



**Samuel Merritt University**

# Alumni Survey

2020-2021 Collection Year

## Survey Details

Graduates of 2016-2017 and 2019-2020 were surveyed

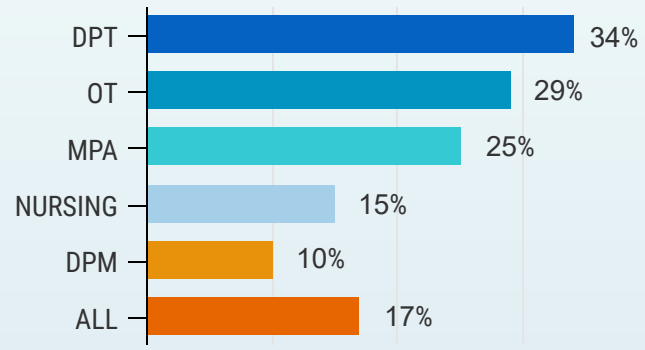


1,644 graduated surveyed



17% responded

## Response Rates



## EMPLOYMENT RATES

**77%** of 2016-2017 graduates were employed in their specialty within six months of graduation from SMU.

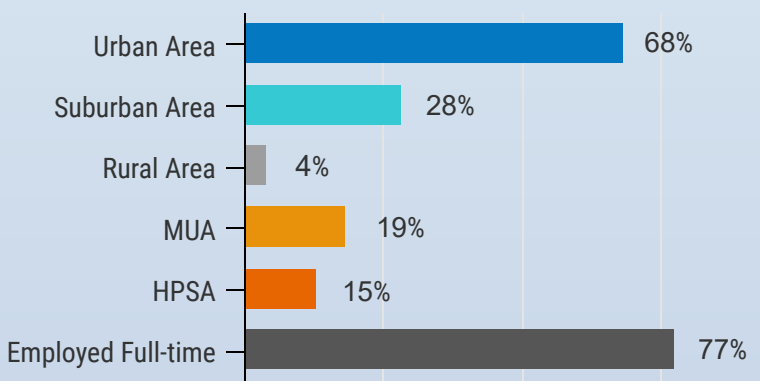
**75%** of 2019-2020 graduates were employed in their specialty within six months of graduation from SMU.

**90%** of currently employed graduates work in their area of specialty.

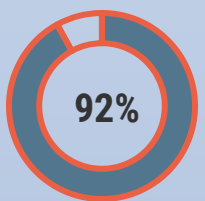
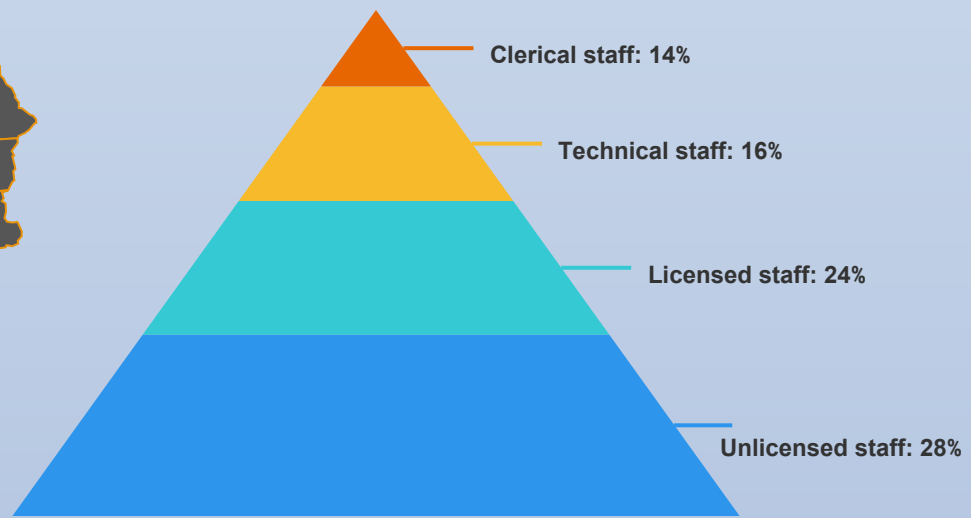


## EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

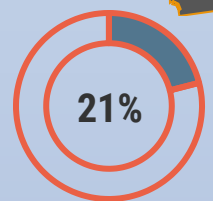
### Employment Location



### Management/Supervision Responsibilities



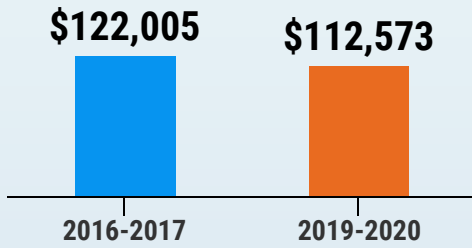
Employed in Direct Patient Care



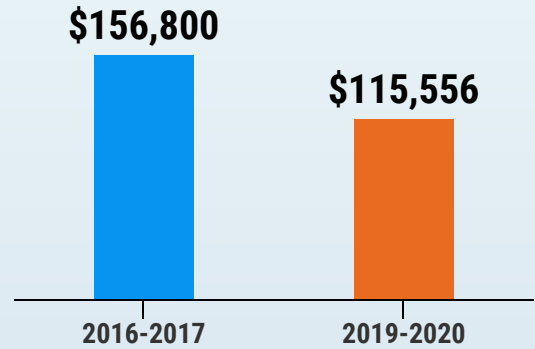
Clinical Preceptor in current job

# Annual Full-time Salaries (Average)

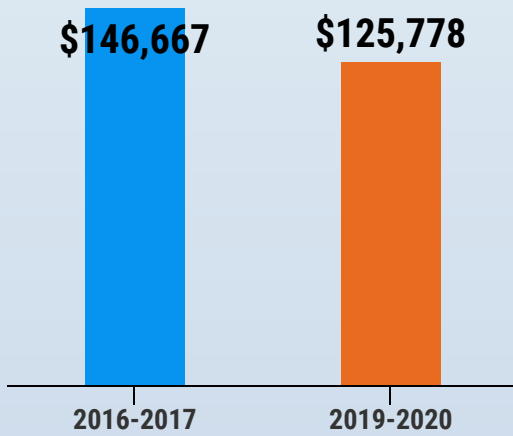
## ABSN and BSN



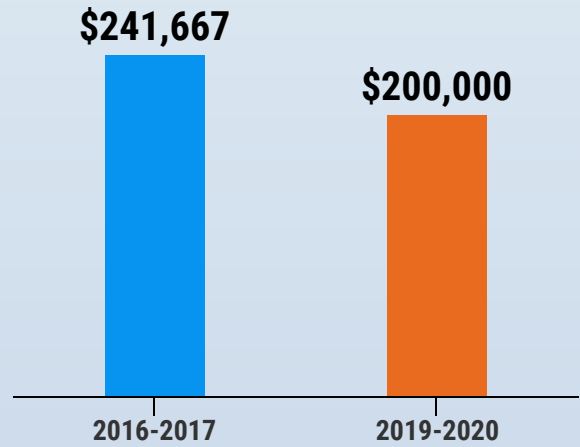
## ELCM and ELFNP



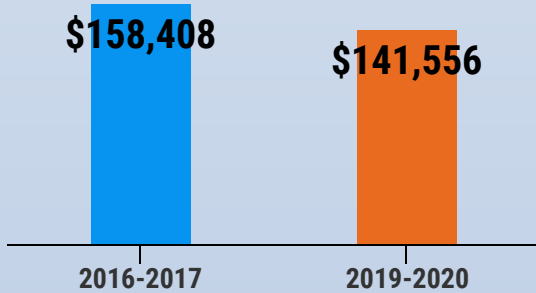
## FNP and DNP



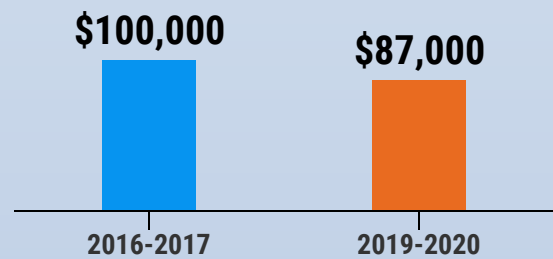
## CRNA



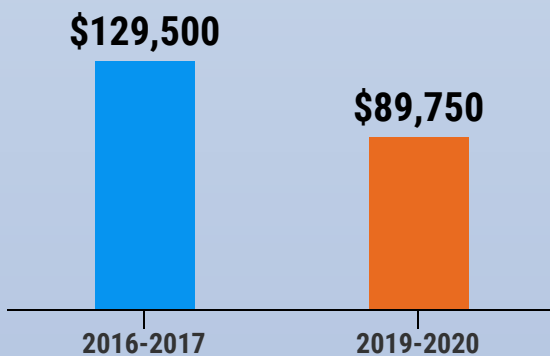
## MPA



## MOT and OTD

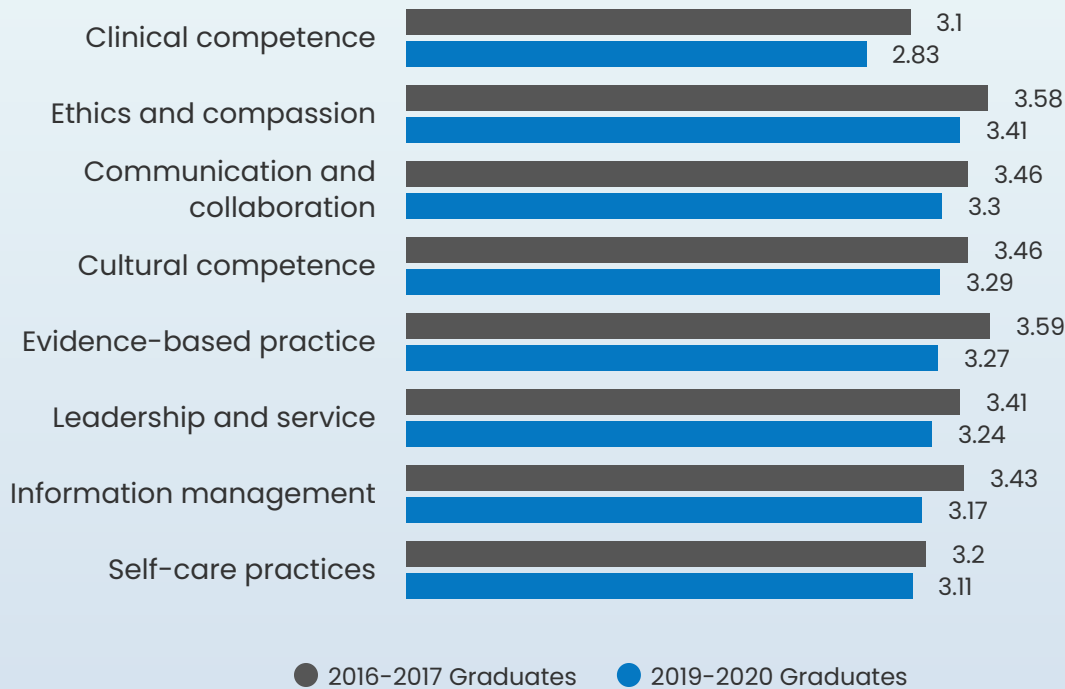


## DPT



# Competency Ratings (self assessment)

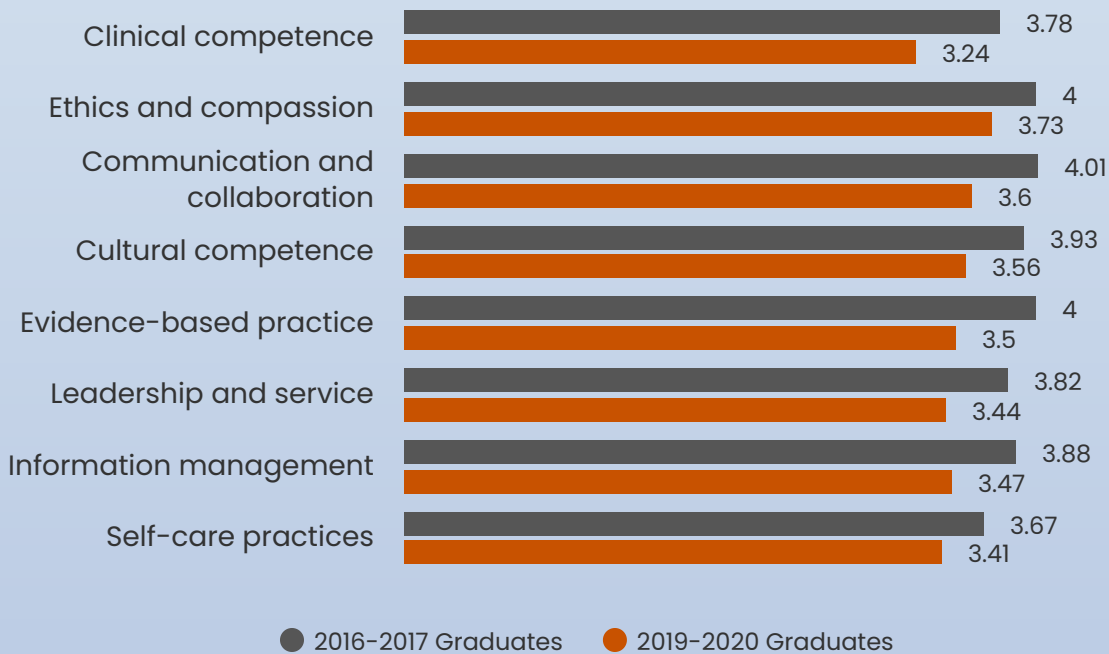
## Level of Competence at Graduation



Graduates leave SMU with higher levels of competency in "Ethics and compassion", "Evidence-based practice" and "Cultural competence" outcomes compared to other outcomes

Scale - 1: Below Entry Level 5: Master Clinician Level

## Current Level of Competence

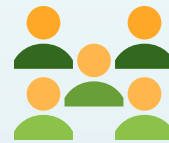


Competency levels increase the most in areas of "Clinical competence", "Evidence-based practice" and "Communication and collaboration" after three years in the profession

## Other Achievements



Pursued advanced certifications/degrees **(32%)**



Participated in health-related community service **(9%)**

Participated in research projects **(9%)**



Published articles **(1%)**



Received honors/awards/grants **(7%)**

## Alumni Satisfaction



**88% would recommend SMU to others**



**92% report expectations met/exceeded at SMU**



**71% satisfied/very satisfied with value of investment at SMU**



**45% find educational debt unreasonable**

Would Recommend SMU because.....

"Good hands on experience"  
 "Professors care about their students"  
 "The clinical exposure"  
 "Personal attention"  
 "Emphasis on research-based practice"  
 "Close and inclusive culture"

Would Not Recommend SMU because...

"Too expensive"  
 "Poor organization"  
 "Debt burden"  
 "Difficulty scheduling clinicals"

Alumni expectations from SMU....

"Assistance with job search"  
 "Class reunions"  
 "Alumni reunions"  
 "Better clinicals placements"  
 "Chances to speak about our residencies to prospective new residents "  
 "Mentorship"