

(Question 1 and 2 would be asked with the information included in the blanks from the response information supplied by the universities)

- Yes ☐
- No ☐ Go to 3

- YES ☐

- NO ○

- Yes ☐
- No..... ☒ → end interview

- College technology diploma** ☒
- University certificate or diploma below bachelor level ☐
- Bachelor degree (e.g. B.A., B. Sc. B.A.Sc, 4-year B. Ed.) ☐
- Certificate or diploma above bachelor level ☐
- First professional degree in medicine (M. D.),
dentistry (D. D. S., D. M. D.), veterinary medicine (D. V. M.),
law (L.I. B.), optometry (O.D.) or divinity (M. DIV.),
or 1-year B. Ed. after a Bachelor's degree. ☐
- Master's degree (e.g., M.A., M.Sc., M.Ed.). ☐
- Earned doctorate (e.g., Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Ed.). ☐
- Other (*specify*) ☐

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5. In what month and year did you start to accumulate credits in the _____ program?

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Month

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Year

6. In what month and year did you complete the requirements for the _____ program?
(By “complete the requirements” I mean write the last exam or submit the last paper, report or project, or defend your thesis.)

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Month

1995 ○

7. What was the normal length of the _____ program if taken full-time? (*Do not read list; check one only*)

- 13 months - two years ○
 Three years ○
 Four years ○
 Five years ○
 More than five years ○
 No “normal” length, it varies ○
 Don’t know ○

8. Did you take the _____ program?

- full-time only? ○
full-time every year ○
full-time but with time(s) out for working or other. ○
 part-time only? ○
 or a combination of full-time and part-time? ○

9. What were the reasons you didn’t take the program full-time only? (*Do not read the list; check one or more*)

- Had a full-time job. ○
 Had a part-time job ○
 Lack of money. ○
 Family responsibilities ○
 Health reasons ○
 Program not offered full-time ○
 Only needed one/a few credits courses .. ○

Other reasons (*specify*). ☐

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10. Who paid the fees or costs for your program? Was it you or somebody else? (*Check all mentioned*)

Respondent ☐

Student Loan Program ☐

Scholarships and Bursaries. ☐

Parent/Spouse ☐

Employer ☐

Don't know ☐

Federal Government ☐

Provincial government ☐

Workers Compensation. ☐

Other (*specify*). ☐

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11. Did you take a co-op program? (This is a program that is specifically called a cooperative program by the institution, and that alternates periods of paid work and study)

Yes ☐

No. ☐

(Questions specific to NS LINKS will be marked as NS LINKS and Bold from here on)

These questions to be administered to NS LINKS respondents from list supplied by Human Resources Development Canada as well as a random sample of the same number of respondents from the main sample population who have similar characteristics but who were not in NS LINKS programs.

NSLINKS 1

Were you a participant in the NS LINKS program?

Yes ☐

No. ☐

Activities Before Completing University Studies :

12. Before you enrolled in the _____ program, what were the other levels of education you had completed? (mark all responses)

Elementary.	<input type="radio"/>
Some secondary.	<input type="radio"/>
Completed secondary or technical high school.	<input type="radio"/>
Some community college	<input type="radio"/>
Completed community college	<input type="radio"/>
Some university	<input type="radio"/>
Diploma or certificate below bachelor level	<input type="radio"/>
Bachelor degree (e.g. B.A., B. Sc. B.A.Sc, 4-year B. Ed.)	<input type="radio"/>
Diploma or certificate above bachelor level	<input type="radio"/>
First professional degree in medicine (M. D.), dentistry (D. D. S., D. M. D.), veterinary medicine (D. V. M.), law (L.I. B.), optometry (O.D.) or divinity (M. DIV.), or 1-year B. Ed. after a Bachelor's degree.	<input type="radio"/>
Master's degree (e.g., M.A., M.Sc., M.Ed.).	<input type="radio"/>
Earned doctorate (e.g., Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Ed.)	<input type="radio"/>
Other (<i>specify</i>)	<input type="radio"/>

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NS LINKS 2

Before you completed the _____ program, did you ever work at a Full-time Job (that is 30 or more hours per week)

Yes ☐

No ☐

Or a part-time job (30 hours or less per week)

Yes ☐

No ☐

NS LINKS 3

Approximately how many months of full-time work experience did you have prior to completing the _____ program .

Approximately how many months of part-time work experience did you have prior to completing the _____ program .

13. During the twelve months before you enrolled in the _____ program, what was your major activity? For example, going to school, working, looking for work, household responsibilities. (*Check one only*)

Going to school ☐

Working ☐

Looking for work O

Household responsibilities ○

Other (*specify*) ○

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14. During the 12 months before you enrolled in the program what province/country was your principal residence in

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Man.....○

PEI ○

Sask..	○
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N.S..... ○

Alta. ☐

N.B..... ○

B.C. ○

Québec ☐

Yukon or NWT ○

Ontario ○

Outside Canada ○

Last Week : (Last Week to be Replaced by Actual Reference Week)

15. The next few questions refer to the reference week. During the reference week, did you work at either a paid job or were you self-employed? (Reference week will be determined upon start of survey and remain the same throughout the survey time)

Yes ☐

No. ○

16. Last week, did you have a job or business (self-employment) at which you did not work?

Yes ☒

No. ○

17. At any time since you have graduated have you had a job or business (self-employment) ?

Yes ☐

No. ○

18. Did you have more than one job or business (self-employed) last week

Yes ☐ go to ? and ask about the main job
 No. ☐ go to ?

19. In what month and year did you start working at the first job you had after you completed your program? (*Enter date or check "never had job after completing program"*)

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Month		Year			

Or : Never had job after completing program ☐ go to ?

20. Was this a job at which you usually worked 30 hours or more hours a week?

Yes ☐
 No. ☐

21. Was this a permanent or a temporary position?

Permanent ☐ go to 23
 Temporary. ☐

22. What is the main reason you had a temporary job? (*Do not read list; check one only*)

Could only find temporary work. ☐
 Personal or family responsibilities ☐
 Did not want a permanent job. ☐
 Other reason (*specify*) ☐

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23. Last week, did you have a job to start at a definite date in the future?

Yes ☐ →

No ☐

23b. At that job, do you expect to work 30 or more hours a week?

Yes ☐
 No ☐

24. Last week, were you looking for a job?

Yes ☐ →

No ☐

24b. Were you looking for a job at which you would work 30 or more hours a week?

Yes ☐

No ☐

25. *Interviewer: For questions 25. Through 32, if the respondent had more than one job last week, ask about the main job, i.e., the one usually worked at for the most number of hours.*

Have you worked at the (main) job you had last week for six consecutive months or more? By this we mean doing the same kind of work for the same employer.

Yes ☐ →

No ☐

25b. During this period, was this usually 30 or more hours a week?

Yes ☐

No ☐

26. What kind of business, industry or service is this? (*Give full description, e.g. elementary school, municipal government, retail shoe store*) SIC CODES (See attached)

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27. What kind of work did you do? (*Give full description, e.g., elementary school teacher, manager of a biological research department, shoe salesperson*) NOC CODES (See attached)

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28. Were you a paid worker or self-employed?

Paid worker. ☐

Self-employed. ☐

Other (e.g., unpaid family worker). ☐

29. Was your compensation based on?

- Annual Salary. ☐
 Hourly Wage ☐
 Other ☐

30. Working your usual hours, approximately what would be your personal gross annual earnings? (Record to the nearest thousand dollars)

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- Don't know ☐
 Refused ☐

NS LINKS 4

In your current job, to what extent have you used the skills and knowledge gained in the workplace during your NS Links placement?

- to a great extent ☐
 to some extent ☐
 not very much ☐
 not at all. ☐

In your current job, to what extent have you used the skills and knowledge acquired through the training modules you attended as part of the NS Links program?

- to a great extent ☐
 to some extent ☐
 not very much ☐
 not at all. ☐

Are the duties and responsibilities of your current job directly related to the subject matter you studied in your degree program?

- Yes ☐
 No. ☐

31. What was the level of education specified by the employer, that you needed to get the job you had last week? *(Do not read list; check one only)*

Elementary.	<input type="radio"/>
Some secondary.	<input type="radio"/>
Completed secondary	
or technical high school.	<input type="radio"/>
Some community college	<input type="radio"/>
Completed community college	<input type="radio"/>
Some university	<input type="radio"/>
Diploma or certificate below bachelor level	<input type="radio"/>
Bachelor degree (e.g. B.A., B. Sc. B.A.Sc, 4-year B. Ed.)	<input type="radio"/>
Diploma or certificate above bachelor level	<input type="radio"/>
First professional degree in medicine (M. D.),	
dentistry (D. D. S., D. M. D.), veterinary medicine (D. V. M.),	
law (L.I. B.), optometry (O.D.) or divinity (M. DIV.),	
or 1-year B. Ed. after a Bachelor's degree.	<input type="radio"/>
Master's degree (e.g., M.A., M.Sc., M.Ed.)	<input type="radio"/>
Earned doctorate (e.g., Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Ed.)	<input type="radio"/>
Other (<i>specify</i>)	<input type="radio"/>

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32. Did the employer specify that your education or training must be in a specific field or fields of study?

Yes ☐ **→**

No ○

32b. Was that your field of study?

Yes ☐

No ☐

33. Did you have any related work experience when you got the job you had last week?

Yes ☐

No. ○ go to 37

34. Do you believe that your experience was essential for this job?

Yes ☐

No. O

Don't know ☐

35. Considering all aspects of the job you had last week, how satisfied were you with the job?
Would you say that you were... (*read first four categories*)...

very satisfied? ☐
 satisfied? ☐
 dissatisfied? ☐
 very dissatisfied? ☐

(*Do not read*)

Don't know, no opinion ☐

36. Was the job you had last week your first job after you completed the requirements for your _____ program?

Yes ☐
 No. ☐

37. Did you start the job you had last week before you finished the requirements for your _____ program?

Yes ☐
 No. ☐

38. In what month and year did you start working at the first job you had after you completed your program?

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Month

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Year

NS LINKS 5

In the entire period since you completed the _____ program, have you ever worked Full-time (that is 30 or more hours per week)

Yes ☐
No. ☐

Or a part-time job (30 hours or less per week)

Yes ☐
No. ☐

NS LINKS 6

In total, approximately how many months of full-time work experience have you had since completing the _____ program .

In total, approximately how many months of part-time work experience have you had since completing the _____ program .

General Training and Education

39. Now I'd like to ask you about your reasons for enrolling in the _____ program. How important was it for you to acquire the skills needed for a particular job? Would you say it was very important, important, not very important, or not at all important?

very important ☐
 important ☐
 not very important ☐
 not at all important ☐

40. When you enrolled how important was it for you to acquire an in-depth knowledge of a field of study? (Would you say it was very important, important, not very important, or not at all important?)

very important ☐
 important ☐
 not very important ☐
 not at all important ☐

41. When you decided to enroll, how important was it for you to improve yourself generally?

very important ☐
 important ☐
 not very important ☐
 not at all important ☐

42. When you decided to enroll, how important was it for you to improve your chances of a good income?

very important ☐
 important ☐
 not very important ☐
 not at all important ☐

43. While you were enrolled, how satisfied were you with facilities at the institution, such as libraries, labs or computers? Would you say you were very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?

very satisfied ☐
satisfied ☐
dissatisfied ☐
very dissatisfied ☐

44. How satisfied were you with class sizes? (Would you say you were very satisfied, satisfied, dissatisfied or very dissatisfied?)

very satisfied ☐
satisfied ☐
dissatisfied ☐
very dissatisfied ☐

45. How satisfied were you with how available faculty members were to students?

very satisfied ☐
satisfied ☐
dissatisfied ☐
very dissatisfied ☐

46. How satisfied were you with the quality of teaching?

very satisfied ☐
satisfied ☐
dissatisfied ☐
very dissatisfied ☐

47. How satisfied are you that your university degree, diploma or certificate was worth the financial investment required?

very satisfied ☐
satisfied ☐
dissatisfied ☐
very dissatisfied ☐

48. How satisfied are you that your university degree, diploma or certificate was worth the investment in time required for classes, study, etc.?

very satisfied ☐
 satisfied ☐
 dissatisfied ☐
 very dissatisfied ☐

49. To what extent do you feel that the university you attended made available information about career opportunities in your field of study?

to a great extent ☐
 to some extent ☐
 not very much ☐
 not at all ☐
 Don't Know ☐

50. To what extent did your program develop your skills in writing well?

to a great extent ☐
 to some extent ☐
 not very much ☐
 not at all. ☐

51. In developing your math skills?

to a great extent ☐
 to some extent ☐
 not very much ☐
 not at all. ☐

52. And your skills in speaking well?

to a great extent ☐
 to some extent ☐
 not very much. ☐
 not at all ☐

53. In thinking independently and critically?

to a great extent ☐
 to some extent ☐
 not very much ☐
 not at all. ☐

54. And finally in making decisions?

- to a great extent ☐
 to some extent ☐
 not very much ☐
 not at all ☐

55. In general, how important is it that any job you get be related to your field of study or specialization? Would you say it is ... *(read first four categories)*

- very important ☐
 important ☐
 not very important ☐
 not at all important ☐

(Do not read)

- Don't know, no opinion ☐

56. Since completing the _____ program in 1995, have you returned to school, that is full-time university or community, trade-vocational degree, diploma or certificate programs **or a private college or school?** (Do not include apprenticeship programs)

- Yes ☐
 No. ☐ go to 57

NS LINKS 7

Since completing the _____ program in 1995? Have you returned to full-time university and or community college. How many months have you been in school?
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57. What types of degrees, diplomas or certificates were these? *(Do not read list; check all that apply).*

- a. Community College, Nursing School Certificate or diploma ☐
 b. University Certificate or diploma below bachelor level ☐
 c. Bachelor's degree (e.g., B.A., B.Sc., B.A.Sc., 4-year B.Ed.) ☐
 d. Certificate or diploma above bachelor level ☐
 e. First professional degree in medicine (M. D.),
 dentistry (D.D.S., D.M.D.), veterinary medicine (D.V.M.),
 law (L.I.B.), optometry (O. D.) or divinity (M. DIV.), or
 1-year B. Ed. after a Bachelor's degree ☐
f. Post-professional accreditation studies such as CA program,
bar admission or medical residency ☐

- g. Master's degree (e.g., M.A., M.Sc., M.Ed.) ☐
 h. Earned doctorate (e.g., Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Ed.) ☐
 i. CEGEP ☐
 j. Other (*specify*) ☐

What was the major field of study or specialization?

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Did You Complete the Requirements

- Yes ☐
 No ☐

In what month and year did you complete the requirements?

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Month

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Year

58. Since you completed the _____ program, have you taken any other credit courses, including correspondence courses?

- Yes ☐
 No ☐

59. Did you ever borrow money to finance ANY of your education through the student loan program?

- Yes ☐
 No ☐ go to

60. How much did you borrow in total through the **government student** loan program? (*Record to nearest \$100*)

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61. **Approximately how much from the government student** loan program do you owe now? (*Record to nearest \$100 or check "zero" or "don't know"*)

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\$

- zero ☐ go to

don't know ☐

62. Since graduation has there ever been a period of 2 months or more where you were unable to make your student loan payments?

Yes ☐

No. ☐

63. Did you ever borrow money to finance ANY of your education from other sources such as relatives or directly from a bank?

Yes ☐

63b. What other sources:

Family ☐

Employer ☐

Financial Institution ☐

Other ☐

No. ☐ go to

64. How much did you borrow in total from these other sources? (*Record to nearest \$100*)

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65. How much do you now owe to these other sources? (*Record to nearest \$100 or check "zero" or "don't know"*)

				0	0
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 \$

zero ☐

don't know ☐

66. Have you had any difficulties in repaying the money you owe to these sources?

Yes ☐

No. ☐

General Questions

67. And now, some general questions. In what month and year were you born?

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Month

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Year

68. What language did you first speak in childhood? (*Check one or more*)

English ☐
 French ☐
 Other language ☐

69. What language do you speak most often at home? (*Check one or more*)

English ☐
 French ☐
 Other language ☐

70. While you were studying for the _____ program, in what language did you take most of your courses? (*Do not read list*)

English ☐
 French ☐
 English and French about equally ☐
 Another language. ☐

71. Is your marital status... (*read the categories*)

now married or living common-law? . . . ☐
 single, that is, never married? ☐
 a widow or widower? ☐
 separated or divorced? ☐
Not Stated ☐

72. Do you have any dependent children?

Yes ☐ **→**

72b. Please tell me their ages. (*Record age in years as of last birthday*)

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No ○

73. What is the highest level of education completed by your father and by your mother (or guardian)? (Do not read list; check one only in each column)

	Father	Mother
Don't know	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No formal schooling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elementary school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Some secondary (high) school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Completed secondary school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Some community college	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Completed community college.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Some university	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Teachers' college	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bachelor's degree(s) (e.g., B.A., B.Sc., B.A.Sc, 4-year B.Ed.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level . . .	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
First professional degree in medicine (M. D.), dentistry (D.D.S., D.M.D.), veterinary medicine (D.V.M.), law (L.I.B.), optometry (O. D.) or divinity (M. DIV.), or 1-year B. Ed. after a Bachelor's degree.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Master's degree (e.g., M.A., M.Sc., M.Ed.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Earned doctorate (e.g., Ph.D., D.Sc., D.Ed.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (<i>specify</i>)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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74. What were the sources of all of your total personal income, for the last 12 months?

- Salary ☐
 Self Employment ☐
 Investment Income. ☐
 Pension. ☐
 Social Assistance. ☐
 Unemployment Insurance ☐
 Other ☐
 Refused ☐
 Don't know ☐

75. Province or territory or country where respondent was located when interviewed

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| Nfld. <input type="radio"/> | Man. <input type="radio"/> |
| PEI <input type="radio"/> | Sask. <input type="radio"/> |
| N.S. <input type="radio"/> | Alta. <input type="radio"/> |
| NB. <input type="radio"/> | B.C. <input type="radio"/> |
| Québec <input type="radio"/> | Yukon <input type="radio"/> |
| Ontario <input type="radio"/> | NWT. <input type="radio"/> |

If not CANADA - WHAT COUNTRY

We any want to contact you again for a follow-up to this survey. I'd like to confirm that your name and address are _____. In case you move before we re-contact you, could you provide the name, address and telephone number of a friend or relative whom we could contact to get your new telephone number. I want to emphasize that we will contact this person only if you have moved and only to get your new telephone number

NS Links 8

To what degree did your experiences during the NS Links learning modules influence your personal evaluation of the career path you chose.

- to a great extent ☐
 to some extent ☐
 not very much ☐
 not at all. ☐

To what extent did the concepts presented during the NS Links learning modules influence or shape your opinions regarding life long learning.

- to a great extent** ☐
- to some extent** ☐
- not very much** ☐
- not at all.** ☐

To what extent did the learning experiences you confronted in the _____ program influence or shape you opinions regarding life -long learning.

- to a great extent** ☐
- to some extent** ☐
- not very much** ☐
- not at all.** ☐