

TRACER STUDY ON THE GRADUATES OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT OF CENTRAL BICOL STATE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE: INPUT TO CURRICULUM PROGRAM

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to determine the employability of the Master of Science in Disaster Risk Management (MSDRM) graduates to provide input to curriculum innovation. Descriptive research design was utilized to describe the demographic profile, skills/competency learned, and suggestions to improve the program. Online Survey Questionnaire and Key Informant Interview were employed. The study revealed that most of the graduates are employed in government institutions. It was also found that the foremost considerations of the MSDRM graduates for choosing and staying in the job are salaries and benefits. In addition, the foremost competency learned from the program critical thinking skills, human relations skills, and problem-solving skills. It was also noted that employment rate of MSDRM graduates is high. It was recommended that there must be alignment of the course to the mandated program on agriculture; offering of specialization; integration of subject on ecosystems-based climate change adaptation; addition of multidisciplinary faculty to existing pool; learning visit for exposure to the new trends in the field; and improvement of the program through open and distance modality.

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