Completer and skills-building students at Cosumnes River 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 1411 students were surveyed and 446 (32%) students responded: 28% by email, 55% by phone, and 16% by SMS.

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

- Very Satisfied: 10.8%
- Satisfied: 44.8%
- Other: 44.4%

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

- Very close: 32.5%
- Close: 38.8%
- Not close: 28.8%

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

- 40+ hours: 9.0%
- >20 hours: 17.8%
- <20 hours: 73.2%

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

- 0: 18.0%
- 1-3: 22.0%
- 4-6: 19.0%
- 7+: 41.0%
What were the hourly wages of the students before training versus after training?

![Hourly Wage Chart]

$16.00 before schooling, $22.50 after schooling.

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

![Hourly Wage Change Chart]

Transfer: $14.00 before, $20.00 after; Non-Transfer: $20.00 before, $24.00 after.

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

![Wage Change by Similarity Chart]

Not Close: $2.00, Close: $4.75, Very Close: $5.59.

More Key Results

$6.50 is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training— in dollars
41% is the overall change in hourly wages after completing training— in percentage gain
80% of respondents reported being employed for pay
37% of respondents reported transferring to another college or university
89% 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.