# NC State University 2015 Alumni Survey

College of Engineering Insert

**COEintro1** As a graduate of the College of Engineering, your opinions are very important in our programming and planning efforts. We appreciate your taking the time to answer a few questions specifically related to your experiences in your major.

**COE1** This first section asks about a range of skills related to professional preparation. First, please select the appropriate option from the first drop-down list to indicate how well you were prepared in each area through your program of study at NC State.

Next, please indicate how important the area is to you in your current profession, including graduate/professional school. If you are not currently employed or in school, simply indicate how important these skills are to you now in general.

|  |               |          | Prepa          | ration (a) |          |                          |
|--|---------------|----------|----------------|------------|----------|--------------------------|
|  | Excellent (5) | Good (4) | Average<br>(3) | Fair (2)   | Poor (1) | Not<br>Applicable<br>(8) |
| Applying knowledge from your major in Engineering or Computer Science (1)          | <b>O</b>      | <b>O</b> | <b>O</b>       | O          | <b>O</b> | 0                        |
| Applying knowledge of mathematics and science (2)                                  | <b>O</b>      | <b>O</b> | <b>O</b>       | O          | <b>O</b> | 0                        |
| Designing and conducting experiments (3)   | •             | •        | •              | •          | •        | O                        |
| Analyzing and interpreting data (4)  | •             | 0        | •              | O          | •        | o                        |
| Using statistical procedures (5)   | •             | 0        | <b>O</b>       | O          | O        | o                        |
| Designing a system, component, or process to meet desired needs (6)                | <b>O</b>      | <b>O</b> | <b>O</b>       | O          | <b>O</b> | o                        |
| Testing a system and making improvements (7)                                       | O             | O        | 0              | O          | 0        | O                        |
| Identifying, formulating, and solving engineering or computer science problems (8) | <b>O</b>      | <b>O</b> | <b>O</b>       | •          | <b>O</b> | 0                        |

|  |                          |                  | Importai                       | nce (b)                         |                         |                          |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | Very<br>Important<br>(5) | Important<br>(4) | Moderately<br>Important<br>(3) | Of Limited<br>Importance<br>(2) | Not<br>Important<br>(1) | Not<br>Applicable<br>(8) |
| Applying knowledge from your major in Engineering or Computer Science (1)          | O                        | 0                | 0                              | O                               | •                       | O                        |
| Applying knowledge of mathematics and science (2)                                  | <b>O</b>                 | <b>O</b>         | 0                              | •                               | <b>O</b>                | o                        |
| Designing and conducting experiments (3)   | 0                        | •                | 0                              | O                               | 0                       | O                        |
| Analyzing and interpreting data (4)  | •                        | •                | •                              | •                               | •                       | O                        |
| Using statistical procedures (5)   | •                        | •                | <b>O</b>                       | <b>O</b>                        | •                       | O                        |
| Designing a system, component, or process to meet desired needs (6)                | O                        | <b>O</b>         | •                              | •                               | <b>O</b>                | o                        |
| Testing a system and making improvements (7)                                       | 0                        | 0                | O .                            | O .                             | 0                       | O                        |
| Identifying, formulating, and solving engineering or computer science problems (8) | O                        | •                | 0                              | 0                               | •                       | 0                        |

### COE<sub>2</sub>

|  |               |             | Prepara     | tion (a) |             |                    |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-------------|--------------------|
|  | Excellent (5) | Good<br>(4) | Average (3) | Fair (2) | Poor<br>(1) | Not Applicable (8) |
| Using creativity in undertaking engineering projects (1)                     | O             | <b>O</b>    | 0           | <b>O</b> | O           | O                  |
| Considering client and customer needs in developing systems and products (2) | O             | <b>O</b>    | O           | <b>O</b> | O           | O                  |
| Considering quality, durability, safety, and/or sustainability issues (3)    | O             | •           | O           | 0        | 0           | O                  |
| Functioning as a member of a team (4)  | O             | <b>O</b>    | •           | 0        | •           | O                  |
| Working on multidisciplinary teams (5)                                       | O .           | 0           | •           | 0        | •           | O                  |
| Assuming leadership roles (6)  | O .           | 0           | •           | 0        | •           | O                  |
| Writing reports and other documents (7)                                      | O             | <b>O</b>    | •           | 0        | O           | O                  |
| Making oral presentations (8)  | •             | •           | <b>O</b>    | O        | O           | O                  |

|  | Importance (b)           |                  |                                |                                 |                         |                          |  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
|  | Very<br>Important<br>(5) | Important<br>(4) | Moderately<br>Important<br>(3) | Of Limited<br>Importance<br>(2) | Not<br>Important<br>(1) | Not<br>Applicable<br>(8) |  |  |  |
| Using creativity in undertaking engineering projects (1)                     | O                        | O                | O                              | 0                               | 0                       | <b>O</b>                 |  |  |  |
| Considering client and customer needs in developing systems and products (2) | <b>O</b>                 | O                | O                              | •                               | <b>O</b>                | <b>O</b>                 |  |  |  |
| Considering quality, durability, safety, and/or sustainability issues (3)    | <b>O</b>                 | <b>O</b>         | O                              | •                               | <b>O</b>                | <b>O</b>                 |  |  |  |
| Functioning as a member of a team (4)  | O .                      | O .              | •                              | •                               | O .                     | O                        |  |  |  |
| Working on multidisciplinary teams (5)                                       | O .                      | O .              | •                              | •                               | O .                     | O .                      |  |  |  |
| Assuming leadership roles (6)  | O .                      | O .              | •                              | •                               | O .                     | O .                      |  |  |  |
| Writing reports and other documents (7)                                      | O                        | O                | O                              | •                               | O                       | O                        |  |  |  |
| Making oral presentations (8)  | •                        | •                | •                              | 0                               | •                       | •                        |  |  |  |

|  |               |             | Prepara        | ition (a) |             |                    |
|--|---------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
|  | Excellent (5) | Good<br>(4) | Average<br>(3) | Fair (2)  | Poor<br>(1) | Not Applicable (8) |
| Listening to and incorporating different perspectives and points of view (1)         | 0             | •           | O              | •         | 0           | O                  |
| Engaging in productive engineering and computer science practice (2)                 | 0             | •           | 0              | •         | 0           | 0                  |
| Using tools and equipment necessary for engineering or computer science practice (3) | 0             | •           | •              | O         | 0           | O                  |
| Engaging in professional and ethical engineering practice (4)                        | •             | •           | •              | •         | 0           | O                  |
| Considering the societal impact of engineering solutions (5)                         | 0             | •           | •              | O         | 0           | O                  |
| Considering the global impact of engineering solutions (6)                           | •             | •           | •              | •         | 0           | O                  |
| Considering the environmental impact of engineering (7)                              | •             | •           | O              | •         | <b>O</b>    | 0                  |
| Undertaking project research and/or project management (8)                           | •             | •           | O              | •         | <b>o</b>    | 0                  |

|  |                          |                  | Import                         | ance (b)                        |                         |                          |
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|  | Very<br>Important<br>(5) | Important<br>(4) | Moderately<br>Important<br>(3) | Of Limited<br>Importance<br>(2) | Not<br>Important<br>(1) | Not<br>Applicable<br>(8) |
| Listening to and incorporating different perspectives and points of view (1)         | O                        | <b>O</b>         | •                              | O                               | <b>O</b>                | · •                      |
| Engaging in productive engineering and computer science practice (2)                 | O                        | <b>O</b>         | •                              | O                               | <b>O</b>                | · •                      |
| Using tools and equipment necessary for engineering or computer science practice (3) | O                        | 0                | •                              | •                               | 0                       | •                        |
| Engaging in professional and ethical engineering practice (4)                        | O                        | 0                | •                              | •                               | 0                       | •                        |
| Considering the societal impact of engineering solutions (5)                         | 0                        | 0                | •                              | O                               | 0                       | •                        |
| Considering the global impact of engineering solutions (6)                           | O                        | <b>O</b>         | 0                              | O                               | 0                       | •                        |
| Considering the environmental impact of engineering (7)                              | 0                        | 0                | •                              | O                               | 0                       | 0                        |
| Undertaking project research and/or project management (8)                           | O                        | <b>O</b>         | 0                              | O                               | <b>O</b>                | O                        |

|   |               |             | Prepara     | ation (a)   |          |                    |
|---|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------|--------------------|
|   | Excellent (5) | Good<br>(4) | Average (3) | Fair<br>(2) | Poor (1) | Not Applicable (8) |
| Engaging in entrepreneurial activities (1)                    | 0             | O           | •           | O           | O        | O                  |
| Undertaking economic analyses of capital projects (2)         | O             | •           | 0           | O .         | 0        | O                  |
| Managing cost and time considerations (3)                     | •             | O           | •           | O           | O .      | O                  |
| Adapting to changing project parameters and circumstances (4) | O             | •           | •           | •           | 0        | O                  |
| Working within constraints presented (5)                      | •             | <b>O</b>    | •           | O           | O .      | 0                  |
| Understanding and adapting to organizational culture(s) (6)   | O             | •           | •           | •           | <b>O</b> | O                  |
| Developing a consistent work ethic (7)                        | •             | O           | •           | O           | O .      | 0                  |
| Considering various career options within the discipline (8)  | O             | •           | •           | 0           | 0        | O                  |

|   |                          | Importance (b)   |                                |                                 |                         |                          |  |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|   | Very<br>Important<br>(5) | Important<br>(4) | Moderately<br>Important<br>(3) | Of Limited<br>Importance<br>(2) | Not<br>Important<br>(1) | Not<br>Applicable<br>(8) |  |  |  |  |
| Engaging in entrepreneurial activities (1)                    | O                        | O                | •                              | •                               | O .                     | O                        |  |  |  |  |
| Undertaking economic analyses of capital projects (2)         | O                        | <b>O</b>         | O                              | O                               | 0                       | •                        |  |  |  |  |
| Managing cost and time considerations (3)                     | O                        | O                | •                              | •                               | O .                     | O                        |  |  |  |  |
| Adapting to changing project parameters and circumstances (4) | O                        | <b>O</b>         | O                              | •                               | <b>O</b>                | •                        |  |  |  |  |
| Working within constraints presented (5)                      | O                        | O                | •                              | •                               | O .                     | O                        |  |  |  |  |
| Understanding and adapting to organizational culture(s) (6)   | O                        | <b>O</b>         | O                              | •                               | <b>O</b>                | •                        |  |  |  |  |
| Developing a consistent work ethic (7)                        | O                        | O .              | •                              | •                               | O .                     | O                        |  |  |  |  |
| Considering various career options within the discipline (8)  | O                        | <b>O</b>         | O                              | O                               | 0                       | O                        |  |  |  |  |

|   |               |          | Prepar      | ation (a) |          |                          |
|---|---------------|----------|-------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------|
|   | Excellent (5) | Good (4) | Average (3) | Fair (2)  | Poor (1) | Not<br>Applicable<br>(8) |
| Considering various career options outside of the discipline (1)  | O             | 0        | 0           | •         | O        | O                        |
| Keeping abreast of developments and advances in the field (2)     | O             | 0        | 0           | •         | O        | O                        |
| Engaging in lifelong learning, whether formally or informally (3) | O             | O        | 0           | •         | O        | 0                        |
| Applying lessons learned to new situations (4)                    | O             | O .      | O .         | 0         | O .      | O                        |
| Mentoring and teaching others (5)                                 | O .           | O        | O .         | 0         | O .      | O                        |
| Pursuing graduate education or a professional degree (6)          | <b>O</b>      | <b>O</b> | <b>O</b>    | •         | <b>O</b> | 0                        |
| Taking professional licensure exam(s) (7)                         | O             | O .      | O .         | 0         | O .      | O                        |
| Appreciating the arts, humanities, and social sciences (8)        | 0             | <b>O</b> | 0           | •         | 0        | O                        |

|   | Importance (b)           |                  |                                |                           |                         |                          |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
|   | Very<br>Important<br>(5) | Important<br>(4) | Moderately<br>Important<br>(3) | Of Limited Importance (2) | Not<br>Important<br>(1) | Not<br>Applicable<br>(8) |  |  |  |
| Considering various career options outside of the discipline (1)  | O                        | <b>O</b>         | <b>O</b>                       | <b>O</b>                  | <b>O</b>                | <b>O</b>                 |  |  |  |
| Keeping abreast of developments and advances in the field (2)     | O                        | •                | <b>O</b>                       | <b>O</b>                  | •                       | <b>O</b>                 |  |  |  |
| Engaging in lifelong learning, whether formally or informally (3) | O                        | <b>O</b>         | •                              | •                         | •                       | <b>o</b>                 |  |  |  |
| Applying lessons learned to new situations (4)                    | O                        | O                | O .                            | O .                       | O .                     | · ·                      |  |  |  |
| Mentoring and teaching others (5)                                 | O                        | O                | O .                            | O .                       | O .                     | O                        |  |  |  |
| Pursuing graduate education or a professional degree (6)          | O                        | <b>O</b>         | •                              | •                         | •                       | <b>o</b>                 |  |  |  |
| Taking professional licensure exam(s) (7)                         | O                        | O .              | O .                            | O .                       | O .                     | O                        |  |  |  |
| Appreciating the arts, humanities, and social sciences (8)        | O                        | •                | <b>O</b>                       | <b>O</b>                  | •                       | <b>O</b>                 |  |  |  |

**COE6** First, in thinking about your experience in your profession, how important were the following undergraduate learning experiences:

Next, do you agree or disagree that you were given enough experiences in the College of Engineering in the following areas?

|  |                          |                  | Import                         | ance (a)                        |                         |                          |
|--|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | Very<br>Important<br>(5) | Important<br>(4) | Moderately<br>Important<br>(3) | Of Limited<br>Importance<br>(2) | Not<br>Important<br>(1) | Not<br>Applicable<br>(8) |
| Engineering assignments that required classroom presentations to gain good oral presentation skills (1)            | •                        | 0                | <b>o</b>                       | <b>O</b>                        | 0                       | •                        |
| Engineering assignments that required written reports to gain good report-writing skills (2)                       | O                        | <b>O</b>         | •                              | •                               | <b>O</b>                | o                        |
| Engineering assignments related to the knowledge of contemporary issues (3)  | O                        | <b>O</b>         | •                              | •                               | <b>O</b>                | o                        |
| The senior design project(s) that provided an opportunity to integrate learning in major and non-major courses (4) | •                        | 0                | •                              | •                               | <b>O</b>                | <b>O</b>                 |
| Design activities throughout the engineering program (5)   | O                        | •                | •                              | •                               | 0                       | •                        |
| Coursework activities in the program as a whole that required synthesis, creativity, and openended thinking (6)    | •                        | 0                | •                              | •                               | 0                       | O                        |
| Computing exercises in engineering courses (7)   | O                        | O .              | O .                            | 0                               | O .                     | O                        |
| Hands-on experiences in engineering lab courses (8)  | O                        | 0                | •                              | •                               | O                       | o                        |
| Technical mastery of computational tools and software in engineering courses (9)                                   | O                        | 0                | •                              | •                               | 0                       | 0                        |
| Using computational tools to solve complex engineering problems (10)   | 0                        | 0                | 0                              | O                               | 0                       | 0                        |

|  |           |                         | Received Adeq                        | uate Evnerien        | ce (h)       |                          |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
|  | Agree (5) | Tend to<br>Agree<br>(4) | Neither Agree<br>nor Disagree<br>(3) | Tend to Disagree (2) | Disagree (1) | Not<br>Applicable<br>(8) |
| Engineering assignments that required classroom presentations to gain good oral presentation skills (1)            | O         | O                       | •                                    | •                    | 0            | O                        |
| Engineering assignments that required written reports to gain good report-writing skills (2)                       | •         | •                       | O                                    | •                    | 0            | •                        |
| Engineering assignments related to the knowledge of contemporary issues (3)  | 0         | O                       | <b>O</b>                             | •                    | O            | •                        |
| The senior design project(s) that provided an opportunity to integrate learning in major and non-major courses (4) | •         | O                       | •                                    | •                    | <b>O</b>     | O                        |
| Design activities throughout the engineering program (5)   | O         | •                       | 0                                    | •                    | 0            | •                        |
| Coursework activities in the program as a whole that required synthesis, creativity, and openended thinking (6)    | •         | O                       | •                                    | •                    | 0            | •                        |
| Computing exercises in engineering courses (7)   | 0         | •                       | •                                    | 0                    | O            | 0                        |
| Hands-on experiences in engineering lab courses (8)  | O         | •                       | 0                                    | •                    | 0            | •                        |
| Technical mastery of computational tools and software in engineering courses (9)                                   | O         | O                       | O                                    | 0                    | <b>O</b>     | 0                        |
| Using computational tools to solve complex engineering problems (10)   | 0         | O                       | 0                                    | O                    | 0            | O                        |

|  | Very<br>Frequently<br>(4) | Frequently<br>(3) | Sometimes<br>(2) | Very<br>Seldom, If<br>Ever (1) | Not<br>Applicable<br>(8) |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| How frequently do you attend meetings or conferences of professional societies? (1)  | O                         | 0                 | O                | •                              | •                        |
| How frequently do you publish articles, papers, etc. for the general benefit of the field? (2)   | 0                         | 0                 | •                | •                              | •                        |
| How frequently do you upgrade your technical skills through formal courses, short courses, seminars or self-paced instruction? (3)   | •                         | •                 | O                | O                              | O                        |
| How frequently do you upgrade your technical skills by reading journals/periodicals in your field or use electronic media such as the Internet for research, reference or problem solving? (4) | O                         | O                 | O                | O                              | •                        |

**COE8** Please use this space to share any general comments you have about your experience in the College of Engineering or your department, and/or tell us why you were particularly satisfied or dissatisfied with any aspect of your education in the college.