

Survey of Member Educational Background

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	Response Count
	188
answered question	188
skipped question	425

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1	Planning Degree from BSU in 1971; Later completed all but my master thesis at WSU in joint Applied & Social Economics & MBA program. Well prepared for many positions.	Sep 5, 2012 11:24 AM
2	Consult: US DOI Land & Water Conservation Fund Assistant Division Chief, Planning Operations	Sep 4, 2012 8:23 AM
3	Consider continuing education opportunities via webinars and certification requirements for AICP	Aug 30, 2012 2:43 AM
4	More webinar based courses. E-mail updates on significant PA planning events, policy changes etc. Provide opportunity for access at a central location on website for model ordinances and other publications which have been drafted by county planning agencies.	Aug 29, 2012 7:12 PM
5	Ask State Universities such as Mansfield, Shippensburg, Lock Haven, IUP, & etc. to become planning accredited.	Aug 28, 2012 11:42 AM
6	Planners often are expected to work evenings as well as normal 9-5 weekends. This makes anything other than full-time enrollment difficult if not impossible. Many public employees do not reside near a campus, also making part-time enrollment difficult. Non-traditional options such as weekend and on-line classes would be of great benefit.	Aug 28, 2012 11:23 AM
7	This is a volunteer position in my community.	Aug 28, 2012 10:42 AM
8	Not sure what you're getting at.	Aug 28, 2012 7:49 AM
9	Integrate more with LEED and other sustainability/green educational initiatives.	Aug 28, 2012 7:22 AM
10	AICP and general Planning Guidelines do not apply in PA~ the MPC is a different beast and works for PA but does not necessarily fit the National Planning practices.	Aug 28, 2012 5:48 AM
11	consider licensure and continuing education requirements	Aug 28, 2012 5:40 AM
12	There are no jobs for planners in PA	Aug 28, 2012 5:21 AM
13	Continuing education - areas of specialization	Aug 28, 2012 4:17 AM
14	I for years have been involved with the area chamber and have been involved with the local county. Getting involved as a volunteer has been something important for me. Giving back to the community.	Aug 28, 2012 2:28 AM
15	The interrelationship between planning, public involvement, government institutions, and funding.	Aug 27, 2012 8:53 PM
16	Greater opportunities for co-op programs and/or paid internships	Aug 27, 2012 1:37 PM
17	I think this survey asked the same questions over and over and I am not sure	Aug 27, 2012 12:43 PM

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	how it will be applied.	
18	role of public sector planners vs private sector consulting Basic Project management	Aug 27, 2012 12:32 PM
19	More awareness of Nat'l Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) requirements would have been helpful.	Aug 27, 2012 10:21 AM
20	Determine when and where AICP membership is most relevant.	Aug 27, 2012 10:04 AM
21	please better describe the term citizen planner	Aug 27, 2012 8:57 AM
22	Please word your questions so that retired planners can respond to those questions that refer to current employment. Perhaps when employed or last job held.	Aug 27, 2012 8:23 AM
23	Internships to get real work and real world exposure while attending college	Aug 27, 2012 8:14 AM
24	It would be useful to have salary data and geographical location data related to this survey. I believe that there are large salary discrepancies between the East and West, I wonder if education follows that pattern.	Aug 27, 2012 8:06 AM
25	N/A	Aug 27, 2012 7:52 AM
26	my work at my undergraduate institution with citizen science and service learning was outside of my degree, but strongly prepared me for my current career track	Aug 27, 2012 7:50 AM
27	I was able to pursue a Masters in Planning through a tuition reimbursement program offered by my former employer (a community development corporation). I think benefits like those are invaluable to planners interested in pursuing advanced education while continuing to work part-time or full-time.	Aug 27, 2012 7:39 AM
28	Work with the colleges and universities to provide additional opportunities for professional planners to work with planning students.	Aug 27, 2012 7:12 AM
29	Broaden questions to differentiate between planning practitioners and academics	Aug 27, 2012 7:11 AM
30	not pie in the sky planning but real issues. there's no money. how to deal with that!	Aug 27, 2012 7:10 AM
31	Need to balance practical and experiential planning education with theoretical/academic. At time I attended planning school at Penn, it was too theoretical. It has vastly improved, judging by the interns and planners I have hired since.	Aug 27, 2012 6:55 AM
32	More about how green building is being incorporated into planning not just implementation (architecture).	Aug 27, 2012 6:32 AM
33	GIS based work in the planning field seems to take less consideration as a qualifying activity to APA. I strongly disagree with this as well trained GIS Analysts are geographers in nature and have strong experience in the planning process. This is overlooked.	Aug 27, 2012 6:30 AM

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34	Whether the education includes practical experience like an internship, etc	Aug 27, 2012 6:29 AM
35	What fields do people enter if they leave planning? Does a planning education serve them well in these other fields? How does AICP certification and CM maintenance help?	Aug 27, 2012 6:27 AM
36	writing skills analytical and problem-solving skills	Aug 27, 2012 6:27 AM
37	Stronger stewardship of CM	Aug 27, 2012 6:27 AM
38	Work study, internships, etc are KEY in the planning field. There is no amount of schooling that will prepare you for your first Planning Commission meeting regardless of what side of the table you are on.	Aug 27, 2012 6:19 AM
39	NA	Aug 27, 2012 6:13 AM
40	N?A	Aug 27, 2012 6:12 AM
41	Currently, pursuing my MS in Community and Regional Planning.	Aug 27, 2012 6:12 AM
42	Whether or not an internship was valuable and if it led to someone's first paid position in the field.	Aug 27, 2012 6:01 AM
43	Are the existing institutions in PA preparing students to plan IN PA (are they teaching the basics of the MPC)? Obviously, any program will be preparing students with a broad, national curriculum, but time spent on learning and interpreting state planning enabling legislation is time well spent.	Aug 27, 2012 6:01 AM
44	income, HH income, industry group membership	Aug 27, 2012 6:00 AM
45	Politics of Planning	Aug 27, 2012 6:00 AM
46	Planning educators must be active in planning at the local, regional, or state level in order to teach students in a meaningful way.	Aug 27, 2012 6:00 AM
47	Planners should not cast themselves inn the role of behavior modifiers. Planners nee to have a fgrounded perspective in the economics of development/redevelopment.	Aug 22, 2012 9:58 AM
48	Developing a strong career education initiative for high school and college leadership programs. GIS/Mapping for Professional Development	Aug 20, 2012 8:40 PM
49	A realistic assessment of urban Pennsylvania Problems	Aug 17, 2012 2:53 PM
50	Get a Master Level degree program in one of the land grant universiteis. LONG overdue..	Aug 17, 2012 2:16 PM
51	Consider a survey from which usefull conclusions can be drawn	Aug 17, 2012 12:12 PM
52	civil engineering experience	Aug 17, 2012 7:54 AM

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53	Planning professionals need a better understanding of how municipal government functions as a whole. At time credibility is lost due a lack of basic engineering/legal principals. Lastly, working with planning professionals on large projects is refreshing. However, fine details at times take a back seat to the big ideas. "The devil is in the details."	Aug 17, 2012 6:04 AM
54	AICP continuing education and professional development programs.	Aug 16, 2012 6:16 PM
55	You only asked about other certifications, not other training, workshops, professional development. What was helpful in augmenting your education?	Aug 16, 2012 12:28 PM
56	There should be mandatory ongoing training for planning commission members.	Aug 16, 2012 10:07 AM
57	skill set needed to be an effective practitioner today, continuing education and online resources to develop these skills, transferable skills for career flexibility	Aug 16, 2012 9:53 AM
58	I'm not sure I know what a "Citizen Planner" is - if you mean a volunteer from the Community, then, Yes, I am...If No, then my responses may not be appropriate.	Aug 16, 2012 6:24 AM
59	Good planning (in theory) is not always what works on the ground. More thought should be given to providing students with an educational background that is based in real skills - mapping, modeling, reading and writing plans, reading/writing or understanding zoning, and data analysis.	Aug 16, 2012 5:24 AM
60	More conservative values in educational programs	Aug 15, 2012 3:02 PM
61	Landscape Architecture provides a basic background for planning skills development.	Aug 15, 2012 1:06 PM
62	Serve as Chair of Township Planning Commission	Aug 15, 2012 12:40 PM
63	More interdisciplinary type involvement and thinking should be included	Aug 15, 2012 12:28 PM
64	While I have not completed my Masters degree I have taken courses	Aug 15, 2012 12:12 PM
65	you might want to determine if there is any impact from completing an internship in the field prior to obtaining full time employment	Aug 15, 2012 11:33 AM
66	n/a	Aug 15, 2012 11:27 AM
67	Education can take many forms -- the formal degree is very important but on-going education is essential, i.e. courses, workshops, seminars, distance ed, self-taught on-line, tours, written materials, and in-service opportunities.	Aug 15, 2012 11:19 AM
68	Public Outreach	Aug 15, 2012 11:17 AM
69	IMHO you would be better served by having interviews conducted by a neutral person to get at the answers you seem interested in... also, you may need to consider that lots of entry level planning jobs in PA don't require professional education, I'm sorry to say!	Aug 15, 2012 10:19 AM
70	PA State Universities have very little hands-on planning training.	Aug 15, 2012 10:10 AM

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71	Don't understand the question so I can'r answer	Aug 15, 2012 10:03 AM
72	Since my planning education was not from PA, I really can't commment on PA	Aug 15, 2012 9:58 AM
73	In my view, formal (especially graduate) education is not necessary for a successful career in planning. Most of planning is common sense, not material learned in school.	Aug 15, 2012 9:16 AM
74	Some form of mandatory training in the basics of planning processes and the PMPC should be required of all individuals who are appointed to municipal planning commissions and zoning hearing boards	Aug 15, 2012 8:53 AM
75	I have an undergraduate degree in environmental policy with a focus on land use. I took the AICP examination after working for 4 years and I passed on my first attempt. I still feel that I need a master's degree to stay competitive in the job market, but when I spoke to the Planning department heads at two different university's they both told me that the Master's program would be a waste of time for me. They said I already know most of the curriculum, as I've studied and passed the AICP examination. I have about \$37,000 in undergraduate debt. I really don't want to borrow an additional \$20,000 to learn information I've already mastered; particularly when the total cost of education may exceed the anticipated salary. I feel that we, as an association and employers should place less emphasis on the master's degree and more on experience. Perhaps undergraduate degrees in land use or planning are enough. It's not cost effective for many of us to earn two costly degrees with a relatively low return on investment.	Aug 15, 2012 8:45 AM
76	When I was accepted into the Temple program, I moved up a grade from "technician" to "planner"	Aug 15, 2012 8:32 AM
77	I would like to answer questions 8 and 9, but they are technically not applicable to my current situation as I am not employed in the planning field. However, from my myriad of failed interviews for planning employment, it would seem to me that planning education does not matter one bit in determining qualifications for employment, with the possible exception of a degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Likewise, minor internships may fill out space on a resume, but they are generally not considered to meet necessary planning experience requirements. While I have no complaints about my planning education itself, I am extremely dissatisfied with how it has been treated by those making decisions on new hires for planning positions, and I would warn planners currently being educated to expect a long, long, long wait before finding suitable employment.	Aug 15, 2012 8:32 AM
78	N/A	Aug 15, 2012 8:21 AM
79	Certification is unneeded. Many are not planners, it is to expensive and time consuming, and reaks of being an ego/group mentality thing. Why can't education and experience speak for itself?	Aug 15, 2012 8:19 AM
80	Include any job-related certifications, i.e., building code official, certified floodplain manager, etc.	Aug 15, 2012 8:08 AM

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81	Penn State should re-institute an Urban and Regional Planning Degree.	Aug 15, 2012 7:55 AM
82	More accredited planning programs at state universities are needed.	Aug 15, 2012 7:53 AM
83	The fact that there are planners that do not work in the traditional roles, e.g., for a municipality, planning firm, etc. I work as a private consultant in brownfields planning and redevelopment.	Aug 15, 2012 7:50 AM
84	This isn't specifically about education but, related...there aren't enough planning jobs in Pennsylvania for all of the work that needs to be done here. The overall importance and relevance of planning as a profession is critical area that I think with need to focus on more.	Aug 15, 2012 7:39 AM
85	Dont assume that all citizen planners are just commissioners! (Question #7)....,many of us have extensive backgrounds in other fields such as architecture and advocacy planning (ie we dont serve on planning boards but are heavily involved in public policy and the design of the built environment. As an architect and planning consultant, I use my experience and knowledge to advocate on behalf of neighborhoods/communities/NGOs rather than governments or developers.	Aug 15, 2012 7:38 AM
86	not sure what the purpose of the survey is but if it is to consider lowering the educational requirements for planners, I think that would be a bad idea	Aug 15, 2012 7:37 AM
87	My education provided a great base to start out in the field,but since the field is so broad, its impossible to focus on every specific area in school. I feel the best place to learn more focused areas of specialty is on the job real world experience.	Aug 15, 2012 7:37 AM
88	School does not prepare you for private sector work. Billable hours, budget cost estimating, proposal development and client control/retention.	Aug 15, 2012 7:31 AM
89	So glad I attended IUP!!	Aug 15, 2012 7:31 AM
90	Conflict resolution and effective management of time-sensitive projects.	Aug 15, 2012 7:31 AM
91	Continue to strengthen the relationships with the colleges and universities offering planning degrees and encourage more to do so.	Aug 15, 2012 7:30 AM
92	It would be great to include more training in "practical political realities" in Masters planning courses.	Aug 15, 2012 7:29 AM
93	More emphasis should be placed on communications skills- specifically: drawing, writing, and public speaking.	Aug 15, 2012 7:29 AM
94	Salaries of planning professionals compared to those in related professions such as engineering, architecture and public administration.	Aug 14, 2012 9:41 AM
95	I assumed 1 was strongly agree and 4/5 stronglt disagree, but it was not stated. This can be confusing.	Aug 14, 2012 9:29 AM
96	Of the planners that left the field - ask why -- jobs, upward mobility, satisfaction, etc	Aug 10, 2012 8:25 PM

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97	Not currently enrolled in the field -- retired for 12 years. In my experience as Executive Director of the Phila. City Planning Commission I found that planners do not get enough "hands on" real world experience as part of their education -- they are particularly lacking in their knowledge of governmental and political processes. This naivete seriously handicaps their ability to be effective as planners. Planners' education also neglects training in working with low and moderate income residents, and in public speaking and presentation.	Aug 10, 2012 10:49 AM
98	Greater emphasis on planning internships as a good introduction to planning practice	Aug 10, 2012 4:12 AM
99	There should be questions on relevant experience that prepared you for your position.	Aug 7, 2012 12:46 PM
100	Provide some supportive training for how to work in a political environment and stress management techniques.	Aug 6, 2012 12:24 PM
101	I understand the utility of "case studies" in PPA Training, but presenters should do a better job in relating their respective case study to larger planning concepts with greater applicability.	Aug 6, 2012 6:02 AM
102	Encouraging institutions to offer students training in "real-world" planning that they would experience in entry-level positions throughout government. Most planners coming out of college are not familiar with zoning reviews, subdivision and land development reviews, etc.	Aug 6, 2012 5:21 AM
103	Public budgeting and basic accounting skills would be helpful. Planner have to manage grants and these would be desirable skills.	Aug 6, 2012 5:19 AM
104	Have more certified planning schools. Stop encouraging so many young people to enter the planning field because municipalities are cutting planning positions right and left! You should start lobbying the local governments and persuade them that planning is a necessary tool in every aspect of government, not just land use, zoning, and environmental.	Aug 5, 2012 3:27 PM
105	Note: Some of the above questions are not clear as to whether they apply to all past planning experience or only current experience, i.e. I was a professional planner and a citizen planner, but am now retired from both.	Aug 5, 2012 11:18 AM
106	Consider how to assess the level of State Planning Code knowledge of planners, and for the PA system of local gov'ts thru townships, boro's, counties etc. whether they are from Pa of from another state.	Aug 3, 2012 1:11 PM
107	Endorse planners who have earned their AICP	Aug 2, 2012 12:59 PM
108	Hard to offer any such items since being basically solely a small business owner all these years.	Aug 2, 2012 12:19 PM
109	COntinuing education for both professional and citizen planners must be required. Model requirements on that required to maintain AICP Certification.	Aug 2, 2012 8:54 AM
110	The cost of education for a field that pays reasonably well but not great could be evaluated. Having 60k in ivy league debt is a bit of a burden in this field.	Aug 2, 2012 8:41 AM

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111	We need more local and on-line options We need more no-cost options	Aug 2, 2012 8:38 AM
112	attended post graduate courses towards Masters in Urban and Regional Planning when offered at Penn State - Harrisburg. This survey does not include coursework completed towards a degree.	Aug 2, 2012 7:24 AM
113	Ask specifically about education in using the MPC. That was not addressed when I was at Upenn!!!	Aug 2, 2012 5:53 AM
114	What relevant classes or classwork was relevant to your current position. Also, rate your educational experience.	Aug 2, 2012 5:41 AM
115	Partner with other professions that require Con-Ed that would be applicable to planners	Aug 2, 2012 5:24 AM
116	None of these survey questions were really geared towards current students.	Aug 1, 2012 7:59 PM
117	Credit-earning classes in high school to develop interest and open up the field to new ideas. Specialized certifications definitely can fast track interested individuals.	Aug 1, 2012 7:51 PM
118	Encourage getting AICP certified b/c the amount of studying is so broad that it just makes you stronger as a planner	Aug 1, 2012 6:15 PM
119	Need to focus on other types of Ordinances (e.g. Stormwater + Floodplain as powerful tools to help work on development issues. Environmental + Public Health + Trails to help fight sedentary activities.	Aug 1, 2012 4:59 PM
120	There are few outlets outside of Philadelphia to get a planning education in PA. Aspiring planners in my area (Lehigh Valley/NEPA) are forced to relocate to other parts of the state or go outside of the state to get planning degrees. APA could encourage colleges and universities in other parts of the state to offer at least a few planning courses.	Aug 1, 2012 4:56 PM
121	Someone should take a course in survey design, because this could have been done better.	Aug 1, 2012 3:51 PM
122	I work for an environmental nonprofit, and my title is not 'planner,' though I feel that my job duties are largely planning-oriented.	Aug 1, 2012 3:49 PM
123	AICP cm credits are the key driver / motivation for most training; However, others want further education - it just isn't as pressing.	Aug 1, 2012 3:45 PM
124	Certify planners in Pa and require basic planning education for citizen planners	Aug 1, 2012 2:52 PM
125	Not everyone who works in the planning field or is active in community planning is a professional planner. In fact, in sheer numbers, most aren't.	Aug 1, 2012 1:20 PM
126	I am not a planner; I am a zoning officer. Not all APA members are directly employed in the planning field.	Aug 1, 2012 1:10 PM
127	You could ask how progressive the municipality is in bringing the planning up to	Aug 1, 2012 12:49 PM

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date in the areas that are of importance in this day and age. I am on the Planning Commission of Conyngham Borough, PA. and it is the most backward, slow progressing group that I have ever worked with in my entire life. I have previous experience in Community Management and I am involved with environmental issues none of which seem to matter with the Conyngham Borough Planning Commission. My experience with this Borough is that they run it for the selective few and not the betterment of the entire Community. Selective enforcement is a high priority and no one has the courage to bring fresh new ideas to the table because it may offend or go against the Council members or others with name recognition in the Community. Keeping things status quo and doing the same things for years and years has kept this Borough in the Dark Ages. How do you change something like that??? I can tell you that one person can not do it because they look at you as the problem not the solution!

128	I don't have much to contribute -- I am about to start my 2nd year at the University of Pennsylvania (getting my MCRP). When in the workforce, however, it was very difficult to even get an internship without some education related to planning.	Aug 1, 2012 12:29 PM
129	Education should focus on Pennsylvania issues, eg. oil shale, sprawl, population redistribution, etc.	Aug 1, 2012 12:28 PM
130	In the County where I live, there is not many people who have a Masters in Planning - I think that I may be the only one. This is unfortunate.	Aug 1, 2012 12:14 PM
131	Age of degree. Someone who graduate in 2010 is more "current" academically than someone who graduate in, say 1990 or 1980.	Aug 1, 2012 11:49 AM
132	This is a poorly designed survey! Good luck getting the information you seek...	Aug 1, 2012 11:44 AM
133	real estate law...environmental assessment...state laws (that municipal planning office may deal with such as urban renewal)...computerized mapping...economic development beyond theory...building codes...	Aug 1, 2012 11:32 AM
134	How happy they were with their education. Also, how could the education experience change.	Aug 1, 2012 11:31 AM
135	Are members AICP accredited? Have citizen planner taken PMPEI training programs?	Aug 1, 2012 11:14 AM
136	I have been in my current position for 28 years. My degree definitely secured my position for me, but after 28 years of experience the combination of both have enabled me to stay this long in one position	Aug 1, 2012 11:13 AM
137	Have you taken any PMPEI classes? Are you a member of any other professional organizations (AIA, ASLA, PAAZO, etc.)? Are you AICP-certified? How many CM credits did you gather last year?	Aug 1, 2012 11:12 AM
138	The classes and particular specialized fields today offered in schools far exceeds what was offered years ago.	Aug 1, 2012 11:11 AM
139	I strongly believe that continued education and maybe more so, interaction,	Aug 1, 2012 11:03 AM

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	communication, information sharing, and collaboration between planners is necessary to both personal development and the continued development of the planning field for the betterment of society.	
140	I think you should emphasize to planners that a planning education isn't the only path to a planning job.	Aug 1, 2012 10:47 AM
141	continuing education - opportunities available and desire among planners	Aug 1, 2012 10:46 AM
142	Question 9 could be reworded - the answers to the various parts are not mutually exclusive and cannot account for multiple new job experiences.	Aug 1, 2012 10:43 AM
143	1. Ask are you an AICP member? 2. How do you value continuing education.	Aug 1, 2012 10:41 AM
144	Questions # 8 and 9 are very poorly worded	Aug 1, 2012 10:41 AM
145	The questions were too similar in this survey. Ask more specific questions. IE: What types of communities are planners of different education levels working with? I indicated that I work for County Government, but it may be useful to know a bit more about the County (size, metro area, rural, etc). The purpose of the survey was vague. Are the results going to be shared with universities, students, posted online?	Aug 1, 2012 10:37 AM
146	Number of years in a related field Other experience that aided in your career choice (military, non-profit, etc.)	Aug 1, 2012 10:28 AM
147	Environmental constraints when evaluating building potential or growth i.e., Highlands regulations in New Jersey should be similar proposals for the Highlands of Pennsylvania	Aug 1, 2012 10:26 AM
148	Exposure to multiple disciplines within planning.	Aug 1, 2012 10:21 AM
149	Mentoring Programs; bringing Planners into the classroom so students can make a better connection between the classroom and employment opportunities	Aug 1, 2012 10:17 AM
150	Practical experience worked into planning classes is important.	Aug 1, 2012 10:13 AM
151	Regional seminars on planning issues	Aug 1, 2012 10:12 AM
152	Graduate level coursework w/out completing Masters/PhD	Aug 1, 2012 10:11 AM
153	Does or did the lack of accredited Planning Schools in Pennsylvania hinder your employment or employment opportunities?	Aug 1, 2012 10:08 AM
154	Employers focus on are you an AICP or not, if not, does your education allow to sit for the test. To me the education was just a factor in earning an AICP	Aug 1, 2012 10:06 AM
155	Intermediate training for citizen planners. There is a great online orientation lesson, but that is it except for difficult to attend regional classes that only marginally apply. Considering that in most towns we do the majority of actual planning (as opposed to enforcement) this leads to shoddy work with holes that bad actors with lawyers can exploit.	Aug 1, 2012 10:04 AM

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156	Specify what kind of planning they are doing and also consider "non-traditional" forms of planning	Aug 1, 2012 10:03 AM
157	Standards for obtaining AICP should be more stringent	Aug 1, 2012 10:00 AM
158	The spectrum of jobs available to planners is so wide, that specific parts of the education will apply to some and not to others. There is still a lot of "on-the-job-training" for any job. I don't think that is so much a failure of the planning education, as a realization of the wide variety of jobs that planners cover, and also that planning is largely local - covered by local and state laws and schools can't be expected to cover all of them.	Aug 1, 2012 9:56 AM
159	AICP membership and continuing education	Aug 1, 2012 9:52 AM
160	SHOULD EVALUATE SCHOOLS THAT TEACH PLANNING AS WELL AS STUDENTS AND PROFESSIONALS	Aug 1, 2012 9:51 AM
161	Whether planners from the same university have used their alumni networks for job search, project collaboration, etc	Aug 1, 2012 9:50 AM
162	Training from Junior league of Phila/strong interest in preservation of historic structures and open space, multi-use trails and bridle path systems!	Aug 1, 2012 9:49 AM
163	Open members eyes to the variety of groups we deal with on a daily basis. To improve communication between our profession and others 1. Organize a PA law makers and planners summit 2. Hold a PA lawers and planners summit 3. Organize a PA home builders/ developers and planners round table. 4. Conduct a PA farmers and planners summit 5. Hold a oil/ gas exploration industry and planners summit Others groups to (educators - all levels) consider senior citizens, authorities, land conservation groups, chambers of commerce and small business, etc.	Aug 1, 2012 9:47 AM
164	The questions in #9 are worded strangely. The issue is not "how much" of my education prepared me for my job. There are two issues - how applicable my education was to my job, and how much of my job was not covered by my education. It's not that "only a small amount of my education prepared me for my job", it's that my education did not go far enough in terms of topics covered or in terms of the specificity of the topics covered. In general, planner education needs to be more specific, with speakers and examples drawn from real life.	Aug 1, 2012 9:42 AM
165	My education has had a major impact on my work as a planner. However, (I don't think this was an option above) on the job training about the bureaucratic processes (i.e. permits, notifications et al) and legislation that guides planning in PA (i.e. MPC, Sewage Facilities Planning, NPDES, and local ordinances) was the most significant hurdle to become an effective planner. Yet, education on these matters is better left to the job site.	Aug 1, 2012 9:41 AM
166	Well, the questions could be reworded so that they were less obtuse. I really didn't get the point.	Aug 1, 2012 9:40 AM
167	Preparing for the specialty certifications through APA or other associations.	Aug 1, 2012 9:37 AM

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	Striving to develop more master's programs for planning at PA universities.	
168	Free training on the west side of the State	Aug 1, 2012 9:37 AM
169	Access to continuing education, is it available to working adults....higher degree and graduate level work.	Aug 1, 2012 9:37 AM
170	Too much CE required for self-employed, private sector consultants, who are already working 80 hrs/wk and funding everything we do on our own, with no private firm dept/public sector budgets to tap.	Aug 1, 2012 9:36 AM
171	Continuing Education Units for Planners (AICP) and other associated registrations.	Aug 1, 2012 9:34 AM
172	More training workshops on current planning issues would help.	Aug 1, 2012 9:33 AM
173	Require certification of all practicing planner similar to New Jersey and also require mandatory training for all citizen planning officials and zoning hearing board members.	Aug 1, 2012 9:29 AM
174	CM training credits.	Aug 1, 2012 9:28 AM
175	None	Aug 1, 2012 9:27 AM
176	-	Aug 1, 2012 9:26 AM
177	Some planners are also architects (or landscape architects) that work, at times, primarily on planning, and at other times, primarily on architecture projects. Continuing education and other planning resources are invaluable to planners with degrees in related fields.	Aug 1, 2012 9:25 AM
178	Working planners should be invited to guest lecture at colleges and university planning program classes. Planners MUST be good writers and communicators. Educational programs need to do a better job insisting that their graduating students have above average written and oral communication skills.	Aug 1, 2012 9:22 AM
179	Not all planners working in the public or private sectors have a formal planning education. PPA should continue to provide technical planning training to support their positions.	Aug 1, 2012 9:22 AM
180	Cost: Temple is less expensive than Penn, but \$2,500 a course in a 2-year program is still steep for a mid-career masters. We need a less expensive mid-career alternative.	Aug 1, 2012 9:22 AM
181	Determine value of including non-traditional career paths in planning, such as foundation/philanthropy, recreation & conservation, etc.	Aug 1, 2012 9:21 AM
182	Penn State's Regional Planning Program at University park was resource based and sustainabilty focused. It was ahead of its time, but did not survive due to lack of research dollars and commitment by administration	Aug 1, 2012 9:18 AM
183	None	Aug 1, 2012 9:18 AM

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184	Including of interships in the planning field as part of education process	Aug 1, 2012 9:18 AM
185	This questionnaire doesn't reflect my position as a student/intern.	Aug 1, 2012 9:17 AM
186	real world applciation, reviewing of site plans, cross reference some course work with engineers	Aug 1, 2012 9:17 AM
187	I am in the planning field only as the secretary to a Township Planning Commission.	Aug 1, 2012 9:17 AM
188	Understanding of financial modeling and real estate from the private sector perspective	Aug 1, 2012 9:16 AM