

IIUM BACHELOR OF AUDIOLOGY TRACER STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: This tracer was study designed to help the audiology education provider (AEP) at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) to trace alumni's employment profile, their perception on academic and training program received in IIUM and to gather suggestions for further improvement on learning and teaching activities. Insights received will enable the AEP to evaluate education outcomes which would assist in the continuous quality improvement of the provision of audiology education.

Methods: An online questionnaire was used as the main data gathering instrument which is described descriptively. The questionnaire assessed graduates' employment profiles, perception on education and training to their current job and one section for comments and suggestion.

Results: Fifty percent out of 135 IIUM audiology graduates participated in this study. Ninety five percent of respondents are currently working within audiology field in permanent positions. Meanwhile, 2.5% of graduates are working in non-audiology related fields and another 2.5% are currently pursuing their postgraduate studies. Reports obtained suggest that the curriculum and training provided in IIUM are mostly relevant to their career. Subjective comments also were obtained in order for the AEP to evaluate the relevance of the current curriculum. Comments received are to include related business and marketing courses, to provide more clinical training opportunities and to expose students to various types of auditory amplification devices.

Conclusion: As a summary, IIUM graduates mostly benefitted from the knowledge and training received in IIUM especially for those who work in audiology field. Comments received will be taken into consideration for the next curriculum review.

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