

Urban College of Boston
Interviews with Associate Degree Graduates, 2001-2008

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Phone No: _____

“Hello, is this? (Name of person you want to speak to) _____

“My name is _____ I’m calling you on behalf of the Urban College to ask you a few questions about your experiences since you left the Urban College. The reason I am calling you is that we want to know more about how our former students are doing. These questions will only take about 15 minutes. Is that OK? Thank you. Let’s get started.” “

“Before we start, let me explain a couple of important things.

The information we collect from you will be confidential.

We will assign a number to your name and the Master list of names and numbers will be stored under lock and key, so no one outside this project will have access to it.

The responses that we get from former students will be summarized, so no individual can be identified.

Unless a student gives us specific, written permission to do so, we will not reveal any names in our report.

Your participation is completely voluntary

If you don’t want to answer a question, just say so, and if you want to stop at any time just let me know.

Also, I hope the questions will be clear, but if they are not, please ask me to repeat them or explain them.”

Notes:

Participant Number # _____ Interviewer _____ Date _____

I. "FIRST, I'D LIKE TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION

1. What year did you begin at the Urban College? 99 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 (Circle)

2. What year did you graduate? 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 (Circle)

3. What degree did you get? ECE General Studies Human Services (Circle)

4. Did you first get a Certificate at the Urban College? YES NO (Circle)

5. (If YES) What kind of Certificate? _____ (Write)

6. (IF YES) What year did you get your Certificate? 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 (Circle)
Other _____ (Write)

7. Why did you go to the Urban College rather than another college? *(Do not say the options to your interviewee, but use as probes, if necessary).*

Cost location specific courses job requirement quality of faculty composition of student body classes in my language (Circle)

Other _____ (Write)

8. Did anyone encourage you to go to the Urban College? *(Do not say the options)*
YES NO (Circle)

9. (If YES) Who helped you? Spouse parent child other family friend teacher employer (Circle)

Other _____ (Write)

10. (IF YES) How did this person help you? (Write)

11. Do you think it was a good decision to attend the Urban College? YES NO (Circle)

12. If YES) Why? *(do not say the option, but use as probes if necessary)*

Teaching Tutoring Students Convenient times Convenient location (Circle)

Classes taught in my language Gained confidence Got promoted Earned more

Other _____ (Write)

13. (If NO) Why not? (Write)

II. " NOW, SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION AFTER YOU GRADUATED "

1. When you left the Urban College did you continue your education? YES NO (Circle)
2. Was that the right decision for you? YES NO (Circle)
3. Why was that? (*Probe: Can you say more about that?*)

(If YES) Which college/s did you go to?

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|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| 3. College 1. | College Name Degree | Year/s went Major | (Write) |
| 4. College 2 | College Name Degree | Year/s went Major | |
| 5. College 3 | College Name Degree | Year/s went Major | |

6. (IF YES) Do you think the Urban College prepared you for the next step in your education?
YES NO (Circle)
7. (If YES) How? (Write)

8. How did your college experience after the Urban College compare with the Urban College?
(Write)

IV. "NOW, A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR WORK."

1. Were you employed while you attended the Urban College? YES NO (Circle)
(If NO go to question 4)
2. (If YES) Did you ever work at more than one job at a time? YES NO (Circle)
3. (If YES) How many hours a week in total did you work? (*Say the options to interviewee*)
Under 20hours 20-30 hours 31-40 hours over 40 hours (Circle)

4. (If YES) What kind of work did you do?

Job 1

Job 2

Job 2

5. Are you employed now? YES NO (Circle)

(If NO go to question 9)

6. (If YES) How many hours a week in total do you work ? (Say the options to interviewee)

Under 20hours 20-30 hours 31-40 hours over 40 hours (Circle)

7. (IF YES) Where do you work? (Write)

8. (If YES) What kind of work did you do? (Write)

9. How much would you say you enjoy your work? (Say the options to interviewee)
A lot a little not at all (Circle)

9. (IF NO) When were you last employed? (Write)

V. "NOW, A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR FAMILY AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES"

1. Do you have children? YES NO (Circle)

2. (If YES) How old were they when you started the Urban College _____ (Write)

3. (IF YES) How old are they now? _____ (Write)

4. Do you think your education has had an effect on your children YES NO (Circle)

5. (If YES) What kind of effect/s? (Write)

6. Do you take care of any other family members? YES NO (Circle)

7. (If YES) Who?

8. How many hours a month do you care for him/her/them? (Do not read to interviewee)
Under 20hours 20-30 hours 31-40 hours over 40 hours (Circle)

9. Do you participate in any volunteer activities? (Do not read to interviewee) YES NO (Circle)
(Probe: church, hospitals, political campaigns, with the elderly)

If NO Skip to VI.

10. (If YES), what are your volunteer activities? (Write)

11. (IF YES) How many hours a week do you volunteer? Do not read to interviewee)
Under 5 hours 5-10 hours 11-15 hours over 15 hours (Circle)

VI. "THANKS, FOR YOUR TIME SO FAR, I HAVE JUST A COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS. "

1. Do you think that your hard efforts at gaining an education have paid off in your life?"
YES NO (Circle)

2. (IF YES) How? (IF NO, why not? (Write)

2. May I, ask you, how you identify yourself ethnically? (Do not read to interviewee)

1. White Latino/Latina Hispanic African-American/Black Haitian African (Circle)
Cape Verdean Brazilian Caribbean/Caribbean-American Chinese/Chinese American
Other _____ (Write)

THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS.

Do you have any questions for me?

Is there something you would like to add?

"The alumni association sponsors free events, and encourages former students to connect with each other? For this we like to have up-to-date contact information for our alums. Would you mind giving me your address and email address, if you have one? "

Address

Email