Completer and skills-building students at Cerritos College were surveyed if they met one of the following criteria in 2016-2017, and did not enroll (or were minimally enrolled) in 2017-2018: earned a certificate of 6 or more units, earned a vocational degree, or earned 9+ CTE units. The survey was administered in early 2019 by e-mail, text message (SMS), and telephone. The survey addressed student perceptions of their CTE program, employment outcomes, and how their coursework and training relate to their current career. A total of 2633 students were surveyed and 869 (33%) students responded: 30% by email, 61% by phone, and 9% by SMS.

How satisfied are students with the education and training they received?

- Very Satisfied: 5.7%
- Satisfied: 34.8%
- Other: 59.4%

How many students secured a job that is closely related to their program of study?

- Very Close: 25.3%
- Close: 23.9%
- Not Close: 50.8%

How many hours per week are employed students working?

- 40+ hours: 6.6%
- >20 hours: 18.8%
- <20 hours: 74.8%

How many months did it take for students to find a job?

- 0: 13.3%
- 1-3: 12.4%
- 4-6: 26.7%
- 7+: 47.6%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

![Graph showing hourly wages before and after training.]

$16.46$ versus $24.00$

What were the hourly wages of transfer students and non-transfer students—before training versus after training?

![Graph showing wage change for transfer and non-transfer students.]

Transfer: $15.00$ versus $22.25$
Non-Transfer: $17.75$ versus $24.00$

Does the similarity between job and program of study influence wage gains?

![Graph showing wage change for jobs not close, close, and very close.]

Not Close: $3.00$
Close: $3.50$
Very Close: $5.50$

More Key Results

$7.54$ is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars

$46\%$ is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain

$84\%$ of respondents reported being employed for pay

$34\%$ of respondents reported transferring to another college or university

$94\%$ of respondents reported being very satisfied or satisfied with their training.

Conclusion

The results of the survey showed that completing CTE studies and training—whether or not a credential is earned, whether or not a student transfers—is related to positive employment outcomes. The preponderance of respondents are employed and are working in the same field as their studies or training. Notably, students realize a greater wage gain after completing their studies if they secure a job that is similar to their program of study.