

# ACC Graduate Follow-Up Survey Results 1997-98 Graduates: Workforce Outcomes

To determine whether graduates of public community colleges in Texas 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. However, these data may overlook self-employed graduates and graduates who have transferred to private or out-of-state schools. Additionally, the employment records do not indicate whether the graduate is employed in the field for which the degree or certificate was granted.

Each year, ACC surveys its graduates of the previous academic year to provide data that supplement the THECB's tracking data.

The ACC 1997-98 Graduate Survey was distributed during the Spring of 1999 to 1,033 graduates for the 1997-98 academic year. A total of 454 (44%) 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 further education beyond their ACC work
- any volunteer work involving ACC training
- their opinion of how well ACC prepared them for employment or further education

The chart below illustrates of the 1,033 graduates, 405 (39.2%) are or were at one time after graduating employed. Of those, 357 graduates (34.1%) were employed in a job that was related to their ACC training. Additionally, seven graduates (0.6%) volunteered in an area related to their ACC training even though they did not use their training in a job.

Most (370) of the graduates responding to the survey (445) rated their ACC preparation for employment or further education "excellent" (46.5%) or "satisfactory" (35.0%).

Please rate how well you feel ACC prepared you for employment or further education. My		
	Respondents	
	N	%
<b>Excellent</b>	211	46.5
<b>Satisfactory</b>	159	35.0
<b>Good only in some areas</b>	60	13.2
<b>Fair</b>	7	1.5
<b>Inadequate</b>	8	1.8
<b>Did not respond</b>	9	2.0

