Completer and skills-building students at Coastline Community 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 1003 students were surveyed and 211 (21%) students responded: 36% by email, 51% by phone, and 13% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 53.1%
- Satisfied: 41.1%
- Other: 5.7%

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

- Very Close: 47.6%
- Close: 33.1%
- Not Close: 19.3%

**How many hours per week are employed students working?**

- 40+ hours: 14.6%
- >20 hours: 26.9%
- <20 hours: 32.7%
- 7+ hours: 17.3%

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

- 0 months: 23.1%
- 1-3 months: 4.6%
- 4-6 months: 26.9%
- 7+ months: 32.7%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

![Bar chart showing hourly wages before and after training.]($21.00$ vs $30.00$)

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

![Bar chart showing wage change for transfer and non-transfer students.]($17.25$ vs $27.75$ for transfer; $22.50$ vs $30.00$ for non-transfer)

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

![Bar chart showing wage change for different similarity levels.]($0.25$ vs $3.00$ vs $9.00$)

More Key Results

$9.00$ is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars

$43\%$ is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain

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

$33\%$ 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.