

ACC Graduate Follow-up Survey Results 2001-02 Graduates: Workforce Outcomes

To assist Texas community colleges in determining whether their workforce programs are meeting the state standard that 90% of program graduates are employed, or continuing their education, or both, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) uses state employment records and various THECB data to locate students following graduation. Colleges are also encouraged to conduct their own follow-up activities. Therefore, each year, ACC surveys its graduates of the previous academic year to provide data that supplement the THECB's tracking data.

The ACC 2001-2002 Graduate Survey was distributed to 1,203 students who graduated during the 2001-2002 academic year. A total of 400 (33.2%) questionnaires were returned. Not all respondents answered every question in the survey.

Graduates were asked to respond to questions about:

- employment status after graduation
- whether their degree or certificate was required for their job
- any volunteer work involving ACC training
- their opinion of how well ACC prepared them for employment or further education

The chart below illustrates that of the 400 graduates responding, 295 (73.8%) are employed, or were at one time after graduating. Of those, 225 gradu-

ates (76.3% of all respondents) were employed in a job that was related to their ACC training. Additionally, 6 respondents (1.5%) volunteered in an area related to their ACC training even though they did not use their training in their job.

Nearly half of respondents (47.0%) rated their ACC preparation for employment or further education "excellent" (38.0%) or "satisfactory" (9.0%), while about forty-two percent rated their preparation "Good only in some areas."

Please rate how well you feel ACC prepared you for employment or further education. My preparation was...		
Rating	Respondents	
	n	%
Excellent	152	38.0%
Satisfactory	36	9.0%
Good only in some areas	167	41.8%
Fair	15	3.8%
Inadequate	7	1.8%
Did not respond to this item	23	5.8%
Total	400	100%

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