Completer and skills-building students at Las Positas 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 887 students were surveyed and 290 (33%) students responded: 46% by email, 42% by phone, and 12% by SMS.

How satisfied are students with the education and training they received?
- Very Satisfied: 53.0%
- Satisfied: 40.1%
- Other: 7.0%

How many students secured a job that is closely related to their program of study?
- Very Close: 48.3%
- Close: 24.4%
- Not Close: 27.3%

How many hours per week are employed students working?
- 40+ hours: 9.9%
- >20 hours: 26.2%
- <20 hours: 63.9%

How many months did it take for students to find a job?
- 0: 32.6%
- 1-3: 5.8%
- 4-6: 11.6%
- 7+: 50.0%
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?

More Key Results

- $8.50 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars
- 57% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain
- 76% of respondents reported being employed for pay
- 43% 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.