Each fall, Austin Community College surveys its graduates of the previous year to collect information regarding the effectiveness of both transfer and workforce programs. Additionally, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board requires colleges to annually submit outcomes data to determine program effectiveness and funding.

The ACC 1996-97 Graduate Survey was distributed during the spring of 1998 to 1,089 graduates of the 1996-97 academic year. A total of 505 (46.4%) responses were received. Graduates were asked to respond to questions about their current employment status, whether their degree or certificate was required for their job, any further education beyond their ACC work, any volunteer work involving ACC training and their opinion of how well ACC prepared them for employment or further education.

The flow chart below illustrates, of those who responded to the survey, 447 (41.0%) are (or were, at one time) employed. Of those, 372 (34.1%) list employment requirements focused on college training.

Additionally, most respondents rated ACC’s preparation for employment as “excellent” (53.3%) or “satisfactory” (29.5%).

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Graduate Follow-Up Survey Results 1996-97 Graduates

Cohort of 1996-97 Graduates
n=1,089

Responded to survey
n=505 (46.4%)

Non-respondents
n=584 (53.6%)

Employed/Employed at one time
n= 447 (41.0%)

Employment not related to college training
n=75 (6.9%)

Employment related to college training
n=372 (34.1%)

Not employed
n=51 (4.7%)

Not employed/yes volunteered related to college training
n=7 (0.6%)

Employed (not related to college training)/yes volunteered related to college training
n=6 (0.5%)

Total Employed &/or Volunteered related to college training
n=385 (35.4%)