First Destination Survey 2021
Class of 2021
1,227 Graduates | 87% Knowledge Rate*

Primary Plans
Our students graduate ready to launch their futures. In 2021, their plans included:
- Full-time employment: 45%
- Graduate or professional school: 44%
- Available for employment: 6%
- Other (e.g., volunteer, entrepreneurship, military): 5%

94% secured plans in the form of employment, advanced education and more

Industries
Graduates launched their careers in diverse industries:
- Engineering: 32%
- Nursing: 15%
- Research: 9%
- Health/Public Health: 8%
- Information Tech: 7%
- Financial Services: 5%
- Consulting: 4%
- Business/Admin: 3%
- Education/Teaching: 3%
- Marketing/Sales: 3%

Employment Details
Graduates landed positions that would help advance their goals:
- $60,000-$64,999 median starting salary range
- 11% of reported positions had salaries > $100,000; up from 8% in 2020
- 92% of positions required a Bachelor’s degree
- 82% of positions required a degree and were major-related

Employers and Locations
Graduates secured positions at top firms in sought-after job markets. Destinations with 10 or more graduates include:

Washington 15
California 20
Ohio 28
Pennsylvania 17
New York 29
Illinois 28
Wisconsin 14
Massachusetts 21
Michigan 19
Maryland 16
Virginia 10
Georgia 10

Employers that hired 4 or more graduates:
Amazon | Case Western Reserve University | Cleveland Clinic | Deloitte | Epic | KeyBank
Microsoft | Parker Hannifin | Progressive | Rockwell Automation | Saint-Gobain
ScribeAmerica | Teach For America | University Hospitals

Experiential Education
Hands-on learning prepares CWRU graduates for what’s next.
98% of respondents indicated that they participated in at least one experiential education activity

Graduate Schools
Top schools with 4 or more graduates
- Boston University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cleveland State University
- Columbia University
- Duke University
- Johns Hopkins University
- New York University
- The Ohio State University
- State University of New York - System
- University of California - System
- University of Illinois - System
- University of Michigan
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Southern California
- University of Toledo
- Vanderbilt University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Yale University

Degrees Pursued
- Master’s: 59%
- JD: 3%
- MD/DO: 16%
- DDS/DMD: 3%
- PhD: 11%
- Other: 8%

*Knowledge rate includes the survey response rate plus additional information gathered from faculty, social media and other sources.