

# Graduate Surveys Institutional Summary

2020 results and 5-year trends

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## Graduate Survey Overview

Unitec's Graduate Surveys are carried out to provide a robust and consistent approach to measuring graduate outcomes, programme success and graduate satisfaction. Graduate surveys are monitored and audited to ensure reporting is done in a statistically fair manner.

Graduate surveys are sent out for completion online twice a year, in May and October to capture all the graduates graduating either in the middle or the end of the year. The survey aims to collect data about graduates' employment or study status, further study plans, current job information and satisfaction with their learning experiences in Unitec. Graduates are also asked to comment on the expected Graduate Programme Outcomes (GPO) as outlined in the NZQA website.

Reporting of the 2020 wave (for 2019 graduates) is delivered at three levels:

- 1. Institutional Summary Report Analysis and reporting of performance at institutional and school levels based on the latest Graduate Survey results; trend analysis based on 5-year combined survey results.
- 2. Graduate Survey Dashboard Interactive dashboard which allows you to filter data by school, programme, course, class, priority group and year. Located in the Institutional Reports App of Power BI.
- 3. School Reports Graduate KPIs and GPO analysis to support PEPs.

This Institutional Summary Report provides analysis of the 2020 graduate survey results and 5-year trend analysis where applicable:

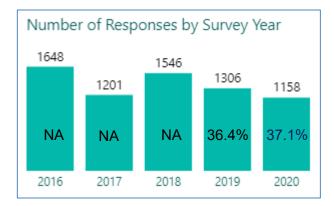
- 1. Overall Graduate KPIs
  - % Graduate Employed, Studying or Combined (GESC)
  - % Employed
  - % Further Study
  - % Qualification relevant to Employment
- 2. Satisfaction with United
  - Likelihood of recommending Unitec (using the Net Promoter Score ratings)
  - · Qualification being worth the investment
  - Qualification meeting the main job requirement
- 3. Ratings of learning experiences and skills acquired



## 2020 Sample size and Response rate



Response rates are only available for 2019 and 2020.



Surveys for 2019 graduates were sent out in October 2019 and May 2020. Slightly over one-third of the sample responded, amounting to 37.1% in response rate.

For priority groups except Pacific (43.7%), the response rates were lower than the Unitec average.

Community Studies led the other schools in response rate, standing at 46.4%, and Building Construction had the lowest at 25.2%.

School Name	Responses	Total Sent	Response Rate
Applied Business	150	434	34.6%
Architecture	89	218	40.8%
Bridgepoint	146	402	36.3%
Building Construction	87	345	25.2%
Community Studies	51	110	46.4%
Computing & Information Technology	89	232	38.4%
Creative Industries	44	148	29.7%
Engineering & Applied Technology	74	245	30.2%
Environmental & Animal Sciences	112	258	43.4%
Healthcare & Social Practice	77	167	46.1%
Trades & Services	59	197	29.9%

<b>Priority Group</b>	Responses	<b>Total Sent</b>	Response Rate
Māori	74	213	34.7%
Non-Māori	1084	2910	37.3%
Pacific	173	396	43.7%
Non-Pacific	985	2727	36.1%
International	144	460	31.3%
Domestic	1014	2663	38.1%
Under 25	437	1327	32.9%
25 or over	721	1796	40.1%

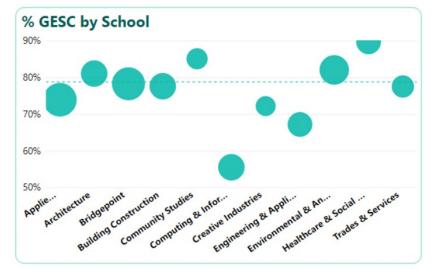


## 2020 Graduate KPIs

School Name	% Employed	% Higher Study	% GESC	% Qualification Relevant
Applied Business	70.0%	10.1%	73.9%	77.1%
Architecture	73.3%	25.7%	81.1%	64.8%
Bridgepoint	46.2%	53.5%	78.3%	45.0%
Building Construction	71.1%	10.5%	77.6%	88.9%
Community Studies	60.4%	29.8%	85.1%	85.7%
Computing & Information Technology	50.0%	18.1%	55.6%	57.1%
Creative Industries	61.1%	22.2%	72.2%	63.6%
Engineering & Applied Technology	66.2%	6.6%	67.2%	87.2%
Environmental & Animal Sciences	67.9%	35.8%	82.1%	66.2%
Healthcare & Social Practice	88.2%	33.8%	89.7%	96.7%
Trades & Services	67.3%	22.4%	77.6%	69.7%

All colour coding is based off the 2022 institutional targets 10% below target 0-10% below target 10-10% above target 10-10% a

Size of the circle indicates the number of respondents





**Top schools:** Healthcare & Social Practice with % GESC at 89.7%, % Qualification Relevant to Employment at 96.7% and % Employed at 88.2% topped the list in all three indicators. The only other school that met the target of 85% in % GESC was Community Studies. Bridgepoint had the highest % Higher Study at 53.5% which has been a consistent pattern over the years.

Weak performers: Computing & Information Technology had the lowest % in all three indicators with % GESC at 55.6%, % Employed at 50% and % Qualification Relevant to Employment at 57.1% (discounting Bridgepoint which prepares students for further study). Engineering & Applied Technology followed with the second lowest % GESC at 67.2% which was mainly driven by a low of only 6.6% in Higher Study.

**School contribution to % GESC**: Environmental & Animal Sciences contributed favourably towards the institute rate given a high % GESC and a relatively large number of respondents.

Bridgepoint and Applied Business had the largest number of respondents (representing 26% of total) but a lower than average % GESC and so exerted a relatively larger downward pressure on the Institute rate. Computing & Information Technology had a medium respondent size but its % GESC was well below average, further pulling down the overall rate.



## % GESC and Response Rate Benchmarks

	Unitec	Unitec	Otago Polytechnic	Manukau Institute of Technology	Ara Institute of Canterbury	Southern Institute of Technology
Month/Year of the survey(s)	October 2019, May 2020	October 2018, May 2019	July 2019	2019	2019	June 2019
Graduation year	2019	2018	2018	2018	2018	2018
Number of months after graduation	5 months	5 months	8 months	6 months	NA	7 months
% GESC	78.8%	82.4%	94%	76%	87.2%	97%
Response Rate	37.1%	36.4%	NA	NA	46.2%	46%

#### % GESC for 2018 graduates

• Unitec was below all the other four institutes except Manukau Institute of Technology.

#### **Response Rates**

• For Unitec, the response rates in both years are below that achieved by Ara and Southern Institute of Technology by about 9-10%.

#### Number of months after graduation

Compared with others, Unitec has the shortest time lapse between graduation and survey delivery.



## 2020 Graduate KPIs for Priority Groups

Māori	% Employed	% Higher Study	% GESC	% Qualification Relevant
Māori	73.8%	30.0%	85.0%	77.3%
Non-Māori	69.3%	24.3%	79.3%	77.1%
Pacific -	% Employed	% Higher Study	% GESC	% Qualification Relevant
Pacific	72.5%	27.0%	82.4%	75.7%
Non-Pacific	69.1%	24.2%	79.2%	77.4%
Under 25yrs FLAG	% Employed	% Higher Study	% GESC	% Qualification Relevant
-			% GESC 77.8%	
FLAG	Employed	Study		Relevant
FLAG 15-24yrs	Employed 61.5%	Study 33.2%	77.8%	Relevant 70.7%
FLAG 15-24yrs 25+yrs	61.5% 74.4% %	33.2% 19.4% % Higher	77.8% 80.8%	Relevant 70.7% 80.3% % Qualification

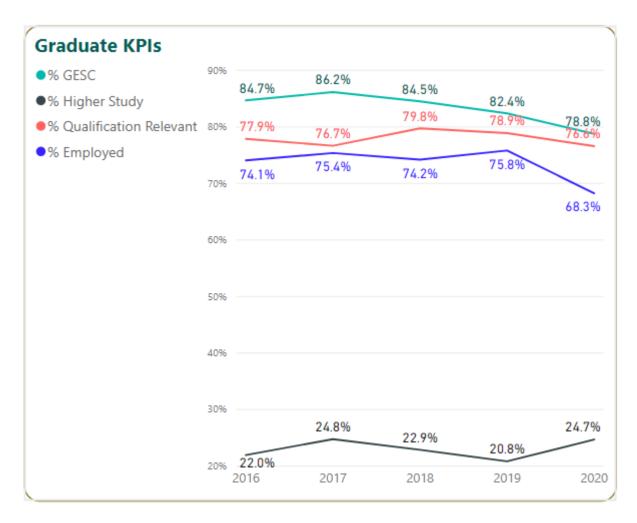
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#### **Priority Groups:**

- The only group that met the 85% target in % GESC is the Māori group.
- The International Group had the lowest % GESC, % Employed and % Higher Study at 65.3%, 56% and 18% respectively; but was top in % Qualification Relevant to Employment at 86.2%.
- This group is also the least responsive group as it suffers the lowest response rate.
- The Under 25yrs had the lowest % Qualification Relevant but the highest % Higher Study, suggesting this group was more interested in studying further and exploring career options.



## Graduate KPIs – 5-year trends



#### Trend:

- In 2020, % GESC dropped by 3.6% from 2019, fuelled mainly by a 7.5% drop in % Employed which was mitigated by a 3.9% increase in % Higher Study.
- The 2020 % GESC continued a decreasing trend over the past 5 years.
- % Qualification Relevant to Employment fluctuated over the years and dropped by 2.3% from 2019 to 2020.
- The survey was conducted in May during the lockdown which may have impacted both % Employed and % Higher Study.



## % GESC ( % Graduates Employed, Studying or Combining)

School	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019-2020 variance	2016-2020 variance
Applied Business	82.0%	83.0%	86.8%	79.8%	73.9%	-5.9%	-8.1%
Architecture	89.0%	80.9%	82.1%	82.5%	81.1%	-1.4%	-7.9%
Bridgepoint	77.8%	85.7%	79.2%	80.0%	78.3%	-1.7%	0.5%
Building Construction	92.7%	90.7%	80.0%	80.2%	77.6%	-2.6%	-15.1%
Community Studies	93.6%	88.0%	93.6%	90.0%	85.1%	-4.9%	-8.5%
Computing & Information Technology	66.7%	67.1%	62.4%	55.9%	55.6%	-0.3%	-11.1%
Creative Industries	76.7%	80.4%	78.3%	67.6%	72.2%	4.6%	-4.5%
Engineering & Applied Technology	89.9%	85.7%	78.1%	75.7%	67.2%	-8.5%	-22.7%
Environmental & Animal Sciences	81.3%	92.9%	87.1%	86.5%	82.1%	-4.4%	0.8%
Healthcare & Social Practice	84.2%	84.3%	91.0%	87.7%	89.7%	2.0%	5.5%
Trades & Services	88.0%	84.4%	86.7%	75.8%	77.6%	1.8%	-10.4%

#### **High performers**

- Healthcare & Social Practice was the only school with an increase in both the 2-year and 5-year periods.
- Community Studies stayed strong over the years but witnessed a drop in both periods.

- Over the 2-year and 5-year periods, 8 out of 11 schools saw a drop in % GESC.
- Out of the 8 schools, half saw a 2-digit decline over the past 5 years. These are Engineering & Applied
  Technology (-22.7%), Building Construction (-15.1%), Computing & Information Technology (-11.1%) and Trades
  & Services (-10.4%)
- Engineering & Applied Technology saw the largest decrease over both the 2-year (-8.5%) and the 5-year (-22.7%) periods respectively.



## % Employed

						2019-2020	2016-2020
School	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	variance	variance
Applied Business	72.9%	76.1%	73.3%	76.0%	70.0%	-6.0%	-2.9%
Architecture	74.6%	66.7%	66.7%	73.8%	73.3%	-0.5%	-1.3%
Bridgepoint	41.4%	47.7%	42.4%	39.2%	46.2%	7.0%	4.8%
Building Construction	91.3%	89.1%	74.6%	78.7%	71.1%	-7.6%	-20.2%
Community Studies	79.8%	76.4%	80.6%	91.4%	60.4%	-31.0%	-19.4%
Computing & Information Technology	61.9%	62.1%	54.5%	52.3%	50.0%	-2.3%	-11.9%
Creative Industries	69.9%	66.2%	62.3%	57.1%	61.1%	4.0%	-8.8%
Engineering & Applied Technology	74.2%	75.9%	78.2%	77.5%	66.2%	-11.3%	-8.0%
Environmental & Animal Sciences	77.1%	77.0%	71.6%	78.8%	67.9%	-10.9%	-9.2%
Healthcare & Social Practice	75.7%	80.9%	90.2%	88.1%	88.2%	0.1%	12.5%
Trades & Services	78.1%	70.1%	82.1%	71.1%	67.3%	-3.8%	-10.8%

#### **High performers**

 Two schools saw an increase in both the 2-year and 5-year periods. These are Bridgepoint and Healthcare & Social Practice.

- Over the 2-year period, 8 out of 11 schools saw a drop in % Employed; this increased to 9 schools over the 5-year period.
- Over both periods, Community Studies was the only school with a 2-digit decrease. Its 2-year decline reached 31%.
- Building Construction saw an almost continuous drop since 2016, despite a slight climb in 2019.
- Computing & Information Technology and Creative Industries stayed at a low rate over the years, consistently lower than all other schools over the years (excepting Bridgepoint which prepares students for further study).



## % Higher Study

						2019- 2020	2016- 2020
School	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	variance	variance
Applied Business	13.7%	23.2%	19.4%	9.2%	10.1%	0.9%	-3.6%
Architecture	26.8%	23.4%	25.4%	22.8%	25.7%	2.9%	-1.1%
Bridgepoint	60.3%	67.9%	59.4%	57.6%	53.5%	-4.1%	-6.8%
Building Construction	7.3%	4.7%	11.1%	8.6%	10.5%	1.9%	3.2%
Community Studies	27.7%	32.0%	29.8%	13.3%	29.8%	16.5%	2.1%
Computing & Information Technology	7.5%	9.2%	7.9%	8.8%	18.1%	9.3%	10.6%
Creative Industries	12.2%	26.8%	21.7%	11.8%	22.2%	10.4%	10.0%
Engineering & Applied Technology	23.2%	6.1%	12.5%	11.4%	6.6%	-4.8%	-16.6%
Environmental & Animal Sciences	17.3%	37.1%	31.7%	20.3%	35.8%	15.5%	18.5%
Healthcare & Social Practice	26.7%	20.6%	41.0%	40.7%	33.8%	-6.9%	7.1%
Trades & Services	30.0%	37.8%	46.7%	24.2%	22.4%	-1.8%	-7.6%

In contrast to the decreases observed for % Employed (and % GESC), % Higher Study showed a vigorous increase in various schools.

#### **High performers**

- Five schools saw an increase in both the 2-year and 5-year periods with two of them registering very encouraging 2-digit increases over both periods. These are Environmental & Animal Sciences and Creative Industries.
- Community Studies had the largest increase in % Higher Study from 2019 to 2020 (but interestingly had the lowest performance in % Employed over both periods).

- While Bridgepoint prepares students for further study and consistently had the highest % Higher Study, the rate has steadily declined over the past 5 years.
- Building Construction and Computing & Information Technology had the lowest rates over the years. (The latter, however, managed to buck the trend with a 2-digit rise of 10.6% from 2019 to 2020.)



### % Qualification Relevant to Employment

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						2019- 2020	2016- 2020
School	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	variance	variance
Applied Business	76.0%	65.5%	78.5%	75.3%	77.1%	1.8%	1.1%
Architecture	80.9%	71.9%	78.4%	74.4%	64.8%	-9.6%	-16.1%
Bridgepoint	32.3%	37.9%	30.2%	48.9%	45.0%	-3.9%	12.7%
Building Construction	93.1%	89.5%	93.2%	85.5%	88.9%	3.4%	-4.2%
Community Studies	74.6%	73.2%	77.1%	75.9%	85.7%	9.8%	11.1%
Computing & Information Technology	78.2%	75.0%	60.0%	66.0%	57.1%	-8.9%	-21.1%
Creative Industries	59.1%	51.4%	34.8%	45.0%	63.6%	18.6%	4.5%
Engineering & Applied Technology	86.5%	83.7%	87.7%	70.2%	87.2%	17.0%	0.7%
Environmental & Animal Sciences	69.9%	67.3%	72.2%	56.7%	66.2%	9.5%	-3.7%
Healthcare & Social Practice	84.9%	86.8%	93.9%	98.6%	96.7%	-1.9%	11.8%
Trades & Services	80.9%	81.6%	87.1%	62.5%	69.7%	7.2%	-11.2%

#### **High performers**

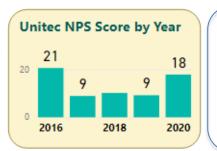
- Building Construction and Healthcare & Social Practice consistently led other schools with high rates over the 5 years.
- Engineering & Applied Technology and Creative Industries showed a 2-digit increase over the 2-year period, as well as an increase in the 5-year period. Engineering & Applied Technology saw a drop in % GESC in both periods as seen in the previous slide despite this robust improvement in the Qualification relevance to employment measure.
- Community Studies, Bridgepoint and Healthcare & Social Practice also fared well with a 2-digit increase over the 5-year period.

- Four schools showed a decrease over the 2-year period compared with 5 schools over the 5-year period.
- Three schools had a 2-digit decrease over the 5-year period, with Computing & Information Technology topping the list (-21.1%), followed by Architecture (-16.1%) and Trades & Services (-11.2%).
- Of these three schools, Trades & Services and Computing & Information Technology had a 2-digit decrease in both % GESC and % Qualification Relevant to Employment over the 5-year period.



## Graduate Net Promoter Scores

**Unitec:** In the 2020 wave, nearly half (43%) of the respondents were promoters of United. The NPS score has suffered over the past 3 years but rose to 18 in 2020.





33%

43%

24%

**Top performers**: Bridgepoint got the highest score of 38 despite a drop from 2019 and 2016. Environmental & Animal Sciences saw a healthy increase of 13% from 2019 to become the second top performer. An encouraging trend is seen with seven schools out of 11 getting a 2-digit increase from 2019, topped by Trades & Services with a 34% rise. **Low performers**: Creative Industries is the only school with a negative score of -6 despite a 2-digit improvement from 2016 and 2019. Architecture scored only 1 and saw a drop of 28% from 2016. Community Studies is the only school with a 2-digit drop over both the 2-year and 5-year periods. While nine schools saw an increase from 2019, six or more than half of the schools saw a drop from 2016.

						2019-2020	2016-2019
School	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Variance	Variance
Applied Business	26	5	8	-5	19	24	-7
Architecture	29	-14	-12	-5	1	6	-28
Bridgepoint	42	41	37	45	38	-7	-4
Building Construction	22	-24	-17	-25	7	32	-15
Community Studies	20	8	11	40	4	-36	-16
Computing & Information Technology	28	-7	7	9	22	13	-6
Creative Industries	-24	-15	-14	-21	-6	15	18
Engineering & Applied Technology	21	27	11	15	28	13	7
Environmental & Animal Sciences	35	41	2	23	36	13	1
Healthcare & Social Practice	5	-15	-21	8	15	7	10
Trades & Services	31	14	29	-13	21	34	-10

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## Qualification worth the investment



**Unitec:** The measure has stayed stable over the past 4 years (the question was added to the survey from 2017).

#### **High performers**:

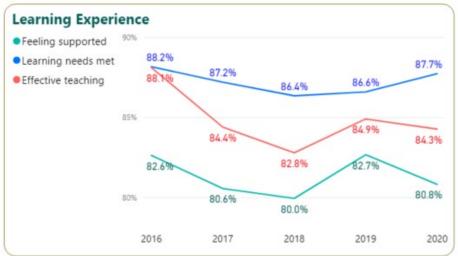
- Five schools saw increases over both the 2-year and 5-year periods, with Creative Industries and Applied Business registering a 2-digit increase over both periods.
- Healthcare & Social Practice was the only school that stayed consistently above 70% throughout the 5 years.

- Computing & Information Technology and Creative Industries have stayed in the low range of 36.8%-58.3% despite an increase over both periods.
- Community Studies saw a huge drop of 26.2% from 2019 to 2020. This, combined with a drop of 36% in NPS score over the same period, reflect a concerning negative student perception of qualifications obtained from the school. (The 2020 response rate for the school is the highest of all at 46.4%, suggesting the result is the most representative compared with other schools.)

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Applied Business	55.5%	57.3%	51.9%	67.2%	15.3%	11.7%
Architecture	63.6%	59.4%	67.9%	56.8%	-11.1%	-6.8%
Bridgepoint	74.1%	54.8%	61.3%	67.2%	5.9%	-6.9%
Building Construction	59.5%	60.0%	59.7%	58.7%	-1.0%	-0.8%
Community Studies	63.3%	67.4%	90.0%	63.8%	-26.2%	0.5%
Computing & Information Technology	44.0%	47.0%	45.9%	54.4%	8.5%	10.4%
Creative Industries	48.2%	36.8%	45.5%	58.3%	12.8%	10.1%
Engineering & Applied Technology	73.5%	65.6%	71.6%	65.6%	-6.0%	-7.9%
Environmental & Animal Sciences	69.6%	63.6%	64.8%	70.5%	5.7%	0.9%
Healthcare & Social Practice	70.1%	78.9%	76.3%	70.6%	-5.7%	0.5%
Trades & Services	63.6%	66.7%	50.0%	66.7%	16.7%	3.1%



## Learning experiences



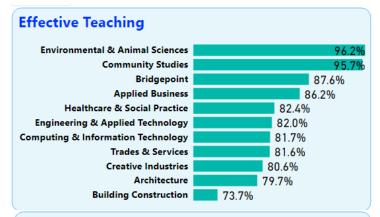
#### 5-year trend at the institute level

- Of the three measures, Unitec had the highest rating consistently in Learning needs met over 5 years, in the range of 86..4% to 88.2%.
- Learning needs met and Effective teaching both follow the same pattern over the years with its highest in 2016 and lowest in 2018.
- Feeling supported consistently lagged behind the other 2 measures and the gap between Learning needs met and Feeling supported is at its widest at 6.9% in 2020.

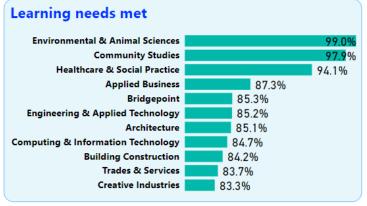
#### 2020 results at the school level

- Top performers: In 2020, Environmental & Animal Science topped the list in Effective teaching and Learning needs met. The school, together with Community Studies, achieved a 90%+ rate in all three measures.
- Healthcare & Social Practice was the only other school that had a 90%+ rate in one of the measures (Learning needs met).
- **Low performers**: Building Construction had the lowest rate in Effective Teaching (73.7%) and Feeling supported (71.1%).
- Creative Industries, Trades & Services and Architecture are mostly at the bottom of the list in all three measures.

#### 2020 Graduate survey - Learning experiences









## Job-related measures



#### 5-year trend at institute level (graph above)

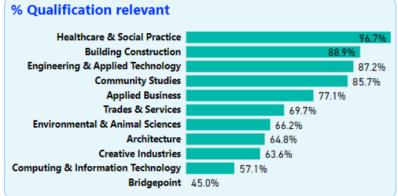
- The two measures show the same pattern in time as seen in the graph and further validated by the correlation statistics (at 0.83 on the next slide).
- % Qualification Relevant to Employment consistently stayed above %
   Qualification met job requirements in the range of 8.1% to 11.9% over the
   past 5 years, suggesting that there is a consistent gap between relevant
   knowledge and practical work skills. This may be due to 1) insufficient
   alignment with real industry needs or 2) respondents working in a field not
   relevant to their qualifications (and so giving a low rating to % Qualification
   met job requirements).

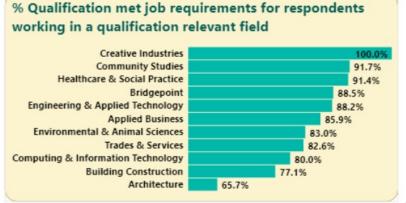
#### 2020 results at school level (3 graphs to the right)

- Top performer: In 2020, Healthcare & Social Practice was well above other schools in both measures.
- Greatest gap between the 2 measures: Building Construction exhibited the largest gap of 20.4% followed by Architecture at 16.7%,
- For those who work in a qualification relevant field, Architecture was the school that least prepared students well for their relevant jobs (65.7%), followed by Building Construction (77.1%).

#### 2020 Graduate survey - Job-related measures

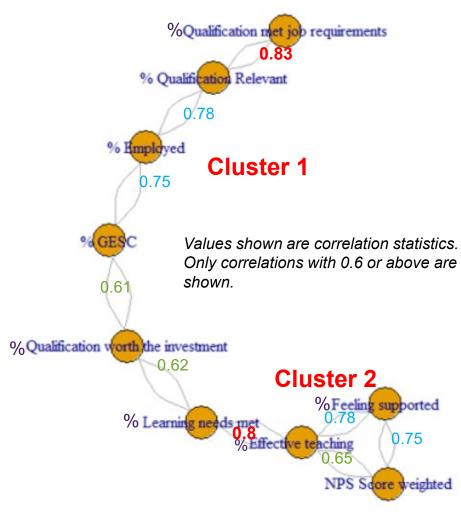








## Correlation clusters



#### **Highest correlations**

- % Qualification met job requirements and % Qualification relevant to employment have the highest correlation of 0.83, underlying the importance of working in a relevant field for knowledge and skills gained from a qualification to be applicable to meet work demands.
- The second highest correlation is 0.8 between Learning needs met and Effective teaching, suggesting students perceived catering for diverse learning needs was of primary importance in effective teaching.

#### Cluster 1 - job-related

The first cluster shows a strong linear linking among measures related to employment. Of the four measures, % Qualification met job requirements and % Qualification relevant are respondent perceptions while % Employed and % GESC are actual % recording employment and higher study engagements. This suggests that respondent perceptions are reflections of their actual work and job hunting experiences. To increase the former pair requires increasing the latter pair.

#### Cluster 2 - learning-related

 The second cluster with close relationships consists of measures of learning experiences (Feeling supported, Effective teaching and Learning needs met) and NPS Scores. This suggests that whether respondents would like to recommend Unitec (promoters) relate highly to their studying experience in Unitec and not directly related to their job encounters.

#### Linking between Clusters 1 and 2

 The two conceptually distinct clusters are correlated with each other via % Qualification worth the investment, suggesting that perceptions of both areas (job and learning) are relevant considerations when respondents decide on whether the qualification is worth the money spent.



## Multivariate Regression Analysis of Graduate Survey Results 2016-2020

## 1) Qualification worth the investment

#### 2) NPS Score

Technology skills acquired

Being employed

Effective teaching

R2 = 0.72

Multivariate Regression analysis was carried out to identify key contributors to the following two measures:

- · NPS Score
- · % Qualification worth the investment

The results indicate the following are statistically significant contributors (in order of importance):

- Feeling supported
- Technology skills acquired
- Being employed
- · Effective teaching

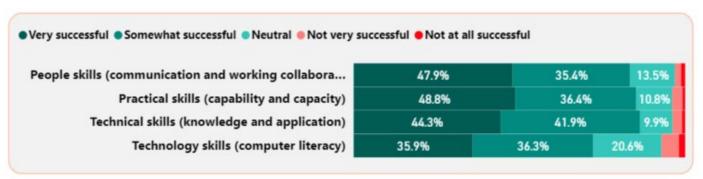


## Programme success in providing skills 2020

Of the four skills, Unitec programmes are most successful in imparting technical skills with 86.2% of the respondents agreeing they have successfully acquired the skill.

**High performers:** Community Studies was the top school in providing 3 skills (practical, people and technical) out of 4. Similarly, Environmental & Animal Sciences was top in providing 2 out of 4 skills (practical and technical).

**Low performers:** Architecture is a low performer in providing practical, people and technical skills and Building Construction is low in providing practical and technical skills. This echoes the low % Qualification met job requirements for the two schools as noted in Slide 14.



	High performers	Low performers
Practical skills	Community Studies (95.7%) Environmental & Animal Sciences (94.3%)	Building Construction (73.7%) Architecture (75.7%)
People skills	Healthcare & Social Practice (91.2%) Community Studies (89.4%)	Architecture (71.6%) Engineering & Applied Technology (73.8%)
Technical skills	Community Studies (95.7%) Environmental & Animal Sciences (95.2%)	Building Construction (77.6%) Architecture (79.7%)
Technology skills	Engineering & Applied Technology (91.8%) Computing & Information Technology (85.9%)	Environmental & Animal Sciences (61.9%) Community Studies (63.8%)

<sup>%</sup> indicating Very successful or Somewhat successful



## Programme success in providing skills 2-year and 5-year trends

School	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2019-2020 variance	2016-2020 variance
Applied Business	76.9%	72.1%	80.1%	75.0%	80.2%	5.2%	3.3%
Architecture	77.6%	68.2%	73.5%	71.9%	73.3%	1.4%	-4.3%
Bridgepoint	75.0%	79.1%	78.5%	82.6%	78.5%	-4.2%	3.5%
Building Construction	71.4%	73.3%	67.2%	73.8%	76.3%	2.6%	5.0%
Community Studies	79.3%	81.6%	86.2%	88.3%	86.2%	-2.2%	6.8%
Computing & Information Technology	78.1%	68.4%	79.8%	83.9%	85.2%	1.3%	7.2%
Creative Industries	68.6%	74.6%	76.5%	68.9%	79.2%	10.2%	10.6%
Engineering & Applied Technology	76.5%	82.7%	79.0%	82.6%	86.9%	4.3%	10.4%
Environmental & Animal Sciences	76.0%	77.9%	81.2%	76.8%	83.3%	6.6%	7.3%
Healthcare & Social Practice	77.2%	78.3%	83.4%	87.5%	84.2%	-3.3%	7.0%
Trades & Services	71.4%	76.7%	80.8%	68.0%	81.1%	13.2%	9.7%

% indicating Very successful or Somewhat successful and is an average of all four skills (practical, people, technology and people) combined

#### **Promising trend:**

- It is encouraging that seven schools recorded an increase over both the 2-year and 5-year periods and only Architecture saw a drop over the 5-year period. While Creative Industries did not have high rates over the past 5 years, it is the only school that experienced a 2-digit rise over both periods.
- No schools achieved a rate over 80% in 2016, but 2 successfully had their rates lifted to 80%+ in 2017, with the number increasing to 5 in in 2018 and 2019 and further mounting to 7 in 2020.



## Comments from promoters in 2020 survey

Topic modelling was used to identify themes in the comments made by promoters of Unitec.

#### **Great support**

"there were many different options if you needed support for anything."

"Supportive teachers and services"

"the student support is awesome"

"I felt extremely well supported at all times"

"The support I had while studying there was exceptional"

"The staff are very supportive"

#### **Good teachers**

"Lectures are friendly, helpful and can be easily approached"

"great staff Who really encourage you and are understanding"

"The teachers are supportive and helpful"

"I feel completely satisfied with everything unitec offered, I had amazing teachers"

"The staff were great - super knowledgeable and very supportive"

#### **Practical emphasis on learning**

"balance of understanding the theoretical and practical aspect"

"Fun theory and practical classes"

#### **Support for International students**

"i highly recommended unitec for international ... THEY WILL SUPPORT YOU FOR EVERYTHING"

"Very supportive to International students from enrollment to the end of programme"



## Comments from detractors in 2020 survey

Topic modelling was used to identify themes in the comments made by detractors of Unitec.

#### **Poor facilities**

"its lack of facilities and remote location actually drove me to avoid studying on campus and attending lectures"

"No studio environment any more ... facilities taken from us"

"Compared to other local universities in Auckland (and even outside of Auckland), United simply does not have the facilities or resources to compete with others"

"The facilities of building 1 were way below standard"

"I think Unitec do not provide enough areas of study or personal study areas such as study rooms for students. The hub is noisy and not a library at all"

#### **Teaching issues**

"disorganization and poor lecturers at times.

"Having a lecturer who lacks industry/teaching experience"

"lectures are not knowledgable"

"The project they assigned to us was a mess"

"changing teachers always"

"also a lot of changes happening in lecturers which made my learning a bit more difficult"

#### Poor communication

"Unitec's communication with students and their organisation leaves much to be desired"

"The lecturers ... had poor communication and collaboration"

"aliasing with staff at the student center was extremely difficult and stressful; with breakdowns in communication, delays, and misinformation"

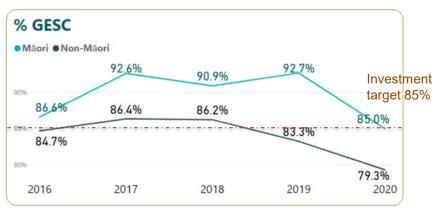
"Enrollment and administrative processes and communications need to be a bit more helpful"

"Enrollment process and communication felt very poor"

"The communication was all over the place"



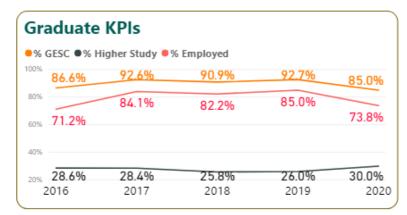
## Priority Group - Māori





#### 2020 Recommendation ratings breakdown





#### % GESC

- During the 2016-2019 period, the % GESC for Māori students performed well above the investment target. However, 2020 saw a decline to 85%, on par with the target.
- The Graduate KPIs graph (bottom left) indicates the decline was mainly driven by a drop to 73.8% in % Employed.

- The NPS scores for Māori students are consistently higher than those for non-Māori students.
- Over the years there was a rising trend for Māori NPS Score reaching 38 in 2020, well above the separate United and non-Māori score of 18.

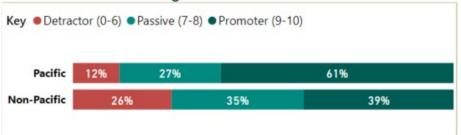


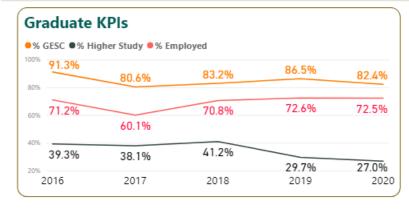
## Priority Group - Pacific





#### 2020 Recommendation ratings breakdown





#### % GESC

- During the 2016-2020 period, the % GESC for Pacific fluctuated but the general 5-year trend is a declining one from its peak of 91.3% in 2016 to a rate below target for 3 years (2017, 2018 and 2020).
- The Graduate KPIs graph (bottom left) indicates the downward trend was mainly driven by a decline in % Higher study.

- Similar to the Māori priority group, the NPS scores for Pacific are consistently higher than those for non-Pacific students.
- The NPS score for Pacific stayed high over the years to reach 49 in 2020, well above the Unitec score of 18 and the non-Pacific score of 13.

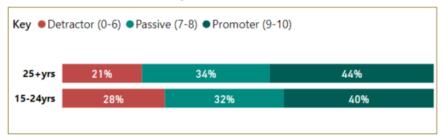


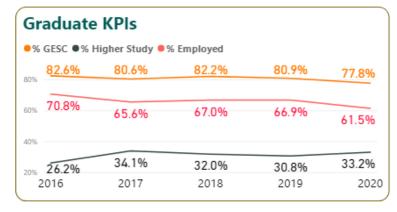
## Priority Group – Under 25yrs





#### 2020 Recommendation ratings breakdown





#### % GESC

- During the 2016-2020 period, the % GESC for under 25yrs consistently failed to meet the investment target and stayed below that for 25yrs+.
- In 2020, the % GESC for under 25yrs reached its lowest over the 5-year period to 77.8%, although the gap with 25yrs+ narrowed to 3%.
- The Graduate KPIs graph (bottom left) indicates that the declining trend was mainly driven by a similar trend in % Employed while % Higher Study remained stable with minor fluctuations.

- The NPS scores for under 25yrs showed a decreasing trend but rose steeply to 13 in 2020.
- Despite this, there is cause for concern as the under 25yrs group is the ONLY priority group giving a lower NPS rating compared to its counterpart in 2020, bearing in mind the NPS Score correlates highly with the students' learning experiences (feeling supported, effective teaching and learning needs met).

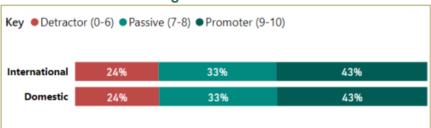


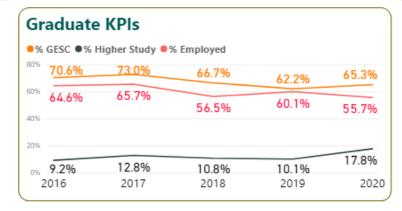
## Priority Group - International





#### 2020 Recommendation ratings breakdown





#### % GESC

- During the 2016-2020 period, the % GESC for International are consistently lower than those for domestic students. Over time, the gap has been widening and finally narrowed in 2020.
- The narrowing gap in 2020 was due more to a drop for Domestic than any significant increase for International.
- In the Graduate KPIs graph (bottom left), while there was no rising trend observed for % Employed for International, there was an obvious increase from 2019 to 2020 in % Higher Study.

- The NPS Score for International dropped significantly from 32 in 2016 to only 4 in 2017 and stayed low for 3 years, bouncing back to converge with that for Domestic at 19 in 2020.
- This would also mean that for international students, their learning experiences improved in 2020. Comments from promoters validated the observations.



## Summary and Recommendations

#### Summary

- The 2020 graduate survey results have shown an obvious drop in % Employed but a rise in % Higher Study at the institute level and for most schools, resulting in a drop in % GESC. The changes in the two measures might have been impacted by the COVID-19 lockdown.
- Learning experiences influenced respondents' evaluation of whether they would recommend United (NPS score) while job encounters underlied respondents' perception of whether a qualification is worth the money spent.
- Healthcare & Social Practice was a top school in the job measures in 2020 and over the past five years.
- In 2020, Community Studies and Environmental & Animal Sciences led other schools in providing a satisfying learning experience as well as in providing various essential skills over the past five years.

#### Recommendation

- The response rate of 37.1% in the 2020 graduate survey has increased slightly from 36.8% for the 2019 graduate survey, but still far below the target response rate of 60% recommended by the <u>Higher Education Statistics Agency</u> which runs surveys for the higher education sector in the UK. For the first time since graduate survey were run, the APMs were notified and given the email addresses of the students so that they could send reminders out. It is unclear how the follow-up actions, if any, have any impact on the response rate at the programme level as TKK does not have a record of whether the follow-up actions have been taken. If some form of coordination and recording can be implemented, TKK can identify if APM assistance will successfully lift the response rate.
- Based on available information, graduate surveys in other institutes are held once a year, but in Unitec they are run
  twice a year. Given reporting is done on a yearly basis and to streamline the data collection process, it is suggested
  the Graduate survey in Unitec is also carried out once a year.