Completer and skills-building students at College of the Sequoias 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 1348 students were surveyed and 435 (32%) students responded: 35% by email, 53% by phone, and 12% by SMS.

- How satisfied are students with the education and training they received?
  - Very Satisfied: 41.5%
  - Satisfied: 45.7%
  - Other: 12.8%

- How many students secured a job that is closely related to their program of study?
  - Very Close: 30.3%
  - Close: 45.3%
  - Not Close: 24.3%

- How many hours per week are employed students working?
  - 40+ hours: 25.6%
  - >20 hours: 65.2%
  - <20 hours: 9.2%

- How many months did it take for students to find a job?
  - 0: 34.6%
  - 1-3: 41.7%
  - 4-6: 10.2%
  - 7+ months: 13.4%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

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

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

What is your current employment status?

More Key Results

$8.17$ is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars

$61\%$ is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain

$83\%$ of respondents reported being employed for pay

$37\%$ of respondents reported transferring to another college or university

$87\%$ 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.