Completer and skills-building students at Los Angeles Trade-Tech 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 2528 students were surveyed and 766 (30%) students responded: 30% by email, 62% by phone, and 8% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 36.5%
- Satisfied: 55.0%
- Other: 8.5%

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

- Very Close: 53.3%
- Close: 24.8%
- Not Close: 21.9%

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

- 40+ hours: 13.8%
- >20 hours: 79.3%
- <20 hours: 7.0%

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

- 0: 37.2%
- 1-3: 14.0%
- 4-6: 31.8%
- 7+: 17.1%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

![Bar chart showing hourly wages before and after training with $15.00 before and $25.00 after.]

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 with $13.50 for transfer, $20.00 for transfer, and $16.00 for non-transfer, $25.00 for non-transfer.]

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

![Bar chart showing wage change for similarity with $2.00 for not close, $5.00 for close, and $10.00 for very close.]

What is your current employment status?

![Pie chart showing employment status with 67.0% employed at one job, 11.6% employed at more than one job, 9.8% self-employed, 5.2% unemployed seeking work, 4.2% unemployed not seeking work, 1.3% unpaid work seeking paid work, and 0.8% unpaid work not seeking paid work.]

More Key Results

$10.00 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

88% of respondents reported being employed for pay

15% of respondents reported transferring to another college or university

92% 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.