Completer and skills-building students at Feather River 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 241 students were surveyed and 74 (31%) students responded: 34% by email, 49% by phone, and 18% by SMS.

- **How satisfied are students with the education and training they received?**
  - Very Satisfied: 54.8%
  - Satisfied: 38.4%
  - Other: 6.8%

- **How many students secured a job that is closely related to their program of study?**
  - Very Close: 34.0%
  - Close: 34.0%
  - Not Close: 32.0%

- **How many hours per week are employed students working?**
  - 40+ hours: 17.6%
  - >20 hours: 13.7%
  - <20 hours: 68.6%

- **How many months did it take for students to find a job?**
  - 0: 44.8%
  - 1-3: 37.9%
  - 4-6: 10.3%
  - 7+: 6.9%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

![Hourly Wage Chart]

$12.00 was the hourly wage before training, and $20.00 after training.

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

![Hourly Wage Change Chart]

$11.00 was the change for transfer students, and $13.75 for non-transfer students.

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

![Wage Change by Similarity Chart]

$5.00 was the wage gain for those whose jobs were not close, $4.00 for close, and $5.00 for very close.

What is your current employment status?

![Employment Status Chart]

52.9% are employed at one job, 16.2% are unemployed but seeking work, 13.2% are employed at more than one job, 8.8% are unemployed but not seeking work, 8.8% are self-employed, 12.8% are unpaid work but seeking paid work, and 0% are unpaid work and not seeking paid work.

More Key Results

$8.00 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars

67% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain

75% of respondents reported being employed for pay

49% of respondents reported transferring to another college or university

93% 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.