

Content Knowledge Narrative

Follow up surveys were given to our initial and advanced graduates in the College of Education as well as employers of our graduates starting in the Spring Semester 2008 in order to assess their preparation in the Content Area, Content Knowledge and Skills, Professional and Pedagogical Knowledge, their ability to help all students learn Preparation related to Knowledge and skills in their Field, and their ability to create positive environments for student learning. The return rate for the advanced level graduates was approximately 20%. The mean for Content Knowledge approximately 2.8 with a mode of 3 with an N return of 79. The survey results suggest that most of our candidates at the advanced level rate their preparation for content knowledge as excellent.

At the initial level, teacher graduates were also surveyed to determine their opinion about their preparation in the areas of Content Area, Content Knowledge and Skills, Professional and Pedagogical Knowledge, their ability to help all students learn, preparation related to Knowledge and skills in their Field, and their ability to create positive environments for student learning. The return rate for the initial level graduates was approximately 98%. The mean for Content Knowledge is approximately 2.6 with a mode of 3 with an N return of 33. The survey results suggest that our candidates at the initial level rate their preparation for content knowledge as between acceptable and excellent

Surveys were also sent to employers to evaluate our graduates' performance on the job about their preparation in Content Area, Content Knowledge and Skills, Professional and Pedagogical Knowledge, their ability to help all students learn, Preparation related to Knowledge and skills in their Field, and their ability to create positive environments for student learning. Approximately 350 surveys were mailed to area schools with a return rate of 10%. The low return rate is because several of these schools did not have any of our graduates working on their campus. With a mean for Content Knowledge of approximately 2.4 and a mode of 2 results of the employer survey suggest that our candidates are rated by employers as acceptable or above in the area of Content Knowledge.