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ONE-YEAR SURVEY

# SURVEY REPORT

Master of Science in Nursing Program



**Report of Survey Results:**

**One-year Survey**

**Master of Science in Nursing**

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**For All Graduates between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016**

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## General Information

This report presents results from the one-year survey.

**One-year Survey:** The one-year survey collects information regarding the graduates' satisfaction with Excelsior College, their future educational plans, current educational, employment, and income status, achievement of program outcomes and objectives, and the impact that the educational process has had on career and educational goals. The survey also solicits graduates' perceptions of program strengths and suggestions for change, as well as the most important impact earning an Excelsior College degree has had on their lives.

**Interpreting Results:** Care should be taken in interpreting survey results. Survey results can be affected by self-selection bias, in which persons with certain characteristics or opinions are more likely to respond. Particular caution should be taken when the numbers of responses are small because results may be skewed.

Please consider the following guidelines when interpreting survey data:

Means: When results are expressed in a chart or table of means, please note the range of values and their meanings, which are listed in a footnote below the chart or table. In general, mean values of 4 or higher on a 6-point Likert scale are considered positive. Similarly, a mean value of 5 or higher is considered positive on a 7-point scale. Throughout the report, means are calculated only for Likert-type items that received five or more responses.

Standard deviations: Wherever mean values are presented, please also consider the standard deviations (SD) that accompany them. Standard deviation is a measure of variability in the response to a survey item, such that a small SD indicates less variation (more agreement) among respondents.

Frequency tables: As noted above, means are calculated only for Likert-type items that received five or more responses. If fewer than five were received, responses will be displayed in frequency tables, with a numerical count provided for each response. Where charts display survey items in pairs (such as ratings of program outcomes), both items will be displayed in a frequency table if either received fewer than five responses.

### Notes:

The graduation dates appearing on the cover of this report represent the requested report period. The dates appearing in the Sample section on page 2 indicate the range of graduation dates among actual survey respondents.

The following symbol may appear in this report:

- ^ Denotes that one or more survey items displayed in a chart or table expired during the report period and so were not asked of all respondents. An explanatory footnote to this effect has been included beneath charts and tables where this symbol may appear.

# One-year Survey Results

## Sample

The one-year post-graduation survey was sent to 162 Master of Science in Nursing graduates. A total of 33 responded, resulting in a response rate of 20.4%. Respondents to the survey graduated between October 2015 and June 2016.

### Gender: (N = 33)

- Female 87.9%
- Male 12.1%

### Ethnicity: (N = 33)

- White 72.7%
- Black or African American 21.2%
- American Indian or Alaska Native 3.0%
- Hispanic 3.0%

## Employment and Professional Affiliations

### Are you currently employed? (N = 33)

- Yes, full time 90.9%
- No, seeking employment 3.0%
- No, enrolled in an educational program 6.1%

### How many years have you worked as an RN? (N = 33)

- Less than 5 years 6.1%
- 5 to <10 years 24.2%
- 10 to <15 years 18.2%
- 15 to <20 years 21.2%
- 20 to <30 years 15.2%
- More than 30 years 15.2%

**How many years have you worked in your current position? (N = 30)**

- Less than 5 years 66.7%
- 5 to <10 years 10.0%
- 10 to <15 years 10.0%
- 15 to <20 years 6.7%
- 20 to <30 years 3.3%
- More than 30 years 3.3%

**Are you currently working in a field related to the Nursing Leadership and Administration in Health Care Systems specialization you completed in your MS in Nursing program? (N = 1)**

- Yes 100.0%

**Are you currently working in a field related to the Nursing Informatics specialization you completed in your MS in Nursing program? (N = 2)**

- No 100.0%

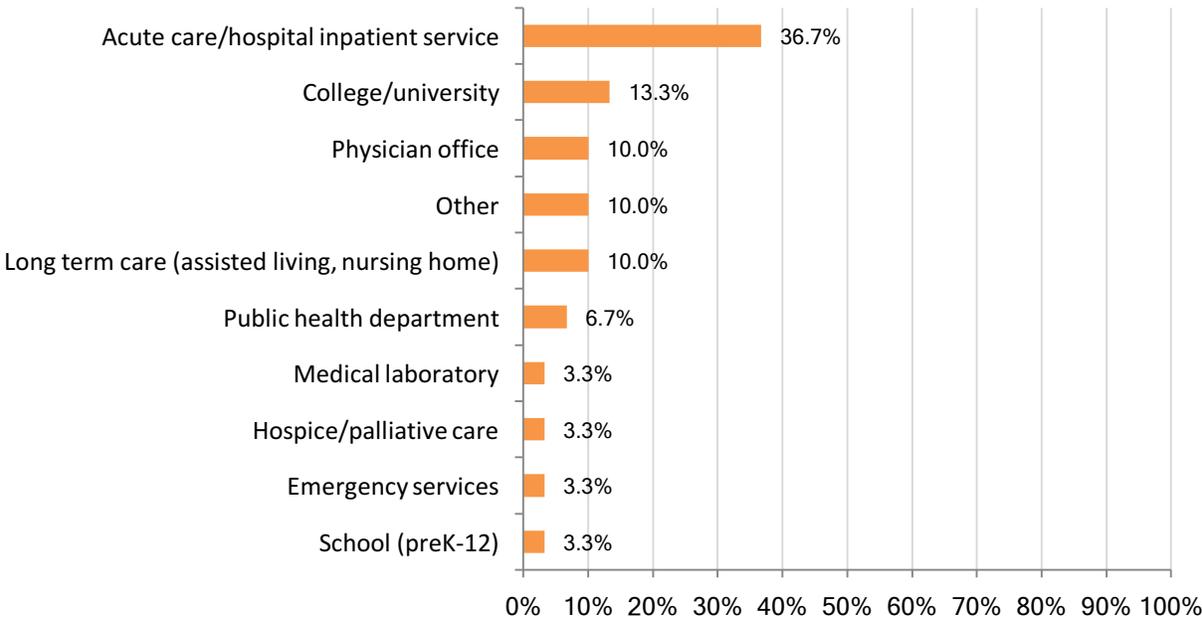
**Are you currently working in a field related to the Nursing Education specialization you completed in your MS in Nursing program? (N = 21)**

- Yes 47.6%
- No 52.4%

**Which best describes the nature of your current work? (N = 30)**

- Educator 30.0%
- Staff RN 26.7%
- Administrator 16.7%
- Other 10.0%
- Manager/supervisor 6.7%
- Case manager/care coordinator 6.7%
- Community health nurse (home health, public health, school) 3.3%

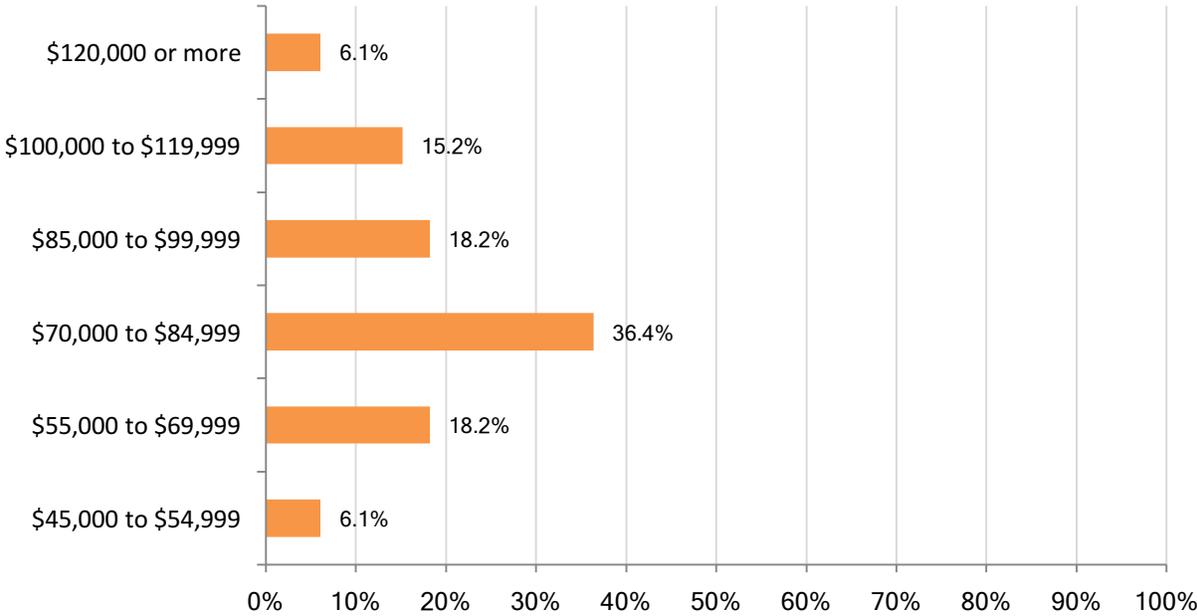
**Which health care setting do you currently work? (N = 30)**



**Which geographic location best describes where you currently work? (N = 30)**

- Rural area 36.7%
- Urban area 36.7%
- Suburban area 26.7%

**In which of the following ranges does your personal annual income fall? (N =)**



**To what extent has your Excelsior College master’s degree been helpful in advancing your career? (N = 33)**

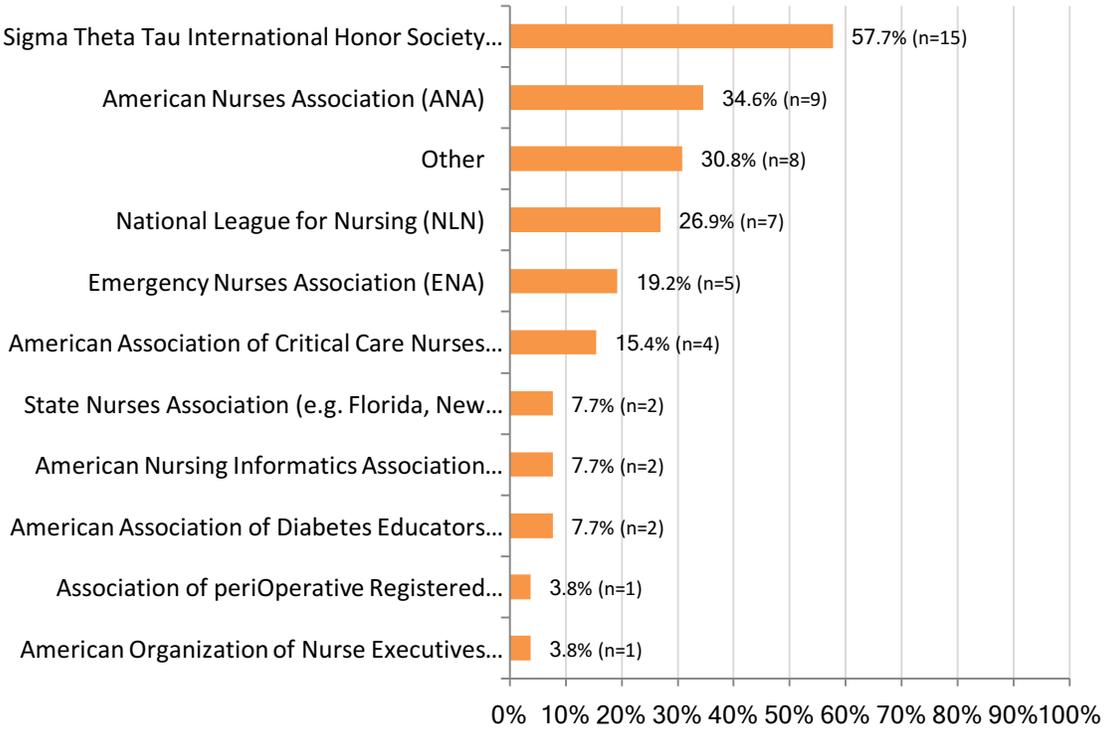
- Rating 6 (Very helpful): 45.5%
- Rating 5: 12.1%
- Rating 4: 15.2%
- Rating 3: 15.2%
- Rating 2: 6.1%
- Rating 1 (Not helpful): 6.1%

Note: Response options ranged from 1 = not helpful, to 6 = very helpful.

**Are you a member of any professional organizations? (N = 33)**

- Yes 78.8%
- No 21.2%

Graduates indicated membership in the following nursing organizations:



Note: Graduates may select more than one organization, so the total of all percentages in the chart above may be more than 100%.

### Further Education

Have you enrolled in any educational programs since completing your Excelsior College degree?

(N = 32)

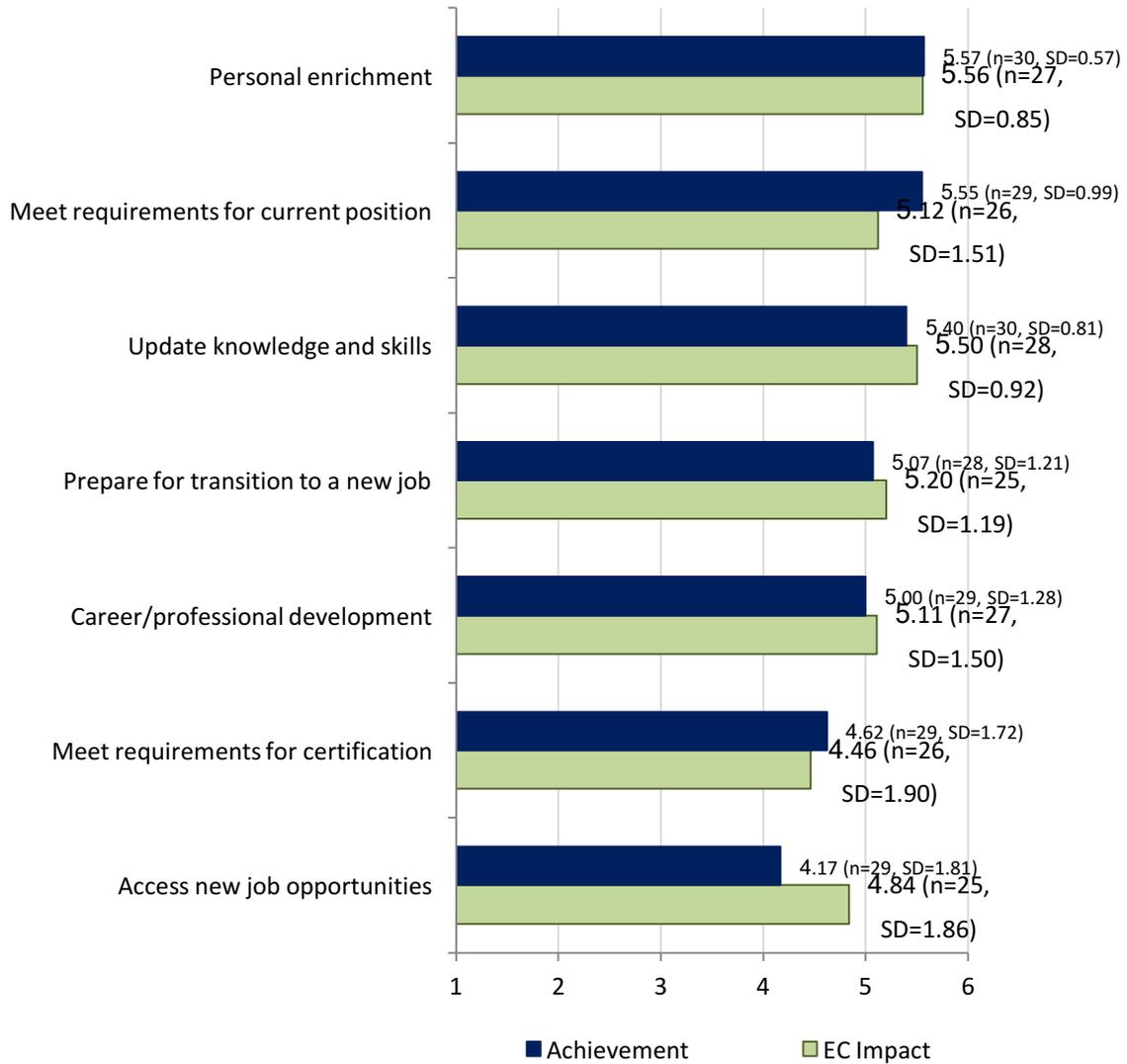
- No 56.3%
- Yes, a certificate program 12.5%
- Yes, post graduate courses 6.3%
- Yes, a doctoral program 12.5%
- Yes, other (specify) 12.5%

Do you have plans to seek additional education? (N = 33)

- Yes 63.6%
- No 36.4%

## Career and Educational Goals

Please indicate the extent to which you have achieved each goal and the extent to which Excelsior College had an impact on your achievement. (Mean ratings) Note: Two versions of this question have been used: with a 6- point scale after July 1, 2015, and with a 7-point scale prior to that date.



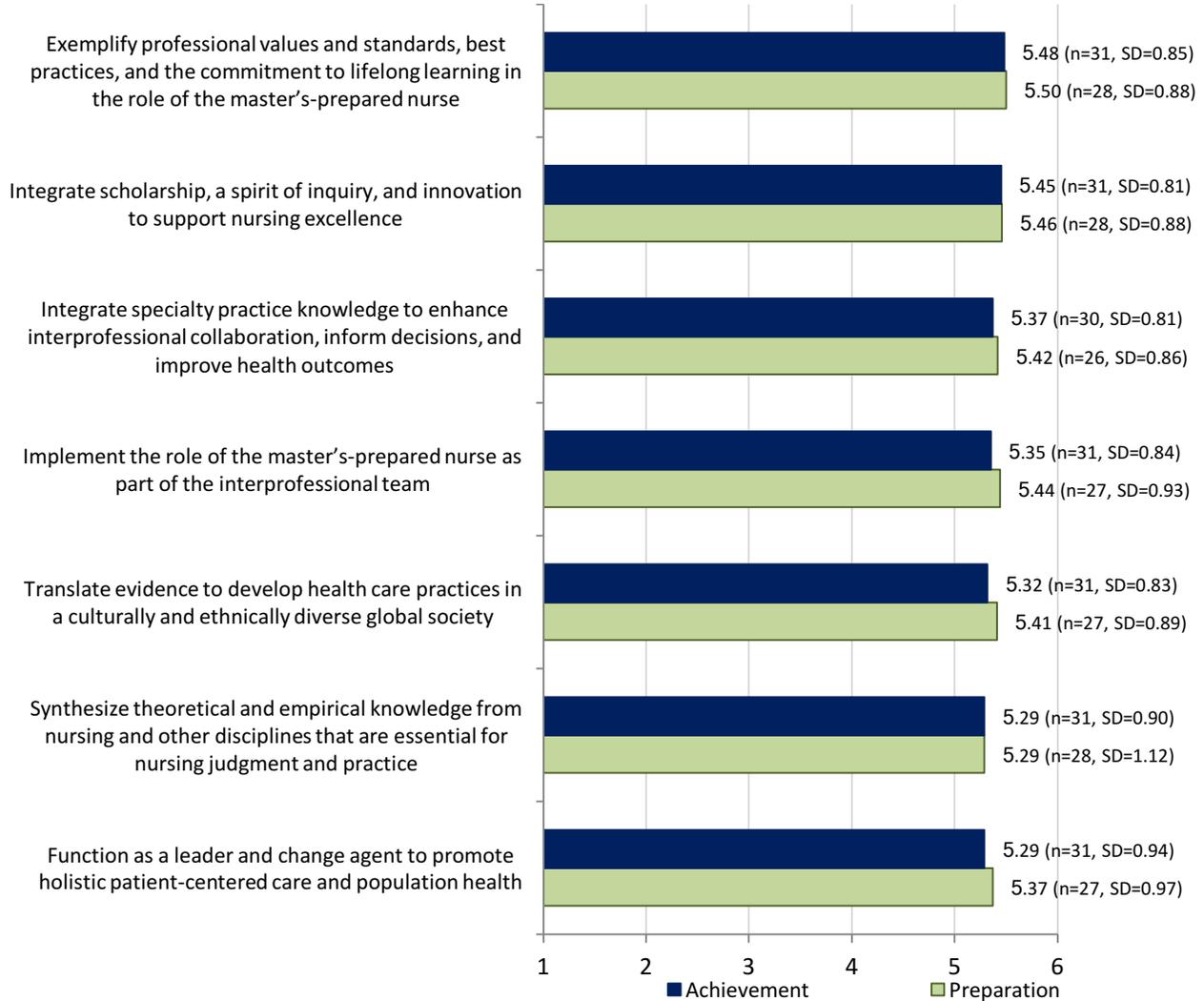
Achievement scale after July 2015: Likert , with 1 = Not achieved, 6 = Completely achieved

Impact scale after July 2015: Likert, with 1 = No impact, 6 = Great impact

^ If this symbol appears next to a question above, the question expired during the report period.

## Master of Science in Nursing Program Outcomes

Please rate the degree to which you have achieved each outcome and how well your educational experience prepared you to demonstrate each outcome. (Mean ratings) This version of the program outcome questions was introduced in July 2016.



Likert scale: Achieved: 1 = Not at all achieved, 6 = Completely achieved

Likert scale: Prepared: 1 = Very poorly prepared, 6 = Very well prepared

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## Activities Since Graduation

**Are you working for the same organization as when you graduated? (N = 30)**

- Yes 60.0%
- Yes, but seeking other employment 6.7%
- Not working for the same organization 33.3%

**If there has been a change in your employment since you graduated, which of the following does the change represent? (N = 30)**

- A promotion 46.7%
- No change 40.0%
- A lateral move 13.3%

**Please indicate which of the following specialty practice certification examinations you have attempted since completing your MS in Nursing degree and which certifications you successfully earned.**

- Other (n = 3)
- CNE (Certified Nurse Educator) (n = 2)
- RN-BC (Informatics Nursing) (n = 1)

Other certifications included the following:

- CPN- certified pediatric nurse
- Family nurse practitioner
- CHPN
- CAPA

**Have you produced any of the following scholarly works or publications since graduation?**

(Percentages reflect the proportion of all survey respondents reporting each type of scholarly work.)

- Other 18.2% (n=6)
- Health care journal article 3.0% (n=1)

**Have you given any formal presentations to the following groups since graduation?** (Beginning in September 2012, graduates received a version of this survey item that allows them to select multiple groups. Percentages are based on all survey respondents.)

- Professional nursing group 27.3% (n=9)
- Health care-related group 21.2% (n=7)
- Other 9.1% (n=3)

## Satisfaction with Excelsior College

**How satisfied are you, overall, with your experiences at Excelsior College.** (N = 33)

- Very satisfied 66.7%
- Satisfied 27.3%
- Very dissatisfied 6.1%

**How satisfied are you that Excelsior College helped you meet your program outcomes?** (N = 32)

- Very satisfied 65.6%
- Satisfied 25.0%
- Neutral 3.1%
- Very dissatisfied 6.3%

**Would you recommend Excelsior College to friends or colleagues interested in continuing their education?** (N = 32)

- Yes 100.0%

**Would you recommend the Master of Science in Nursing program?** (N = 32)

- Yes 96.9%
- No 3.1%



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