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LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY'S HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SURVEY OF 2006 GRADUATES OF ONTARIO UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

A survey of students who graduated in 2006 from an Ontario university undergraduate degree program was recently conducted to provide insight into students' employment situation six months and two years after graduation. The survey was administered by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, from December 2008 to March 2009. Of the 1,479 graduates of Lakehead University who were contacted and invited to complete the survey, 295 returned completed surveys for a response rate of 20.0%. The response rate for Lakehead University graduates was comparable to that for the Ontario university system (21.7%).

This summary highlights Lakehead University's results and presents the Ontario university system results as a comparison. Readers are advised to use caution when comparing Lakehead University's results to the Ontario university system results which include a mix of programs not offered at Lakehead University (e.g. Dentistry, Law and Pharmacy).

Employment Rates

- Two years after graduation in 2006, the average employment rate for graduates of undergraduate degree programs at Lakehead University was 96.9% which was higher than the 95.7% average for the Ontario university system.
- Six months after graduation in 2006, the average employment rate for graduates of undergraduate degree programs at Lakehead University was 92.4%, compared to 94.1% for the Ontario university system.

Earnings

- Two years after graduation in 2006, the average annual salary of graduates of Lakehead University's undergraduate degree programs who were employed full time was \$48,810, slightly lower than the Ontario average of \$49,468.
- Six months after graduation in 2006, the average annual salary of graduates of Lakehead University's undergraduate degree programs who were employed full time was \$42,861, which was higher than the Ontario average of \$41,699.

Skills Match

- Two years after graduation in 2006, 86.9% of Lakehead University graduates employed full time considered their work either 'closely' or 'somewhat' related to their university education. This was higher than the 85.0% of graduates across Ontario who felt the same way.
- Six months after graduation in 2006, 84.1% of Lakehead University graduates employed full time considered their work either 'closely' or 'somewhat' related to their university education. This was higher than the 79.1% of graduates across Ontario who felt the same way.

**Lakehead University Employment Rates ^a
Six Months and Two Years after 2006 Graduation**

Program Area	Six months after 2006 graduation	Two years after 2006 graduation
Agriculture & Biological Science	100.0%	100.0%
Other Arts / Science ^b	100.0%	100.0%
Business / Commerce	94.7%	100.0%
Computer Science and Mathematics ^b	N/R	100.0%
Education	90.4%	97.9%
Engineering	92.9%	96.6%
Fine & Applied Arts ^b	33.3%	100.0%
Forestry	80.0%	100.0%
Humanities	100.0%	100.0%
Nursing	100.0%	100.0%
Kinesiology and Outdoor Recreation	92.9%	85.7%
Physical Sciences	N/R	N/R
Social Sciences	94.4%	95.2%
Total	92.4%	96.9%
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Ontario University System Total ^c	94.1%	95.7%

N/R = Not Reported (less than 3 responses).

^a Employment rate is the number of graduates employed, self-employed or offered employment, divided by the total number of graduates employed, self-employed, offered employment, or looking for work and not attending school.

^b Small sample size - less than 5 responses.

^c System data include programs not offered at Lakehead University (e.g., Dentistry, Law, Pharmacy).

Program Classifications: (per Statistics Canada)

- Education includes BEd, BA/BEd and BSc/BEd.
- Kinesiology/Outdoor Recreation includes Kinesiology and Outdoor Recreation (HBOR, HBOR/BA, HBOR/BSc).
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- Other Arts/Science includes General and Undecided.
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- Agricultural & Biological Sciences includes Biology and Natural Science.

Average Annual Salaries of Lakehead University Graduates Employed Full Time ^a

Program Area	Six months after 2006 graduation	Two years after 2006 graduation
Agriculture & Biological Science	\$32,500	\$40,714
Other Arts / Science	N/R	N/R
Business / Commerce	\$42,059	\$50,882
Computer Science and Mathematics	N/R	N/R
Education	\$39,464	\$45,000
Engineering	\$54,167	\$60,556
Fine & Applied Arts	N/R	N/R
Forestry ^b	\$45,000	\$55,000
Humanities	\$35,909	\$43,182
Nursing	\$61,316	\$66,875
Kinesiology and Outdoor Recreation	\$27,727	\$31,364
Physical Sciences	N/R	N/R
Social Sciences	\$37,500	\$44,655
Average Annual Salary	\$42,861	\$48,810
Median Salary	\$45,000	\$45,000
Ontario University System Total ^c	\$41,699	\$49,468

N/R = Not Reported (less than 3 responses).

^a Graduates were considered working full time if they identified themselves as working more than 30 hours a week. Average salary was calculated using the midpoint of each salary category. The value for the top salary level was chosen to be \$105,000.

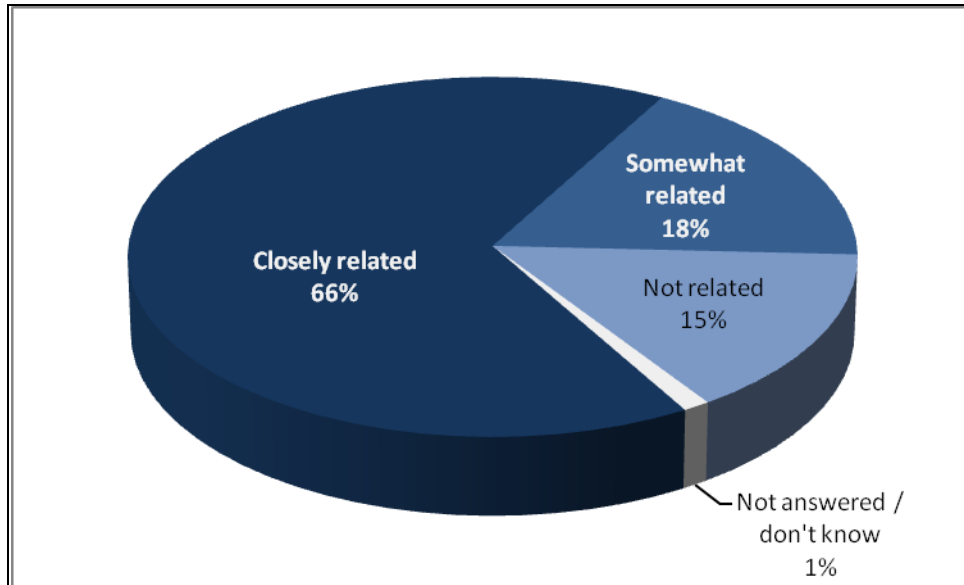
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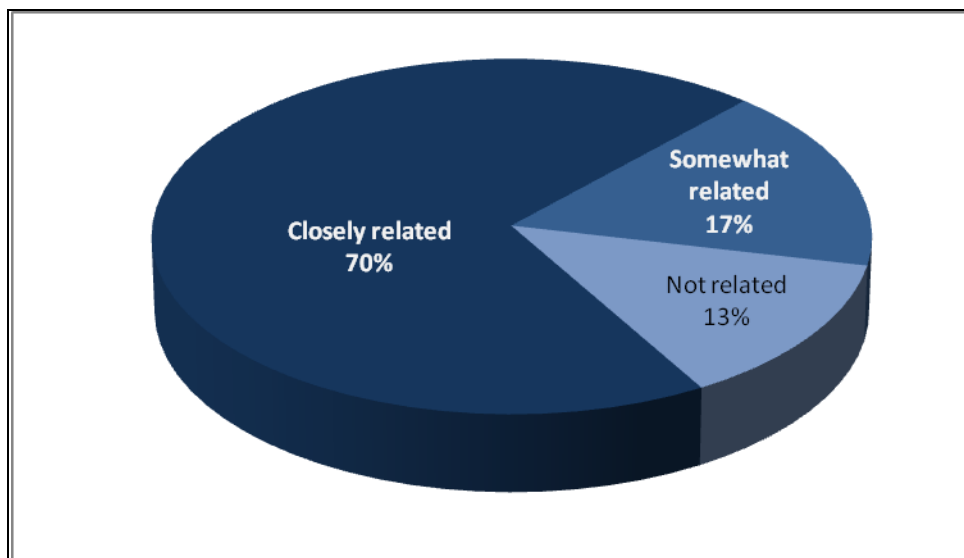
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**Skills Match of Lakehead University Graduates
Employed Full Time (6 months after 2006 graduation)**



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**Skills Match of Lakehead University Graduates
Employed Full Time (2 years after 2006 graduation)**



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**Lakehead University Employment Rates ^a Two Years After Graduation:
Five Year Trend for Graduates from 2002 to 2006**

Program Area	Two years after graduation 2002	Two years after graduation 2003	Two years after graduation 2004	Two years after graduation 2005	Two years after graduation 2006
Agriculture & Biological Science	83.3%	85.7%	100.0%	80.0%	100.0%
Other Arts / Science	100.0%	80.0%	100.0%	100.0% ^b	100.0% ^b
Business / Commerce	88.2%	95.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Computer Science & Mathematics	100.0%	100.0% ^b	88.9%	100.0% ^b	100.0% ^b
Education	98.2%	100.0%	97.4%	96.6%	97.9%
Engineering	100.0%	100.0%	96.7%	100.0%	96.6%
Fine & Applied Arts	N/R	100.0% ^b	100.0% ^b	80.0%	100.0% ^b
Forestry	83.3%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0% ^b	100.0%
Humanities	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	90.9%	100.0%
Nursing	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Kinesiology & Outdoor Recreation	100.0%	90.9%	91.3.%	100.0%	85.7%
Physical Sciences	N/R	N/R	100.0% ^b	100.0% ^b	N/R
Social Sciences	88.2%	100.0%	96.0%	93.5%	95.2%
Lakehead University Overall	95.5%	98.1%	97.0%	95.8%	96.9%
Ontario University System Total ^c	96.0%	96.8%	96.2%	96.9%	95.7%

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**Lakehead University Employment Rates, Skills Match and
Average Annual Salaries over Five Years**

Year Graduated	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Employment rates					
Two years after graduation	95.5%	98.1%	97.0%	95.8%	96.9%
Six months after graduation	93.2%	93.8%	92.8%	91.0%	92.4%
Average Annual Salary					
Two years after graduation	\$41,965	N/A	N/A	\$48,111	\$48,810
Six months after graduation	\$37,809	N/A	N/A	\$41,437	\$42,861
Skills Match					
Two years after graduation	89.4%	N/A	N/A	91.1%	86.9%
Six months after graduation	85.0%	N/A	N/A	90.3%	84.1%

N/A = Not Available.