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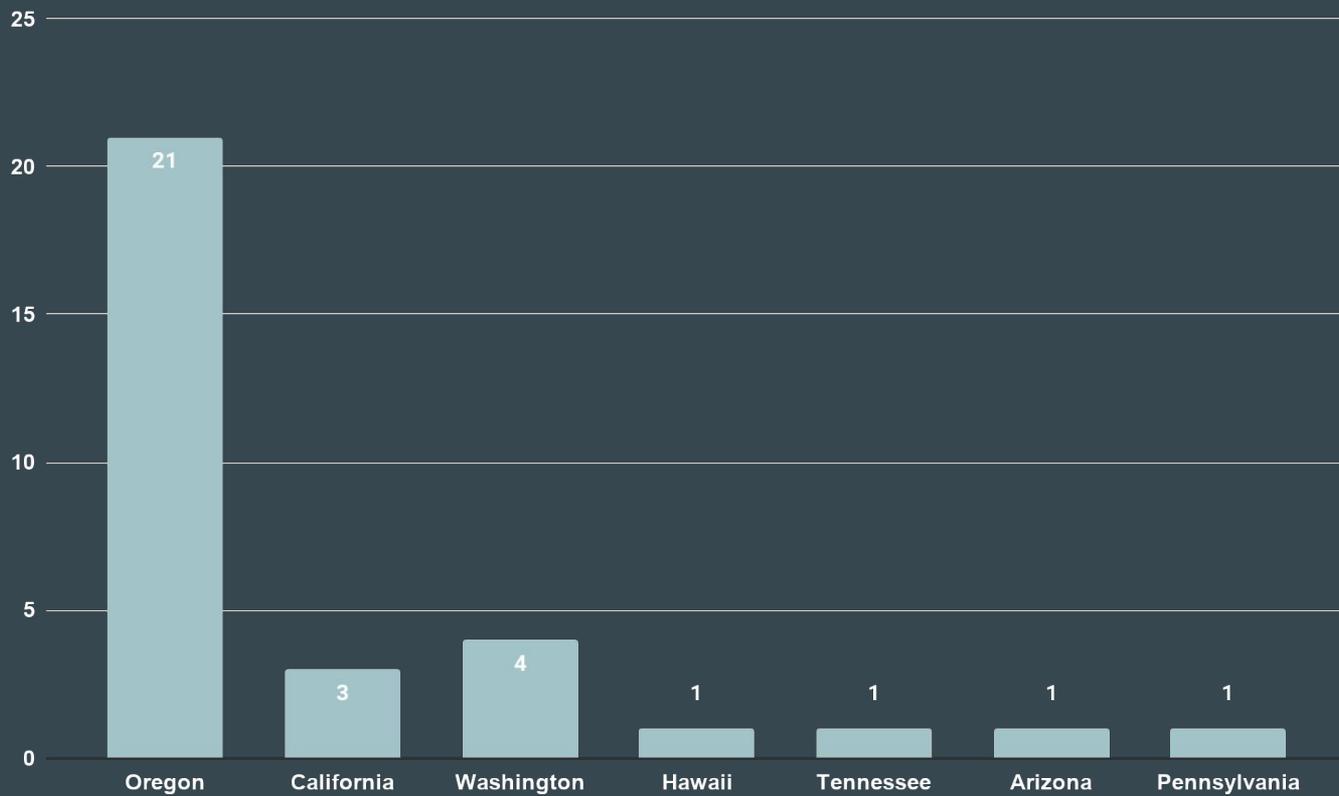
Linfield Education Department Alumni Survey Report
Spring of 2020

97%

Of alumni survey participants (n=33) reported that they are employed in the field of Education.



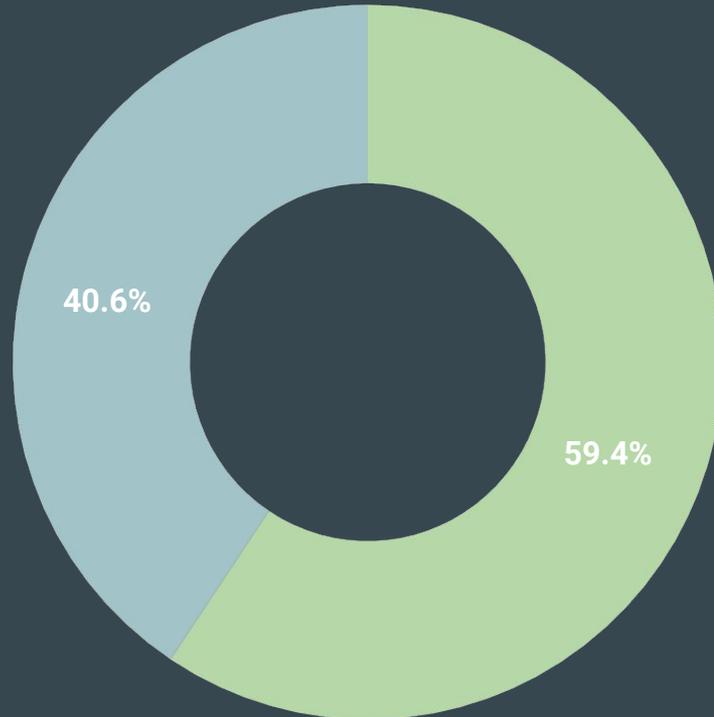
States Where Linfield Grads Work



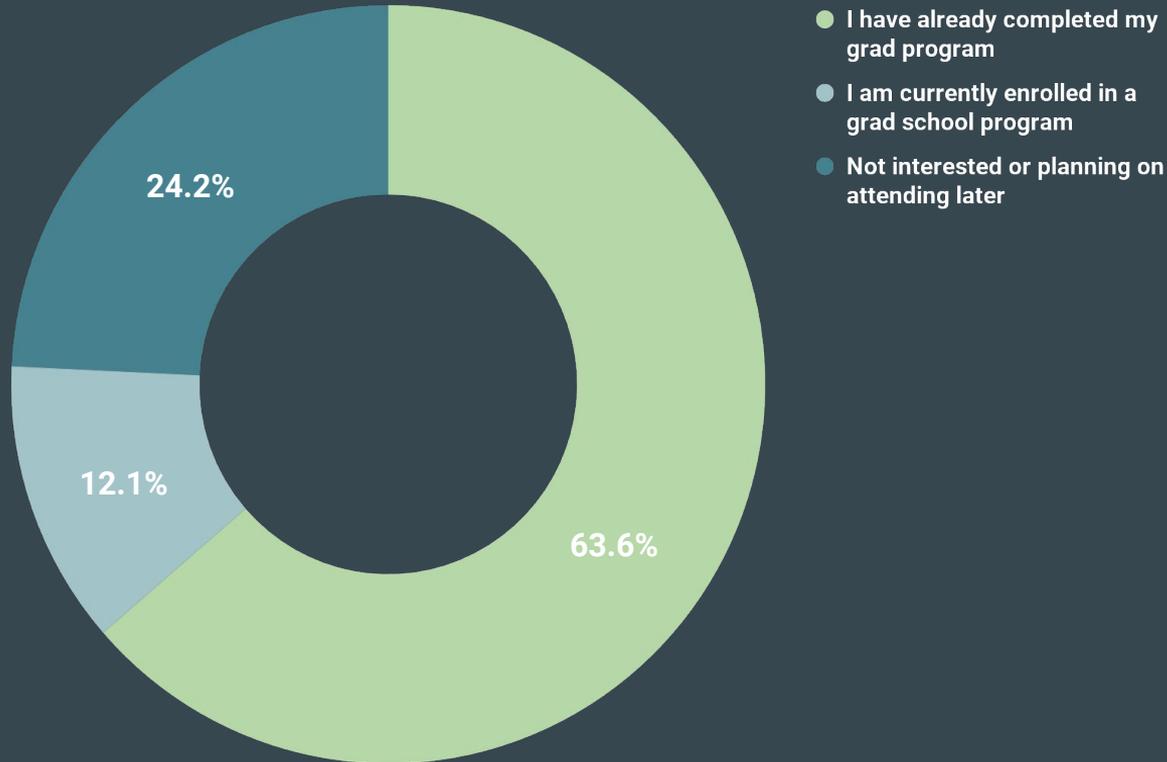
(n) = 32

Areas of Education Represented by Survey Participants

● Elementary Education ● Secondary Education



How many Linfield Alumni Have Attended and / or Plan on Attending Graduate School?



Graduate Schools Attended by our Alumni

- Concordia University
- Western Oregon University
- Western Governors University
- Portland State University
- George Fox University
- Oregon State University
- Pacific University
- Southern Oregon University
- Union University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Montana
- University of Pittsburgh



Qualitative Responses



Please describe one highlight from your experience in the Linfield Education Department

- The literacy courses really opened my ideas to quality reading instruction and also brought about my interest of Curriculum.
- I am so thankful to have experienced a 4-year bachelor's degree program with a robust student teaching requirement. I felt very prepared for the classroom and appreciated the flexibility to pursue graduate work in my content area.
- Amazing professor to teacher support...I felt like from day 1 I was in the classroom and getting experience hands-on in the field.
- The professors were very invested in the student's success and were incredibly supportive, and I felt the curriculum was strong and prepared me for teaching. We are required to spend a lot of time in a variety of classrooms which I think is super important!
- Being able to aid/work/be hands on with kids in classrooms very early on in the ed program

One piece of advice for current or future education students

- Failure brings about reflection and reflection leads to improvement. Learn from your experiences.
- Ask ALL the questions, try to observe as many grade levels as possible, be open to feedback from professors/student teacher supervisors
- Gain exposure to as many different classes and grade levels as possible, focus on ELL instruction
- Visit as many classrooms as possible to gather ideas that work for you and your teaching style.



One piece of advice for current or future education students (continued)

- Spend as much time as possible in the classroom. Volunteer.
- Network and put yourself out there! You never know what doors will open to opportunities ahead.
- Get your ESOL endorsement! Mine has helped me tremendously working in an urban school setting. The skills I learned in the ESOL courses transferred to teaching multiple grades and levels and truly helps all of my students, regardless of their English proficiency.
- Be dependable. Even though you are a college student, when you are working with kids they always see you as an adult. It's important to act like one and follow through with your commitments.

How has your time at Linfield impacted your career and teaching?

- It gave me the foundations and passion needed to have longevity in my career.
- My experience at Linfield truly shaped who I am as a person and a teacher today. I value collaborating with my colleagues, observing and letting others observe me, and continuing the learning process!
- It helped prepare me to work with diverse types of students.
- Linfield created a great foundation for my teaching. I've been able to walk in classrooms around the country and globe and be successful.
- Linfield gave me an excellent, solid foundation for teaching and set me up for success.



How has your time at Linfield impacted your career and teaching? (continued)

- I loved having close relationships with my professors (in the education department especially, but also throughout Linfield), being able to ask them questions and knowing that they knew me personally. My professors cared about me as an individual and set a great example as teachers themselves, in getting to know our future students. I also am so thankful the education department worked with me to get my Spanish minor completed along with my other requirements for my major...my education major, credential, and ESOL endorsement...I was supported every step of the way and am so thankful for that. Study abroad truly changed my life and I am so glad Linfield highly encouraged and supported study abroad programs.
- Linfield taught me everything I know about teaching. I literally couldn't have this job without that education.
- I felt I was very prepared. Especially now that I teach outside of McMinnville and I myself have had a student teacher from a major college here in Arizona, it is easy to see that the opportunities and curriculum provided to us at Linfield were above average.
- I feel that my education at Linfield more than prepared me for my career in education. In working alongside teachers who attended other universities, I feel that the quality of education that I received at Linfield was far superior and I am grateful for all of the enriching experiences I had access to as an undergraduate student.
- Linfield fully prepared me to be an effective and caring educator.
- My time at Linfield helped me tremendously. I developed a passion for working with underserved students and a passion for teaching. I also studied abroad in Ireland which greatly impacted my desire to move somewhere new to teach.
- Gave me a strong foundation of curriculum tools to build on in the classroom and significantly more in building time than most of my colleagues at the entry point.
- Taught me everything I know as an educator, wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else