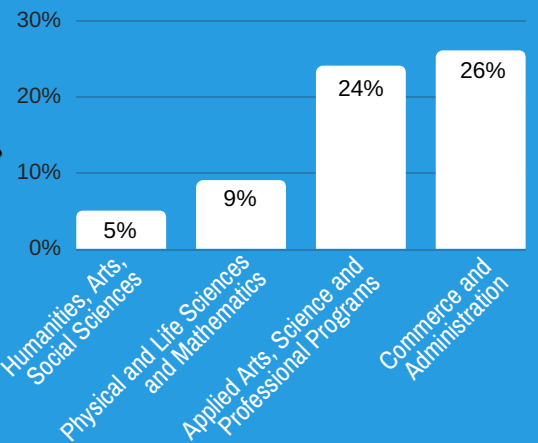


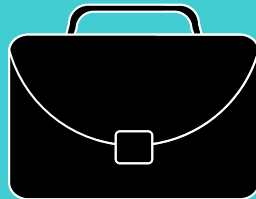
The Co-op Advantage

The Impact of Participation in Co-op Education on Class of 2012 Graduate Outcomes in the Maritime Provinces

15% of Class of 2012 graduates in the Maritime Provinces reported participation in a co-operative education program as part of their studies



91% of co-op graduates were working full-time compared to 83% of all other graduates



70% of co-op graduates said their education was worth the financial investment compared to 61% of all other graduates



85% of co-op graduates reported their program prepared them for the workforce compared to 64% of all other graduates



85% of co-op graduates reported that their program provided the skills needed for a particular job compared to 68% of all other graduates



53% of co-op graduates reported being satisfied with their current financial situation compared to 42% of all other graduates

68% of co-op graduates occupied jobs that required a university education or were at the management level compared to 52% of all other graduates



Source: MPHEC 2014 Survey of Class of 2012 Maritime University Graduates. The survey was conducted in the fall of 2014, two years after completion of the first degree.

The total sample of 2,892 respondents represents 25% of the total Class of 2012 bachelor's graduate population in 14 Maritime universities. The results have a margin of error of $\pm 1.8\%$, 19 times out of 20.

While graduates of applied, professional, and business programs were more likely to have completed a co-operative education program, when controlling for discipline, co-operative education offers a general advantage to graduate outcomes.

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