Completer and skills-building students at Moorpark 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 1421 students were surveyed and 482 (34%) students responded: 32% by email, 59% by phone, and 9% by SMS.

- **How satisfied are students with the education and training they received?**
  - Very Satisfied: 56.8%
  - Satisfied: 37.1%
  - Other: 6.1%

- **How many students secured a job that is closely related to their program of study?**
  - Very Close: 39.8%
  - Close: 32.9%
  - Not Close: 27.5%

- **How many hours per week are employed students working?**
  - 40+ hours: 16.7%
  - >20 hours: 26.6%
  - <20 hours: 56.7%

- **How many months did it take for students to find a job?**
  - 0: 41.9%
  - 1-3: 16.9%
  - 4-6: 8.1%
  - 7+ : 33.1%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

- Before Training: $14.00
- After Training: $20.00

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

- Transfer:
  - Before Training: $13.00
  - After Training: $19.85

- Non-Transfer:
  - Before Training: $15.00
  - After Training: $25.00

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

- Not Close: $1.75
- Close: $5.50
- Very Close: $10.00

What is your current employment status?

- Employed At One Job: 59.4%
- Employed At More Than One Job: 15.9%
- Unemployed, Seeking Work: 9.5%
- Self-Employed: 6.6%
- Unemployed, Not Seeking Work: 6.0%
- Unpaid Work, Not Seeking Paid Work: 1.8%
- Unpaid Work, Seeking Paid Work: 0.9%

More Key Results

- $6.00 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
- 82% of respondents reported being employed for pay
- 62% 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.