Completer and skills-building students at Coastline Community College were surveyed if they met one of the following criteria in 2017-2018, and did not enroll (or were minimally enrolled) in 2018-2019: earned a certificate of 6 or more units, earned a vocational degree, or earned 9+ CTE units. The survey was administered in 2020 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 1062 students were surveyed and 218 (21%) students responded: 36% by email, 55% by phone, and 10% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 58.7%
- Satisfied: 33.9%
- Other: 7.3%

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

- Very close: 46.3%
- Close: 31.5%
- Not close: 22.1%

How many hours per week are employed students working?

- 40+ hours: 12.9%
- 20 hours: 6.1%
- <20 hours: 81.0%

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

- 0: 30.8%
- 1-3: 41.0%
- 4-6: 17.9%
- 7+: 10.3%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

- Wages before schooling: $26.00
- Wages after schooling: $30.55

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

- Transfer: $22.50 $27.50 $35.00
- Non-Transfer: $25.00 $30.00 $35.00

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

- Not Close: $1.25
- Close: $7.00
- Very Close: $8.00

What is your current employment status?

- Employed At One Job: 54.3%
- Unemployed, Not Seeking Work: 12.0%
- Unemployed, Seeking Work: 12.0%
- Employed At More Than One Job: 8.7%
- Self-Employed: 7.1%
- Unpaid Work, Not Seeking Paid Work: 2.7%
- Unpaid Work, Seeking Paid Work: 2.2%
- Furloughed*: 1.1%

More Key Results

$5.55 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars.

22% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain.

72% of respondents reported being employed for pay.

36% 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.

For 2020, current data was used when available, data collected on pre-pandemic outcomes was used when current data was unavailable.

*The option of "Furloughed" was only available to respondents who took the survey version initiated after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.