

# Graduate Students at UNC-Chapel Hill

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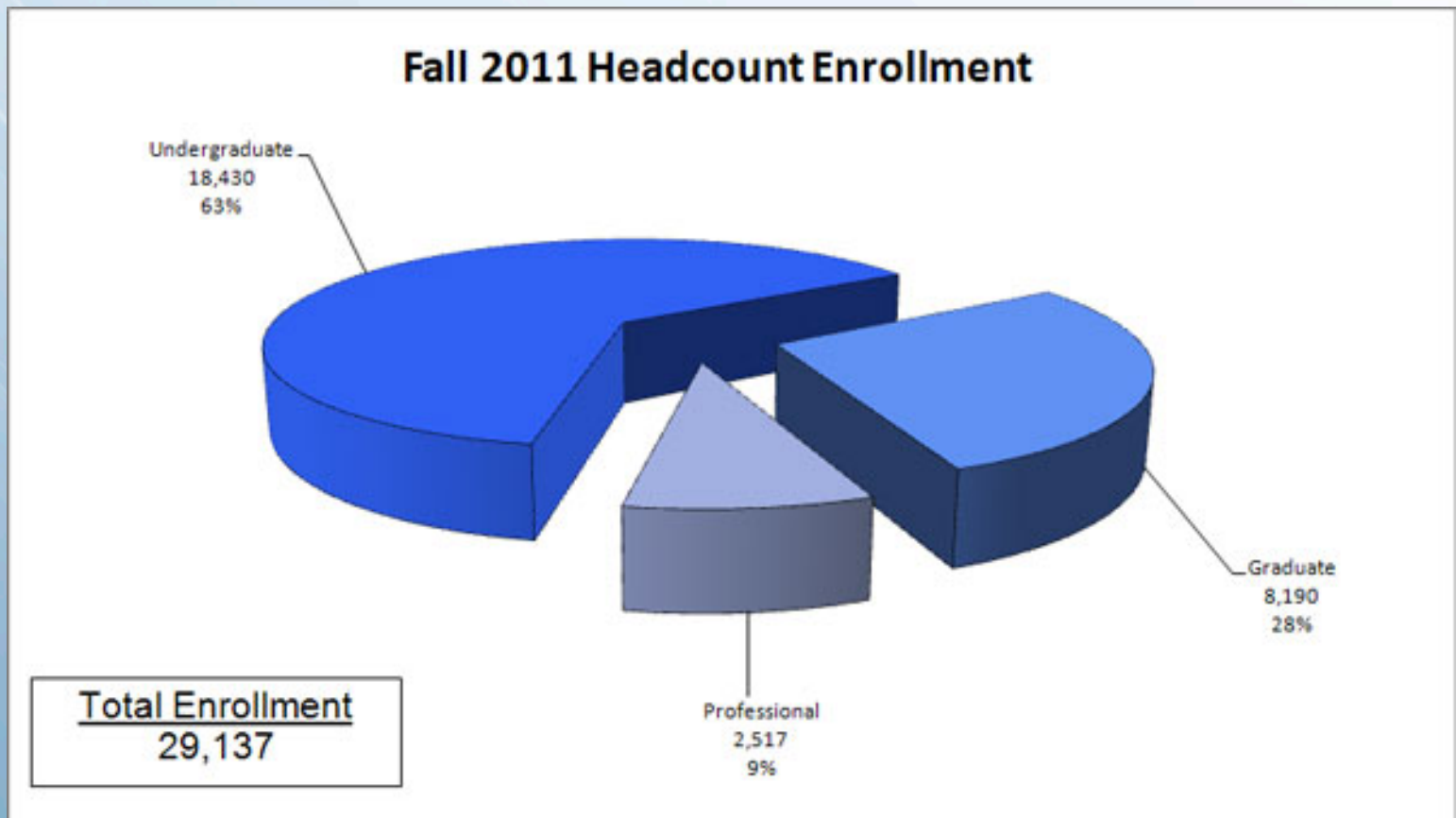
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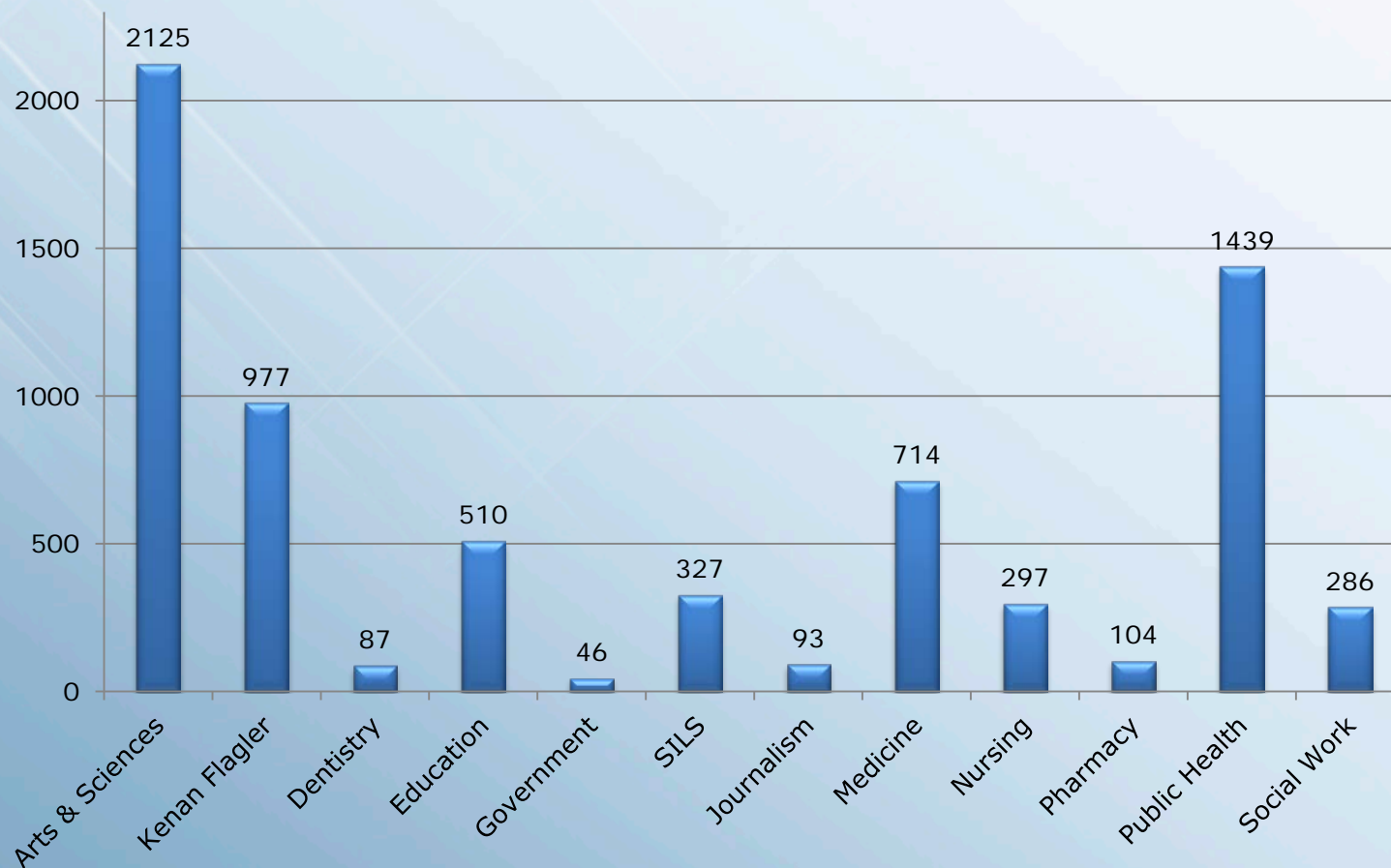
# Graduate/Professional Student Population



Source: Office of Institutional Research & Assessment.  
As of Census, September 6, 2011



# Graduate Student Distribution



# Graduate Students: More Heterogeneous Than Undergraduates

- Average age is 31
  - Range from 18-70
- Significant fraction of graduate students are married or get married while a student
  - Many have families with children
- Some have children while students
  - Parental leave policy



# Career Goals

- Career goals for graduate students are generally well-defined
- Master's students often arrive with specific career aspirations
  - MPH in public health to advance career
  - MPA in School of Government
  - MFA in Department of Dramatic Art
- Some master's students are working toward a PhD
  - Not all PhD candidates earn a master's degree
- PhD candidates will become stewards of their discipline



# Professional Development

- Providing professional development opportunities is essential
  - The Graduate Student Center
- More than 160 workshops/seminars/events in 2010-11
- Serving more than 3100 students in 60 departments
  - Critical for success as professionals



# Career Guidance

- Career guidance for graduate students is more important than ever before
  - Graduate students seek careers in an ever-expanding market
  - Skills acquired in graduate training are highly transferable
- Re-energized partnership with Career Services will expand opportunities
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Career Symposium for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars held on Nov 5

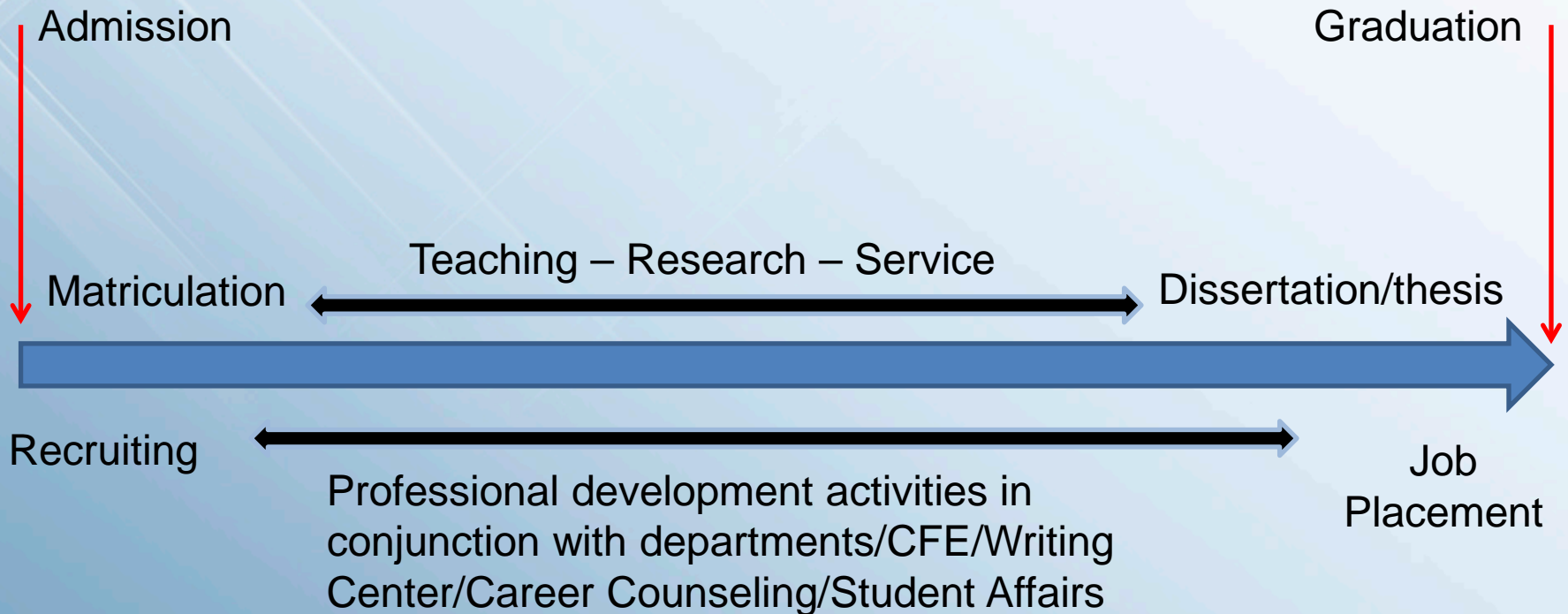


# Exit Survey Results

- 78% of our graduate students rated their overall experience at Carolina as very good or excellent
- 63% rated satisfaction with student life experience as very good or excellent
- 78% rated satisfaction with academic experience as very good or excellent
- We are doing well but there is room for improvement



# Life Cycle: Academics and Student Affairs



# Collaborators

- Division of Student Affairs
- Center for Faculty Excellence
- Writing Center
- Career Services
- APPLES
- Academic programs
- Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
- Training in the Biological and Biomedical Sciences
- Grant Source Library
- Counseling and Wellness

