PLU alumni live out the PLU mission by using their education to serve, lead, and care for others every day. A PLU education prepares students to excel by building excellent intellectual skills and by connecting them with opportunities to gain experience through internships, research and volunteering. A strong sense of purpose—a calling to find meaning in their work—sets PLU graduates apart. That's why some of the best organizations recruit at PLU. Career Connections maintains a robust recruiting program to connect students with employers through networking events, career fairs, on-campus interviewing, industry site visits, alumni panels and mixers.

Employment Status of Recent Alumni

- Paid Employment: 54%
- Working & Taking Time Off: 4%
- Volunteering: 19%
- Unemployed Part-Time: 4%
- Unemployed Full-Time: 5%
- *Military Service, Unpaid Volunteering, & Traveling: 4%
- Other: 4%

64% of employed recent PLU alumni are working in a job related to their field of study.

42% of recent PLU alumni found their job through networking.

Emory, the University of Chicago, the University of Michigan, Stanford University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of California, and the University of Texas at Austin are just a few of the alumnae who have achieved their goals.

Employment

EMPLOYERS HIRING RECENT PLU GRADUATES

Aberdeenshire Council
Alaska Airlines
Alaskan Observers, Inc.
Alliancerg Nursing
American Red Cross
AmeriCorps
Associated Recreation Council of Seattle
Auburn Youth Resources
Bank of America
Bank of New York Mellon
Boys & Girls Club
Century Design Inc.
Chicago Community Loan Fund
Cleartie
Coca-Cola Refreshments
Colliers International
Columbine Health Systems
Costco Wholesale
DaVita Healthcare Partners Inc.
Delaware Center for Justice
Department of Veterans Affairs
EarthCorps
Easy Oregonian Publishing Company
Elite Physical Therapy
Emerald Queen Casino
Emergency Medicine Scube Systems
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Everett Clinic
Expedia, Inc.
Federal Way Public Schools
Franciscan Health System
Franklin-Pierce School District
Habitat for Humanity
Habor WildWatch
Harrison Medical Center
Heart Centered Montesori School
Herrera Environmental Consultants
Highline School District
Hopelink
Hospira Inc.
Intellectual Ventures
Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Washington
Kaiser Permanente
Kent School District
LabCorp
Liberty Mutual Insurance
Life Care Center of Puyallup
Lutheran Volunteer Corps
Lynden Inc.
Marchex Inc.
Mary Bridge Children's Hospital
Maxim Healthcare Services
Medical Consultants Network
Metro Ports Tacoma
Microsoft
Multicare
Museum of Flight
Museum of Glass
Northwest Indian College
Olympia Pediatrics PLLC
Our Sisters House
OUR365
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
Park Horse Comics
Pathology Associates
Medical Laboratory
Paul Davis Restoration
Peace Corps
Pinnacle Strategies
Portent Inc.
PSA Health Care
Puget Sound Educational Service District
Puyallup School District
Quality in Motion
Quote Wizard, LLC
Russell Investments
Sandusky Radio
SBG Group
Seattle Children's Hospital
Seattle Education Access
Seattle Public Schools
Sierra Club
South West Pediatrics
St. Anthony Hospital
St. Francis Hospital
St. Joseph Medical Center
State Farm Insurance
Sunny Wolf Charter School
Swedish Health Services
T.I. Lin International Group
Tacoma Community House
Tacoma General Hospital
Tacoma Opera
Tacoma Regional Convention & Visitor Bureau
Teach For America
The Boeing Company
The Glacier Institute
The Walnut Street Theatre
U.S. Army
U.S. Navy
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
United Health Care
United Way of Pierce County
University of Puget Sound
University of Washington
Valley Medical Center
VOX Global
Washington State Department of Revenue
Washington State Holocaust Education Resource Center
Washington State Human Rights Commission
Washington State Legislature
Washington State Patrol
Washington State Service Corps
Western Antique Aeroplane and Automobile Museum
Western Electrical Services
Yakima School District
YMCA
YWCA
Xerox

We've had success partnering with PLU and have been impressed by our recent PLU hires due to their strong work ethic, drive, creative spirit, and willingness to challenge the status quo. They also have fit in very well with DaVita's culture, specifically our core values of FUN and TEAM!

-Jenny Zarelli

Leadership Recruiter | DaVita Healthcare Partners, Inc.

PLU Career Connections
Ramstad 112 | 253.535.7459 | career@plu.edu | www.plu.edu/career-connections

*Data derived from Recent Alumni Survey, January 2013
Internships provide a bridge between the educational setting and the professional workplace. They allow students to take classroom learning and apply it while discovering interests and exploring career goals. Through learning outside the classroom, internships offer the chance to "try on" how academic and career interests fit together. They also offer one of the best opportunities to network for future employment.

"Employers are seeking applicants who have completed at least one internship. My best advice for students is plan ahead and start early. Any student can do an internship with extra planning to include it in their curriculum plan."

-Maxine Herbert-Hill
Director of Academic Internships

Internships at PLU

38% of graduating seniors completed at least one internship while at PLU.

13% of recent graduates found employment through an internship.

"My internship experiences have provided me with skills that apply to my personal and professional life. Now I am much more confident in my abilities as I prepare to enter the workforce as a young professional."

-Rima Khachatourian, Class of 2013
Volunteering provides avenues to help PLU students explore and discover their career path while making a positive impact on the community. The Center for Community Engagement & Service offers meaningful service opportunities that help create lifelong learners with a sense of commitment, care, meaning, and purpose in the world. Volunteering encourages critical reflection on all service, from the challenging inquiry of academic service-learning to dialogue and creative expression around volunteer and community outreach projects as well as professional development.

Volunteering at PLU

71% of students volunteer while at PLU.

33% of recent graduates took at least one course that included service learning or community involvement.

200+ students serve as tutors or mentors & contribute 4,789 hours of service through the Center for Community Engagement & Service each year.

PLU Career Connections
Ramstad 112 | 253.535.7459 | career@plu.edu | www.plu.edu/career-connections

*Data derived from Senior Exit Survey, May 2013 and Student Satisfaction Inventory, October 2012
A PLU education provides students with a broad base of knowledge and a vocational understanding of how they can bring their greatest passions to meet the world's greatest needs. For many students, the next step to pursuing their life's work is graduate or professional school.

Graduate/Professional Schools

Recent alumni are pursuing advanced degrees in a variety of fields to reach their professional goals.

- **Medical**: 11%
- **MBA**: 2%
- **PhD**: 9%
- **JD**: 5%
- **Masters**: 69%

*Includes certificate programs

"My PLU experience prepared me for medical school in so many ways—both within and beyond the classroom. From service-learning experiences to student leadership and one-on-one interactions with professors, PLU taught me the true meaning of being a well-rounded learner. There are constantly new opportunities available to students and with every opportunity comes a new faculty or staff member eager to invest in their growth and success."

-Matt Peters, UW School of Medicine, Class of 2017

Survey Respondents

41% (343) of alumni graduating between December 2011 and August 2012 responded to the Recent Alumni Survey. Of those respondents, 71% were employed within three months of graduation. The survey participants represented the following schools and divisions.

- Humanities.................................................................13%
- Natural Sciences......................................................19%
- School of Arts & Communication.............................14%
- School of Business..................................................12%
- School of Education & Movement Studies..................12%
- School of Nursing....................................................14%
- Social Sciences.......................................................22%

PLU Career Connections
Ramstad 112 | 253.535.7459 | career@plu.edu | www.plu.edu/career-connections

*Data derived from Recent Alumni Survey, January 2013