

Davidson County Community College

2008 Graduate Survey

All Respondents

May and July 2008 Graduates

Number of Graduates: 747 Number Completing Survey: 249

Percent Completing Survey: 33.3%

I. Degree Information

1. Award received:

Degree	145
Diploma	36
Certificate	68

2. Type of student:

Day	164
Evening	30
Both Day and Evening	20
Online	35

II. Goal Attainment

3. Graduate goal(s) for attending DCCC (Respondents may select more than one):

Degree, Diploma, or Certificate	204	(81.9%)
Improve existing job skills	55	(22.1%)
Transfer to a 4-year college/university	46	(18.5%)
Prepare for/get a new job	122	(49.0%)
Personal interest	46	(18.4%)
Other	3	(1.2%)

4. Degree to which graduate accomplished goal(s) for attending DCCC:

Completely	171	(70.4%)
Partially	67	(27.6%)
Did not accomplish goal(s)	5	(2.0%)
No Response	6	

III. Educational Status

5. Are you currently enrolled in a four-year college or university?

Yes	41	(16.5%)
No	208	(83.5%)

If yes, are you attending full-time or part-time?

Full-time	32	(78.0%)
Part-time	9	(22.0%)

Are you currently enrolled in a two-year college?		
Yes	44	(17.7%)
No	205	(82.3%)

If yes, are you attending full-time or part-time?		
Full-time	28	(63.6%)
Part-time	16	(36.4%)

IV. Employment Information

6. Employment status:		
Employed Full-time	143	(57.9%)
Employed Part-time	31	(12.6%)
Self-employed	10	(4.0%)
Unemployed-Seeking employment	48	(19.4%)
Unemployed-Not seeking employment	13	(5.3%)
Other	2	(0.8%)
Number of Non-Respondents	2	

7. Length of time at current job:		
Less than 1 Year	91	(48.7%)
1-3 Years	42	(22.5%)
3-5 Years	15	(8.0%)
Over 5 Years	39	(20.9%)
Number of Non-Respondents	62	

8. Current Salary (All Employment – Whether or Not Related to Program of Study)		
Below \$6.00 per hour (Approx \$12,500 per Year)	0	(0%)
\$6.00 - \$7.99 per hour (Approx \$14,500 per Year)	2	(1.9%)
\$8.00 – \$9.99 per hour (Approx \$19,000 per Year)	12	(11.7%)
\$10.00-\$11.99 per hour (Approx \$23,000 per Year)	24	(23.3%)
\$12.00-\$13.99 per hour (Approx \$27,000 per Year)	9	(8.7%)
\$14.00-\$15.99 per hour (Approx \$31,000 per Year)	17	(16.5%)
\$16.00-\$17.99 per hour (Approx \$35,000 per Year)	9	(8.7%)
\$18.00-\$19.99 per hour (Approx \$40,000 per Year)	3	(2.9%)
\$20.00 per hour or more (Over \$42,000 per Year)	27	(26.2%)
Number of Non-Respondents	146	

Average = \$15.17 per hour (Approx \$31,540 per Year)

9. How did you find your current job?		
Self-Referral to Employer	72	(42.1%)
Referral from DCCC Instructor	26	(15.2%)
DCCC JobLink Center	2	(1.2%)
Referral from Friend or Family Member	26	(15.2%)
Newspaper Advertisement	12	(7.0%)
Other	33	(19.3%)
Number of Non-Respondents	78	

	Yes	No	Number of Non-Respondents
10. Is your job related to your program of study at DCCC?	133 (77.8%)	38 (22.2%)	78
11. Would you recommend DCCC to someone who was interested in pursuing the same career as yourself?	130 (97.7%)	3 (2.3%)	116
12. Was the equipment that you used for courses in your program of study sufficient to prepare you for your present job?	131 (98.5%)	2 (1.5%)	116

13. If your job is related to your program of study, how well did the education you received at DCCC prepare you for the responsibilities of your current job?

Very Well	74	(56.1%)
Well	40	(30.3%)
Adequately	16	(12.1%)
Not Well	1	(0.8%)
Poorly	1	(0.8%)
Number of Non-Respondents	117	

14. If your job is not related to your program of study at DCCC, it is because:

Could Not Find Job in Major	19	(44.2%)
Transferred to a 4-Year College or University	1	(2.3%)
Did Not Look for Job Related to Major	9	(20.9%)
Preferred to Work in Another Field	3	(7.0%)
Other	11	(25.6%)
Number of Non-Respondents	206	

15. Regardless of job or financial benefits, do you feel your DCCC experiences improved your quality of life?

Yes	211	(84.7%)
No	10	(4.0%)
Uncertain	28	(11.2%)

16. If you were to begin again (i.e., if you had it to do all over again), would you choose to attend DCCC?

Yes	218	(87.6%)
No	3	(1.2%)
Uncertain	28	(11.2%)

17. Did you attend DCCC as a result of a recent layoff from your previous job?

Yes	62	(25.0%)
No	186	(75.0%)
Number of Non-Respondents	1	

V. Satisfaction with Program of Study and Services

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dis-satisfied	Very Dis-satisfied	Number of Non-Respondents
18. Quality of services provided by Financial Aid staff in providing information and answering questions	59 (38.8%)	77 (50.7%)	13 (8.6%)	3 (2.0%)	97
19. Extent to which the Financial Aid staff in was able to assist you in providing aid for which your were eligible	65 (43.6%)	72 (48.3%)	9 (6.0%)	3 (2.0%)	100
20. Number of student activities	33 (27.5%)	78 (65.0%)	8 (6.7%)	1 (0.8%)	129
21. Usefulness of information provided in the JobLink Center	26 (28.9%)	57 (63.3%)	4 (4.4%)	3 (3.3%)	159
22. Assistance provided by JobLink Center staff in helping you find employment	17 (27.0%)	31 (49.2%)	10 (15.9%)	5 (7.9%)	186
23. Quality of assistance provided by counselors with career or and/or educational planning	50 (32.5%)	88 (57.1%)	9 (5.8%)	7 (4.5%)	95

	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dis-satisfied	Very Dis-satisfied	Number of Non-Respondents
24. Quality of instruction in program area courses	128 (52.5%)	108 (44.3%)	7 (2.9%)	1 (0.4%)	5
25. Quality of instruction in other courses	87 (39.9%)	124 (56.9%)	6 (2.7%)	1 (0.5%)	31
26. Quality of classroom/lab equipment (Non-computer)	87 (37.7%)	129 (55.8%)	14 (6.1%)	1 (0.4%)	18
27. Quality of classroom/lab equipment (Computer)	90 (42.4%)	105 (49.5%)	12 (5.7%)	5 (2.4%)	37
28. Availability of a computer outside of class	104 (47.1%)	105 (47.5%)	11 (5.0%)	1 (0.4%)	28
29. Availability of assistance when using computers in labs outside of class	84 (43.1%)	101 (51.8%)	8 (4.1%)	2 (1.0%)	54
30. Availability of courses you wish to take	83 (35.9%)	124 (53.7%)	21 (9.1%)	3 (1.3%)	18
31. Times that courses you wish to take are offered	78 (33.3%)	124 (53.0%)	29 (12.4%)	3 (1.3%)	15
32. Quality of Academic Advising	88 (39.6%)	120 (54.1%)	11 (5.0%)	3 (1.3%)	27
33. Quality of Learning Resources Center	80 (40.2%)	114 (57.3%)	4 (2.0%)	1 (0.5%)	50
34. Quality of Registration	103 (42.0%)	135 (55.1%)	5 (2.0%)	2 (0.8%)	4
35. Quality of Admissions	103 (42.4%)	136 (56.0%)	4 (1.6%)	0 (0%)	6
36. Quality of Student Activities	50 (27.3%)	125 (68.3%)	8 (4.4%)	0 (0%)	66
37. Quality of Campus Security	64 (30.8%)	130 (62.5%)	10 (4.8%)	4 (1.9%)	41
38. The overall quality of your program of study at DCCC	130 (53.1%)	107 (43.7%)	7 (2.9%)	1 (0.4%)	4
39. Your overall level of satisfaction with DCCC	130 (52.4%)	113 (45.6%)	4 (1.6%)	1 (0.4%)	1