Completer and skills-building students at College of the Canyons 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 2439 students were surveyed and 569 (23%) students responded: 20% by email, 63% by phone, and 17% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 35.5%
- Satisfied: 58.0%
- Other: 6.5%

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

- Very close: 33.8%
- Close: 43.6%
- Not close: 22.6%

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

- 40+ hours: 18.0%
- 20-29 hours: 69.2%
- <20 hours: 12.7%

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

- 0: 17.3%
- 1-3: 22.6%
- 4-6: 19.5%
- 7+: 40.6%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

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

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$8.04 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in dollars

54% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training—in percentage gain

74% of respondents reported being employed for pay

52% of respondents reported transferring to another college or university

93% of respondents reported being very satisfied or satisfied with their training.

More Key Results

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.