

BS Criminology Graduates in Laguna State Polytechnic University- San Pablo City Campus: Employability and Problems Encountered

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ABSTRACT

It is a primary aim of every institution to ensure that they produce quality graduates who will contribute to the nation's workforce in achieving development goals. Educational institutions have to equip their graduates with knowledge, skills, and values that will qualify them to work. Hence, this descriptive study was conducted to trace the employability status and the problems encountered by the ninety (90) graduates from batch 2014-2016 selected thru a convenient sampling technique. Most of the employed choose their career due to the immediate needs to support their family and pursuing criminology-related careers. The excellent salary and benefits of the agency/institution are significant factors for the BS Criminology graduates to apply and stay in their first chosen career. Moreover, the majority of the graduates tend to choose the Tri-bureaus (PNP, BJMP, and BFP) as their career path; hence, graduates spend at least 2-3 years to qualify themselves and complete the requirements set by the agencies. The majority of graduates choose to review and pass the Criminologist Licensure Examination before looking for a job. The reason for non-employment among BS Criminology graduates varies, including family concerns, health-related issues, further study, low job opportunities, lack of work experience, and low interest in looking for a job. Therefore, it is recommended that an intervention program be formulated or adopted by the college to address issues on the employability of BS Criminology graduates.

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