Report on Continuing Education

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Questions about Continuing Education

➤ To what extent is continuing education a primary source of education/training?

➤ What is the level of participation in continuing education?

➤ What are the sources of continuing education?

➤ What are the barriers to continuing education?

➤ What are the subject areas for continuing education?
#1. Continuing education and self-education has been a key route for the primary and ongoing education and training.

### Primary Source of Archival Training or Education

- **Graduate school**: 35%
- **Continuing education**: 20%
- **Self education**: 21%
- **Other**: 23%
- **Don't know**: 1%

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#2. Participation in continuing education is high, particularly from professional associations.

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<th>Type of Training</th>
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<td>Informal, unstructured on-the job training</td>
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<td>Internships</td>
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<td>Your employer</td>
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<td>Other non-archival professional associations</td>
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#3. Continuing education needs are changing.

**Primary Source of Education - Entered Profession 1971-1990**

- Don't know: 0%
- Graduate school: 29%
- Other: 25%
- Self-education: 21%
- Continuing education: 25%
Primary Source of Education - Entered Profession 1991-2004

- Graduate school: 41%
- Continuing education: 16%
- Self-education: 20%
- Other: 22%
- Don't know: 1%
#4. There are barriers to continuing education and training.

1. Cost
2. Distance
3. Lack of courses relevant to needs
4. Time away from work
5. Lack of employer support
6. Time away from family
#5: There is support for continuing education or training.

**Registration Fees Provided by Employer**

- Less than $500: 44%
- $500 to $999: 14%
- $1,000 to $1,499: 4%
- $1,500 to $1,999: 1%
- $2,000 to $2,499: 1%
- $2,500 or more: 1%
- Rather not say: 3%
- No answer: 1%
- None: 31%
Travel/Lodging Provided by Employer

- None: 38%
- Less than $500: 26%
- $500 to $999: 15%
- $1,000 to $1,499: 8%
- $1,500 to $1,999: 4%
- $2,000 to $2,499: 2%
- $2,500 or more: 2%
- No answer: 2%
- Rather not say: 3%
#6. Providers of continuing education must look at ways to provide education for the lowest cost.
Annual Amount Willing to Pay for Education & Professional Development - Travel/Lodging

- Less than $500: 53%
- $500 to $999: 19%
- $1,000 to $1,499: 5%
- $1,500 to $1,999: 1%
- $2,000 to $2,499: 0%
- $2,500 or more: 0%
- Employer provides full funding: 11%
- Rather not say: 8%
- Whatever it takes: 3%
#7: A variety of continuing education topics are needed with emphasis on new technology.
Next Most Desired Continuing Education Topics

- Web site creation / management
- Exhibits
- Records management
- Acquisition and Appraisal
- Moving images (film, video)
- EAD
- Cataloging
- Metadata
- Arrangement
- Description

# of Respondents

Topics
#8: Regional, state, local and national or international associations are the preferred sources of continuing education or training

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Continuing Education Summary

1. A key route for the primary and ongoing education/training.
2. High level of participation in continuing education.
3. Continuing education needs are changing.
4. Cost is the greatest barrier.
5. There is support for continuing education or training.
7. A variety of continuing education topics are needed with emphasis on new technology.
8. Professional associations, particularly regional, state and local as primary providers