

# PAB Accreditation Public Information

## Outcomes

The Planning Accreditation Board recently adopted revised standards that place increased emphasis on outcomes (see [www.planningaccreditationboard.org](http://www.planningaccreditationboard.org)). To this end, the following information is provided about Temple University's MS in Community and Regional Planning program:

## Student Achievements

Our students are being recognized with numerous awards and scholarships. [Visit here for a complete list.](#)

## Alumni Feedback

In January 2014, a survey of Temple's MS in Community and Regional Planning alumni was conducted. These alumni were asked evaluative questions about their preparation for professional planning practice. These questions reflect the program competencies that define the curriculum put in place in fall 2009.

Here are the results of the survey:

Total number of alumni surveyed: 139

Responses: 66

Response rate: 47.5%

The distribution of respondents is as follows:

Class of 2004: 3.0%	Class of 2009: 6.2%
Class of 2005: 10.8%	Class of 2010: 10.8%
Class of 2006: 6.2%	Class of 2011: 10.8%
Class of 2007: 12.3%	Class of 2012: 16.9%
Class of 2008: 4.6%	Class of 2013: 18.5%

**90.7%** of all alumni (2004-2013) and **91.7%** of Class of 2013 alumni agreed or strongly agreed that:

*Temple's CRP program enabled me to develop strong analytical skills and the capacity to apply them in understanding American communities with respect to their social, economic, and physical conditions, the problems they face, and the opportunities they can build upon*

**80.5%** of all alumni (2004-2013) and **83.3%** of Class of 2013 alumni agreed or strongly agreed that:

*Temple's CRP program enabled me to develop strong interpersonal and communication skills and learn how to apply them to define, develop, and implement planning goals*

**92.3%** of all alumni (2004-2013) and **100%** of Class of 2013 alumni agreed or strongly agreed that:

*Temple's CRP program enabled me to understand the political, social, environmental, and economic dynamics of American communities*

**92.3%** of all alumni (2004-2013) and **91.7%** of Class of 2013 alumni agreed or strongly agreed that:

*Temple's CRP program enabled me to understand the unique values, roles, and responsibilities of the planning profession with particular emphasis on considerations of the environment, equity, and economy as framed by the concept of sustainability*

**84.6%** of all alumni (2004-2013) and **58.3%** of Class of 2013 alumni agreed or strongly agreed that:

*Temple University provided flexibility and support for my individual academic interests in planning*

**75.4%** of all alumni (2004-2013) and **66.7%** of Class of 2013 alumni agreed or strongly agreed that:

*Temple's CRP coursework adequately prepared me for a professional job in the first five years of my career*

## **In the Words of Our Alumni**

“The encouragement and funding support to attend and present in regional and national conferences; funding for organized planning tours; and encouragement to attend professional talks and events provided indispensable experiences outside the classroom”.

“I secured a Presidential Management Fellowship prior to graduation. Following my fellowship I became a Senior Management Analyst with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. None of this would have been possible without the support and guidance I received from Temple CRP. I owe Temple my career and I am ever thankful”.

“Temple's planning program allowed me to learn fundamental planning concepts at the core of our profession, as well as tailor my studies to my own unique interests. Not only did Temple foster an education built in equity and social responsibility, they incorporated design concepts, transportation, and other more tangible learned skills into the program. This allowed me to gain a

solid understanding of theory, policy and practice—all of which have more than adequately prepared me for a career with the federal government. Within a short time in my post-master’s career, I have become a go to person on many issues in planning, and specifically what the impacts of the built environment have on individuals within low-income communities. Temple has provided me with a solid foundation to move forward a priority of our current Presidential Administration and Department of Housing and Urban Development. During my time with Temple, I wrote countless papers and studied the intricacies of public housing and its impact and relationship with the surrounding community. Today, I am a manager in the very program that I was so passionate about studying. Temple University played a critical role in helping me to develop this professional identity. Staff are not only supportive of your studies, but they are also supportive in helping you realize your goals in professional development and employment. Their dedication is unparalleled and I cannot imagine where I would be on both a professional and personal level if it were not for my time with Temple University”.

## Student Retention and Graduation Rates

The MS in Community and Regional Planning program has 164 alumni. The current, accredited, 45 credit Program for the MS in Community and Regional Planning went into effect in fall 2009.

The retention rate is the percentage of first year students who return the next academic year. The graduation rate is the percentage of students who graduate within 4 years of enrolling.

Academic Year	Entering Cohort	2nd Year Retention Rate	Graduated within 4 Years	Graduation Rate
2011-2012	20	75.0%	15	75.0%
2012-2013	9	55.6%	n/a	44.4%*
2013-2014	21	85.7%	n/a	23.8%**
2014-2015	12	91.7%	n/a	n/a

\* 3-year graduation rate

\*\* 2-year graduation rate

## Degrees Awarded by Year

2011-2012	19
2012-2013	19
2013-2014	9
2014-2015	9

## APA/AICP Membership

To become a certified planner, members of the American Planning Association (APA) must meet certain education and experience requirements and pass the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Exam. The pass rate is the percentage of test takers who pass the examination within 3 years of graduating from a Master's program.

Of the three graduates from the class of 2012 who took the AICP exam within three years 67% passed.

## Alumni Employment

<b>Graduates- 2012</b>	19
Responses	19
Response Rate	100%
Employment within One Year of Graduation:	
Professional Planning Job	47.4%
Professional Planning-Related Job	42.1%
Pursuing Advanced Degree	0%
Total Employed within One Year of Graduation	89.5%
<b>Graduates- 2013</b>	19
Responses	17
Response Rate	89.5%
Employment within One Year of Graduation:	
Professional Planning Job	31.6%
Professional Planning-Related Job	36.9%
Pursuing Advanced Degree	0%
Total Employed within One Year of Graduation	68.4%
<b>Graduates- 2014</b>	9
Responses	9
Response Rate	100%

Employment within One Year of Graduation:	
Professional Planning Job	55.6%
Professional Planning-Related Job	44.4%
Pursuing Advanced Degree	0%
Total Employed within One Year of Graduation	100%

### Where is the Class of 2014 Working?

Organization	Job Title
CEO Council for Growth	Coordinator
CEO Council for Growth	Research Assistant
City of Philadelphia Office of Innovation and Technology	Program Manager for Innovation Management
HNTB Corporation	Transportation Planning
HNTB Corporation	Transit Planning and Project Control Analyst
Ruggiero Plante Land Design	Project Manager—Urban Planner
Trans-Pacific Engineering Corp.	Watershed Planner
USDA Forest Service	Program and Management Analyst
West Lampeter Township	Stormwater Coordinator

What follows is a list of places, agencies and firms where our alumni are currently or have been employed.

### Public Agencies

#### *Federal*

Federal Emergency Management Agency  
United States Army, Fort Drum, NY  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

U.S. Forest Service

#### *State*

Central Arkansas Transit Authority  
Montana Department of Health & Human Services  
NJ Transit  
Oregon Department of Transportation

Pennsylvania Department of Health, Chronic Disease Plan Development/Direction  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
Pennsylvania Treasury Department

***Regional***

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Philadelphia, PA  
Lehigh Valley Planning Commission  
SEPTA, Philadelphia, PA  
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Harrisburg, PA

***County***

Adams County Planning Commission, Gettysburg, PA  
Bucks County Planning Commission, Doylestown PA  
Camden County Improvement Authority, NJ  
Chester County Intermediate Unit, PA  
Chester County Planning Commission, PA  
Montgomery County Planning Commission, Norristown PA

***Local***

Center City District, Philadelphia, PA  
City of Bainbridge Island, WA  
City of Oldsmar, FL  
Cherry Hill Township, NJ  
Derry Township, Hershey, PA  
East Hempfield Township, PA  
Hatboro Borough, PA  
Lansdale Borough Council, PA  
Lower Merion Township Planning Department, PA  
Mount Joy Township, Elizabethtown, PA  
Newtown Township, PA  
Northampton Township, PA  
Philadelphia Planning Department, Division of Aviation, PA  
Philadelphia Water Department, PA  
Richland Town Borough, PA  
Richland Township, PA  
Sparta Township, NJ  
Upper Saucon Township, PA  
Warwick Township, PA  
Whitpain Township, PA

**Private Firms**

***Consulting (Planning, Engineering, Architecture, and Construction)***

A.D. Marble & Company, Conshohocken, PA  
AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.  
Boeing Rotorcraft

Bohler Engineering  
Carter van Dyke Associates, Doylestown, PA  
CDM Smith, Cambridge, MA  
Chplanning LTD, Philadelphia, PA  
CME Associates, Howell, NJ  
Conner Consulting  
CoWorx Staffing  
Dawood Engineering, Inc., Enola, PA  
F.X. Browne Inc., Lansdale, PA  
Gannet Fleming  
HNTB  
Integrated Project Services Inc.  
IVI Assessment Services  
Jacobs Engineering  
JMA Inc., West Chester, Pa  
KPI Technology  
Langan Engineering & Environmental Services  
Merck & Co. Inc./ Telerx Marketing  
M.T. Solomon & Associates, LLC  
Mainstay Engineering, Ambler PA  
New Penn Financial, Plymouth Meeting, PA  
NTM Engineering  
Orsatti & Associates, Inc., King Of Prussia, PA  
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Philadelphia, PA/Camp Hill, PA  
PBS&J  
Presby's Inspired Life, Lafayette Hill, PA  
Re:Vision Architecture, Philadelphia, PA  
Stantec Inc.  
Tax Credit Co.  
Triad Associates, Glenside PA/Vineland NJ  
UJMN Architects + Designers, Philadelphia, PA  
Urban Engineers, Inc., Philadelphia, PA  
URS  
Walker Parking Consultants, Wayne, PA

***Real Estate and Development***

Calvin Smoker Builder, Honey Brook, PA  
Colliers International, Philadelphia PA  
D.Patrick Welsh Real Estate LLC, Swarthmore, PA  
Exit Realty Capital Area, Harrisburg, PA  
Gramercy Property Trust  
Pennsylvania Association of Realtors, Harrisburg, PA  
Sal Paone Inc.  
WCI Partners, LP, Harrisburg, PA

**Non-Profits**

Abington Art Center, Jenkintown, PA  
Brandywine Conservancy, Chadds Ford, PA  
Center for Sustainable Development, Bangalore, India  
Community Cultural Exchange, Philadelphia, PA  
DataHaven, New Haven, CT  
Fair Housing Council of Suburban Philadelphia, PA  
Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association, King of Prussia, PA  
Habitat for Humanity  
Isles Inc., Trenton, NJ  
ICLEI, Local Governments for Sustainability  
Korean Community Development Services Center, Philadelphia, PA  
Lancaster Farmland Trust, Lancaster, PA  
Lehigh Valley Industrial Park, Inc., Bethlehem, PA  
Manna on Main Street, Lansdale, PA  
M+ R, Helena, Montana  
Natural Lands Trust, Media, PA  
New Jersey Energy Star Homes  
Pennsylvania Downtown Center, Harrisburg, PA  
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society  
Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation, Philadelphia, PA  
Regional Economic Development District Initiative (REDDI)  
Society of Environmental Journalists, Jenkintown, PA  
Tacony Community Development Corporation  
The Conservation Fund, Harrisburg, PA  
Turning Roots CSA, Downingtown, PA  
West End Neighborhood House, Wilmington, DE  
WVWA, Ambler, Pa

## **Universities**

University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD  
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ  
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

## **Other**

Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage, Rutledge, MO  
Farm To City, Philadelphia PA  
Heritage Equipment  
Kaplin, Stewart, Meloff, Reiter & Stein, P.C., Blue Bell, PA  
Monitor Data Corporation, Glenside, PA  
Performance Systems Development  
Sustainable Solutions Corporation



# Program Costs

## Tuition and Fees

<b>2015-16 Academic Year</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>In-state:</b>	<b>\$20,472</b>	<b>\$395</b>	<b>\$20,867</b>
<b>Out-of-state:</b>	<b>\$28,056</b>	<b>\$395</b>	<b>\$28,451</b>

For a complete list of student fees and for a per-credit –hour breakdown of tuition rates, please refer to the University’s 2015-16 Tuition Rate Schedule by School/College:

[http://www.temple.edu/grad/admissions/tuition\\_fees.htm](http://www.temple.edu/grad/admissions/tuition_fees.htm)

<http://bursar.temple.edu/tuition-and-fees/tuition-rates>