Completer and skills-building students at Ohlone 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 768 students were surveyed and 189 (25%) students responded: 16% by email, 69% by phone, and 15% by SMS.

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

- 43.5% Very Satisfied
- 48.9% Satisfied
- 7.6% Other

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

- 49.6% Very Close
- 19.2% Close
- 31.2% Not Close

How many hours per week are employed students working?

- 56.0% 40+ hours
- 29.6% >20 hours
- 14.4% <20 hours

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

- 52.6% 0
- 4.6% 4-6
- 15.8% 1-3
- 7.0% 7+
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

$10.50 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars

72% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain

72% of respondents reported being employed for pay

51% 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.