2017 Alumni Survey

The 2017 Alumni Survey was distributed in fall 2017 to 176 program completers who graduated in 2015-2016 from the College of Charleston Teacher Education Program. Out of 176, 35 responded for a 20% response rate. Out of the 35, three partially completed the survey.

Early Childhood UG	4
Early Childhood G	3
Elementary UG	6
Elementary G	2
Middle Grades UG	5
Special Education UG	4
Special Education G	3
Secondary Social Studies	4
Secondary Biology	1
Secondary English	2
Foreign Language	1

I was a classroom teacher during the 2016-2017 school year:

Answer	Bar	Response	%
Yes		33	94.29%
No		2	5.71%
Total		35	100.00%

In relation to the responsibilities you confront on the job as a teacher, please indicate how well the teacher education program at the College of Charleston prepared you to do each of the following:

The Learner and Learning

Question	Well prepared (4)	Adequately prepared (3)	Poorly prepared (2)	Not at all prepared (1)	Not applicable	Response	Average Value
Promote students' growth and development	18	15	-	-	-	33	3.55
Respect students as individuals with differing personal and family backgrounds and various skills, abilities, perspectives, talents, and interests	25	8	-	-	-	33	3.76
Establish a climate of learning where students value and support each other's learning (peer relationships)	19	13	1	-	-	33	3.55
Support students as they engage in purposeful learning	17	15	1	-	-	33	3.48

In relation to the responsibilities you confront on the job as a teacher, please indicate how well the teacher education program at the College of Charleston prepared you to do each of the following:

Content Knowledge

Question	Well prepared (4)	Adequately prepared (3)	Poorly prepared (2)	Not at all prepared (1)	Not applicable	Response	Average Value
Work toward each student's mastery of disciplinary content and skills	10	19	2	-	-	31	3.26
Recognize the potential of bias in my representation of the discipline	18	12	1	-	-	31	3.55
Keep abreast of new ideas and understandings in the field	18	12	1	-	-	31	3.55
Embrace flexible learning environments that encourage student exploration, discovery, and expression across content areas	17	10	4	-	-	31	3.42

In relation to the responsibilities you confront on the job as a teacher, please indicate how well the teacher education program at the College of Charleston prepared you to do each of the following:

Instructional Practice

Question	Well prepared (4)	Adequately prepared (3)	Poorly prepared (2)	Not at all prepared (1)	Not applicable	Response	Average Value
Align instruction and assessment with learning goals	15	10	4	-	-	29	3.38
Engage students actively in self- assessment processes	9	13	6	-	1	29	3.11
Provide timely and effective descriptive feedback to students on their progress	14	11	2	1	1	29	3.36
Use multiple types of assessments to support, verify, and document learning	14	10	4	1	-	29	3.28
Make accommodations in assessments and testing conditions, especially for students with disabilities and language learning needs	12	9	6	2	-	29	3.07
Use students' diverse strengths and needs to plan effective instruction	10	12	6	1	-	29	3.07
Use new and emerging technologies to support and promote student learning	15	11	2	1	-	29	3.38
Adapt instruction to student responses, ideas, and needs	12	14	3	-	-	29	3.31

In relation to the responsibilities you confront on the job as a teacher, please indicate how well the teacher education program at the College of Charleston prepared you to do each of the following:

Professional Responsibility

Question	Well prepared (4)	Adequately prepared (3)	Poorly prepared (2)	Not at all prepared (1)	Not applicable	Response	Average Value
Manage potential biases within my own frame of reference (e.g., culture, gender, language, abilities, ways of knowing).	20	9	-	-	-	29	3.69
Seek opportunities to draw upon current education policy and research as sources of analysis and reflection to improve practice	13	14	-	1	1	29	3.39
Adhere to codes of ethics, professional standards of practice, and relevant law and policy	21	5	2	-	1	29	3.68
Use ongoing analysis and reflection to improve planning and practice	19	10	-	-	-	29	3.66
Implement continuous improvement and change in the classroom	18	11	-	-	-	29	3.62
Share responsibility for shaping and supporting the mission of my school as an advocate for students	17	10	1	-	1	29	3.57
Work collaboratively with the learning community (e.g., students, colleagues, families, larger community) in setting and meeting challenging goals	19	8	1	1	-	29	3.55
Take initiative to grow and develop with colleagues through interactions that enhance practice and support student learning	19	10	-	-	-	29	3.66

Overall, how effective was the teacher education program at the College of Charleston in preparing you as a teacher?

Answer	Bar	Response	%
More than effective		9	31.03%
Appropriately effective		15	51.72%
Somewhat effective		4	13.79%
Not effective		1	3.45%
Total		29	100.00%

Are you currently teaching in a public or private setting?

Answer	Bar	Response	%
Public		26	89.66%
Private		2	6.90%
Other		1	3.45%
Total		29	100.00%

If public setting, please indicate the school district in which you are teaching:

Answer	Bar	Response	%
Charleston County School District		6	24.00%
Berkeley County School District		3	12.00%
Dorchester Two School District		5	20.00%
Dorchester Four School District		3	12.00%
Other South Carolina School District		5	20.00%
School District in a state other than South Carolina		3	12.00%
Total		25	100.00%

Do you plan to continue being a classroom teacher for the next five years?

Answer	Bar	Response	%
Yes		24	85.71%
No		4	14.29%
Total		28	100.00%

If not a classroom teacher, please indicate your *current* status of employment:

Answer	Bar	Response	%
Seeking employment outside of the education field		0	0.00%
Enrolled in higher education		0	0.00%
Employed outside of the education field		0	0.00%
Not employed; not seeking employment		0	0.00%
Seeking employment as a classroom teacher		1	50.00%
Employed in an education position other than that of a classroom teacher		1	50.00%
Total		2	100.00%