

<b>Research Title</b>	A Follow up Study of Bachelor Degree Graduates of ValayaAlongkorn Rajabhat University under the Royal Patronage, Bangkok Campus in the 2007-2008 Academic Years
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### **Abstract**

The purpose of a Follow up Study of Bachelor Degree Graduates of ValayaAlongkorn Rajabhat University under the Royal Patronage, Bangkok Campus in the 2007 - 2008 Academic Year were to study bachelor degree graduates status, and conditions on the following:- rate of employment, types of employment, job hunting, and continuation of study.

The population of the study consisted of 568 bachelor degree graduates from ValayaAlongkorn Rajabhat University under the Royal Patronage, Bangkok Campus in the academic year 2007 - 2008. The instrument for data collection was a 5 part questionnaire. Statistics for data analysis were percentage, mean and standard deviation.

Research Findings on bachelor degree graduates lead to the following conclusions.

### **Part 1 Graduates Status**

Regarding general data of respondents, 298 respondents were 2 year part time female students and completed vocational degree and continued to study at Valaya Alongkorn Rajabhat University. Most of them majored in General Management from the faculty of Business Science.

### **Part 2 Graduates Employment**

Regarding the rate of employment, 75.2 percent of respondents were already employed and 24.8 percent were employed after graduating within 1 year in private business sector or private organizations as administrators. Most of them got a job that was relevant to their field so they could use knowledge in moderate level. They received a monthly salary 10,001 Baht. The result also showed that most graduates did not have trouble in the work place excepting some conflict with their colleagues, but this could be solved by discussing with their leaders.

### **Part 3 Job Hunting**

56.4 percent of respondents did not apply for new jobs, but 43.6 percent did. Most of them applied to government establishments which were not educational institutions and spent 3 months finding a job. Most respondents encountered problems in taking the examination in order to get a job in government establishments because they could not pass.

### **Part 4 Continuation of Study**

Regarding to continuation of study, 89.3 percent of respondents did not continue study in higher degree but 10.7 percent did and desired to focus studying in a similar field. The main reason for continuation of study for a higher degree was that they wanted career advancement.

## Part 5 Opinions on Characteristics of graduates of Valaya Alongkorn Rajabhat University under the Royal Patronage, Bangkok Campus

The characteristics that were most satisfactory to respondents were honesty, human relationships, hard working, patience, team worker, responsibility, confidence, sacrifices, Thai language communication skill, enthusiasm, problem solving, leadership, creativity, computer skill, insightful knowledge in one's relative field. However, the characteristic that needed to be improved was ability to communicate in foreign language.