other activities. I also met my Fiancé after my first semester at tarleton.
The support I had was great when I was going through personal troubles and tried to commit suicide. There were so many Tarleton students and staff that stood behind me and helped me through.
Met the person I plan to spend the rest of my life with.
Nothing life changing. I enjoyed my experience attending TSU as a distance education student.
No
I met the most amazing woman, who is now my wife and mother of my children.
I enjoyed my online and face to face classes very much. I finally graduated with my bachelors degree after 27 years of taking my first freshman class (and having to have postponed my education and college for many years.) I am very happy to have been able to attend Tarleton University as an alternative route here in Waco, Texas other than Baylor University and their expensive tuition.
The whole Tarleton experience was wonderful for me. From the people to the school spirit!
I met lots of life long friends
No
Loved the small school atmosphere!
None
I got my baccalaureate education. I also got engaged.
No
XXXX taught my project management class during my last year and it was at this juncture that I realized where my true talents and interests lie. It was because of this class that I have started a volunteer organization focused on project management for local 501 (c) (3) organizations which are stellar in their client service but need assistance with the business acumen to launch successful service expansion projects or capacity building projects.
I met my future wife.
N/A
When I began my college career I was at Texas Tech. After two years I realized it was not for me and I wanted to see what else was out there. I came down to visit and was surprised that an advisor would Even meet with me when I wasn't even a student. I walked in the door and was warmly greeted by a man (who I later found was the department head). He made sure I knew where to go and felt welcomed. I soon transferred and now have graduated with both my Bachelors and Masters from TSU! I found a family and a place to call home!
N/A
Late in my Graduate program I decided to become an Instructor at the University level, until that happens I am going to test and work on a teaching certification.
I got cancer a second time. XXXX was incredibly supportive and helpful during a time that I felt like everything was lost. Related to school and the above, I switched majors from Hydrology and Environmental Engineering because a particular professor and I didn't get along