PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF AACN DOCTORAL STUDENT ROSTER SURVEY, 2017

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• Of total 351 schools reporting doctoral programs to the 2017 AACN Annual Survey, 339 (96.6%) have responded to the AACN Doctoral Student Roster Survey, including 52 (14.8%) that reported in 2017 or later, 230 (65.5%) that responded in 2016, and 57 (16.2%) that responded before 2016.
MEAN AGE WHEN ENTERING DOCTORAL PROGRAMS BY DEGREE TYPE, 2008-2017 MATRICULATING COHORTS

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MEAN AGE WHEN ENTERING DOCTORAL PROGRAMS BY DEGREE TYPE AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STUDENT STATUS, 2008-2017 MATRICULATING COHORTS

- PhD Full-Time: 39.6 (N=2,121)
- PhD Part-Time: 43.8 (N=1,575)
- DNP Full-Time: 37.9 (N=9,924)
- DNP Part-Time: 40.7 (N=8,196)

- PhD Post-Bacc Full-Time: 33.5 (N=424)
- PhD Post-Bacc Part-Time: 39.2 (N=155)
- PhD Master's Full-Time: 41.3 (N=1,643)
- PhD Master's Part-Time: 44.3 (N=1,345)
- DNP Post-Bacc Full-Time: 32.3 (N=5,057)
- DNP Post-Bacc Part-Time: 32.6 (N=2,561)
- DNP Master's Full-Time: 44.3 (N=4,598)
- DNP Master's Part-Time: 44.6 (N=5,423)
MEAN AGE WHEN ENTERING DOCTORAL PROGRAMS BY DEGREE TYPE AND 2008-2017 MATRICULATING COHORTS
MEAN TIME (IN YEARS) TO GRADUATION BY DEGREE TYPE, 2006-2015 MATRICULATING COHORTS

- PhD: 4.8 years (N=2,803)
- DNP: 2.6 years (N=14,242)
MEAN TIME (IN YEARS) TO GRADUATION BY DEGREE TYPE AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STUDENT STATUS, 2006-2015 MATRICULATING COHORTS

- PhD Full-Time: 4.6 (N=1,861)
- PhD Part-Time: 5.2 (N=941)
- DNP Full-Time: 2.4 (N=7,834)
- DNP Part-Time: 2.9 (N=6,406)
MEAN TIME (IN YEARS) TO GRADUATION BY DEGREE TYPE, POST-BACC./POST-MASTER’S LEVEL, AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STUDENT STATUS, 2006-2015 MATRICULATING COHORTS

- PhD Post-Bacc Full-Time: 4.8 (N=237)
- PhD Post-Bacc Part-Time: 4.9 (N=62)
- PhD Post-Master’s Full-Time: 4.5 (N=1,553)
- PhD Post-Master’s Part-Time: 5.3 (N=824)
- DNP Post-Bacc Full-Time: 3.1 (N=1,958)
- DNP Post-Bacc Part-Time: 3.7 (N=994)
- DNP Post-Master’s Full-Time: 2.2 (N=5,300)
- DNP Post-Master’s Part-Time: 2.8 (N=4,998)
MEAN TIME (IN YEARS) SPENT IN PROGRAM PRIOR TO ATTRITION FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS BY DEGREE TYPE, 2006-2015 MATRICULATING COHORTS

- PhD: 3 years (N=1,322)
- DNP: 2.1 years (N=2,957)
MEAN TIME (IN YEARS) SPENT IN PROGRAM PRIOR TO ATTRITION FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS BY DEGREE TYPE AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STUDENT STATUS, 2006-2015 MATRICULATING COHORTS

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(N=847) (N=475) (N=1,222) (N=1,735)
MEAN TIME (IN YEARS) SPENT IN PROGRAM PRIOR TO ATTRITION FOR DOCTORAL STUDENTS BY DEGREE TYPE, POST-BACC./POST-MASTER’S LEVEL AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STUDENT STATUS, 2006-2015 MATRICULATING COHORTS

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NOTES:

If a school prefers to report their students’ data anonymously, they can use a “record ID” to substitute a student’s name. The record ID should help the school identify the student record easily in future years. For an example, a student’s first name and last 4 digits of her/his student ID could be used as the first name and last name for the survey.

Although “Year of Birth” is not a required field, the information is needed for calculating mean age when entering doctoral programs.

Please contact Di Fang (dfang@aacnnursing.org or 202-463-6930 x 225) if you have suggestions for additional tables based on the survey data.