

Delgado

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Graduate Follow-Up Survey

Fall 2008

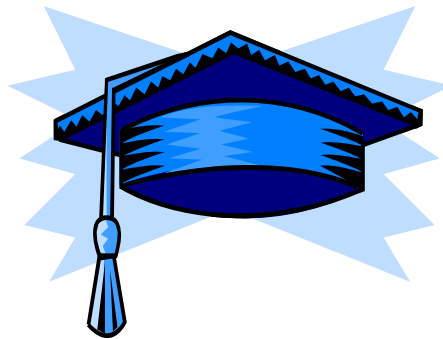


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Methodology

Graduates were surveyed six months after their graduation. Three survey mailings were distributed to graduates. Departments then followed up by phone.

Graduate Experiences

	Number	Percent
Total Respondents	153	24.8%
Total Graduates	616	

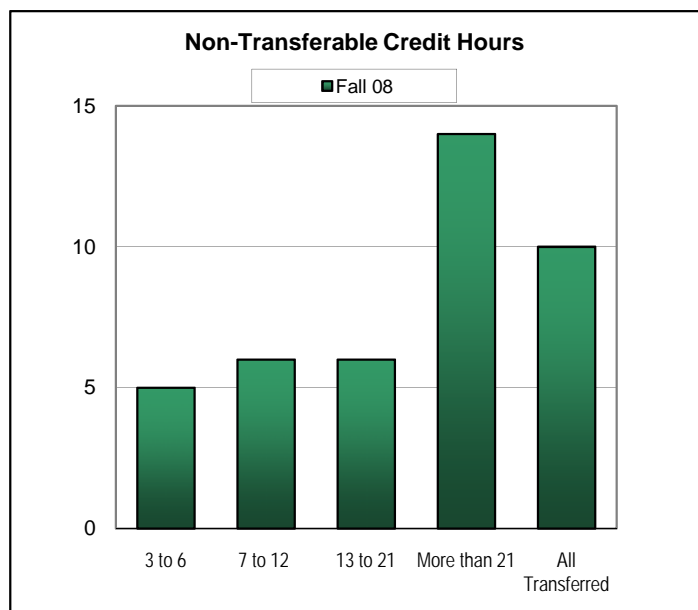
After Graduation did you :	Yes	%	No	%	No Response	%
Continue your Education?	71	46.4%	73	47.7%	9	5.9%
Is your current major related to your major at Delgado?	60	84.5%	9	12.7%	2	2.8%

At what institution did you continue your education?	
Delgado Community College	22
UNO	21
SUNO	6
Loyola University	0
Our Lady of Holy Cross College	2
LSU	0
Xavier	1
Other	10
No Response	9
Total	71



Number of Delgado Non-Developmental Credit Hours Unable to Transfer

3 to 6	5	7.0%
7 to 12	6	8.5%
13 to 21	6	8.5%
More than 21	14	19.7%
All Transferred	10	14.1%
No Response	30	42.3%
Total	71	100.0%



Reasons Delgado Non-Developmental Credit Hours were not Transferred

Changed Major	2	2.8%
No comparable course	22	31.0%
Grade in course	1	1.4%
Other	7	9.9%
No Response	39	54.9%
Total	71	100.0%

Graduate Experiences

Level of Satisfaction in relation to the field of study:	Average Rating*	
	Number	Average
	Fall 08	
I feel well prepared from my studies at Delgado to continue my education	58	4.41
I was able to transfer most of my credits earned at Delgado to my four-year institution	40	4.03
I had little or no problems transferring to a four-year institution	41	4.12

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	Average
Fall 08	
56	96.6%
32	80.0%
33	80.5%

* Scale is 1 to 5, 5 = Strongly Agree

** Percentage of students who responded Agree or Strongly Agree

Employment Experiences

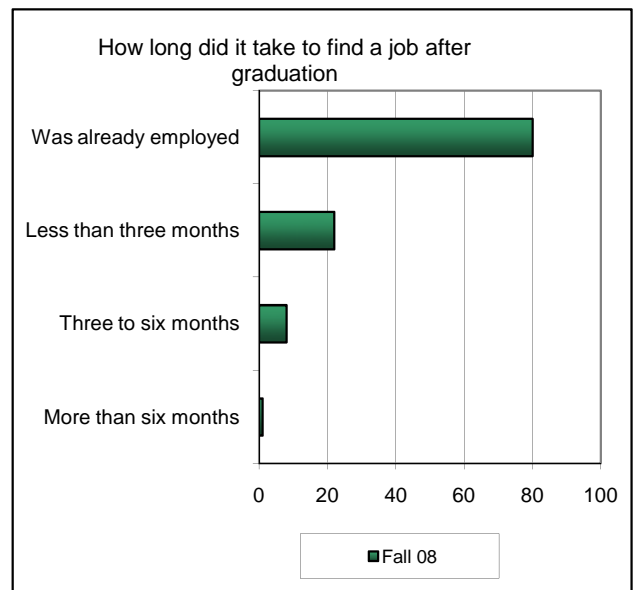
Employment Analysis	Yes	%	No	%	No Response	%
Are you currently employed?	123	80.4%	20	13.1%	10	6.5%
Is your job related to your field of study?*	93	75.6%	29	23.6%	1	0.8%
Have you changed jobs since graduating?*	27	22.0%	92	74.8%	4	3.3%
Have you received a promotion or salary increase since graduating?*	65	52.8%	53	43.1%	5	4.1%
Do you attribute your promotion or salary increase to skills acquired at Delgado?***	50	76.9%	5	7.7%	10	15.4%
Are you generally satisfied with your chosen occupation?*	88	71.5%	12	9.8%	23	18.7%

*Averages based on only those students who responded as being employed.

**Averages based on only those students who responded as receiving a salary increase.

How long did it take you to find a job after graduating?

Was already employed	80	65.0%
Less than three months	22	17.9%
Three to six months	8	6.5%
More than six months	1	0.8%
No Response	12	9.8%
Total	123	100.0%



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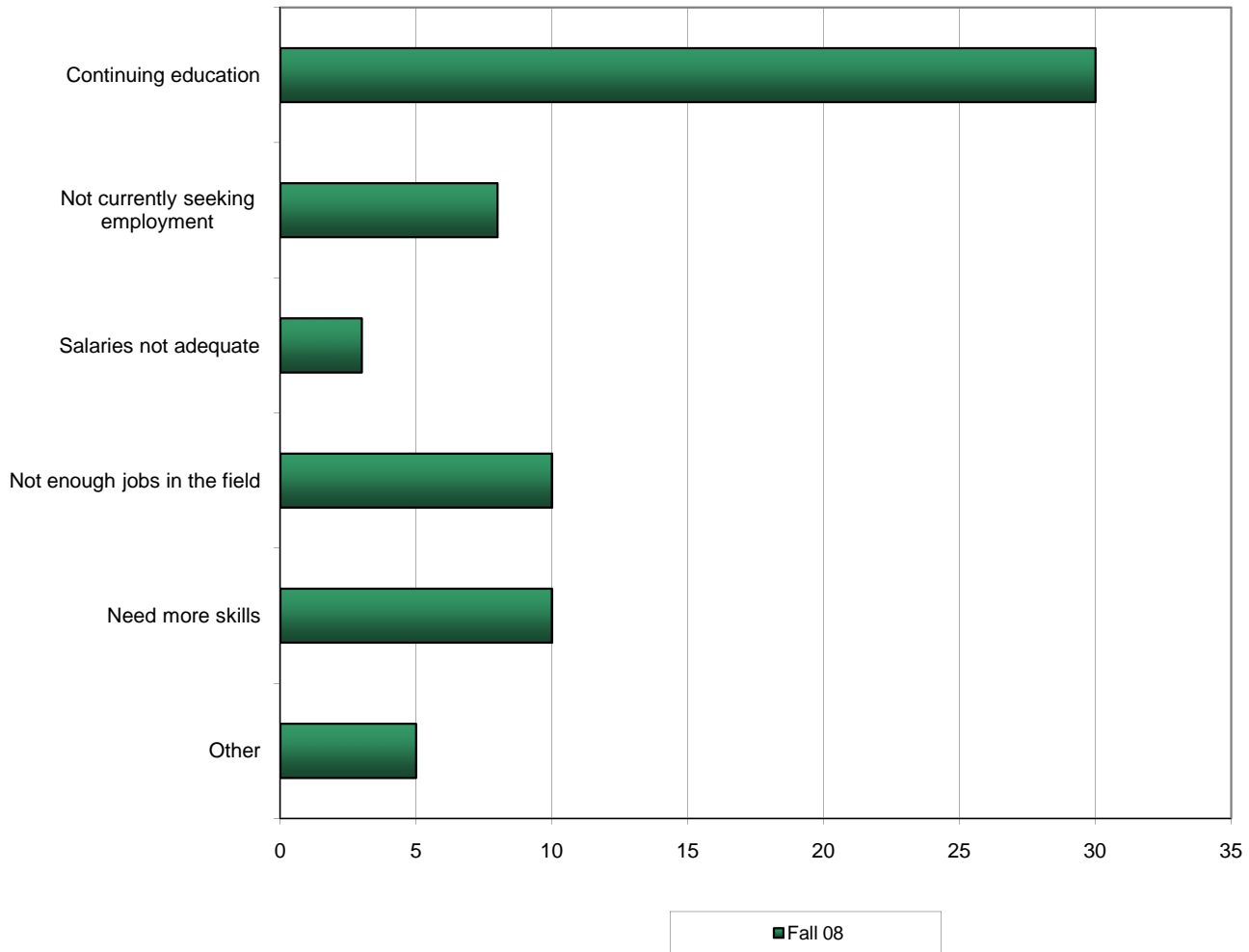
Reasons why graduates are unemployed or employed in a field unrelated to their field of study*

Continuing education	30	45.5%
Not currently seeking employment	8	12.1%
Salaries not adequate	3	4.5%
Not enough jobs in the field	10	15.2%
Need more skills	10	15.2%
Other	5	7.6%
Total	66	100.0%

*Table contains multiple responses.



Why Graduates are not Employed in their Field of Study



Employment Experiences

Level of Satisfaction in relation to job preparedness:	Average Rating*	
	Number	Average
	Fall 08	
I feel well prepared to efficiently and effectively perform my job duties	62	4.27
My program of study at Delgado prepared me for my career goal	65	4.08

* Scale is 1 to 5, 5 = Strongly Agree

** Percentage of students who responded Agree or Strongly Agree

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	Average
Fall 08	
54	87.1%
53	81.5%

Educational Experience at Delgado

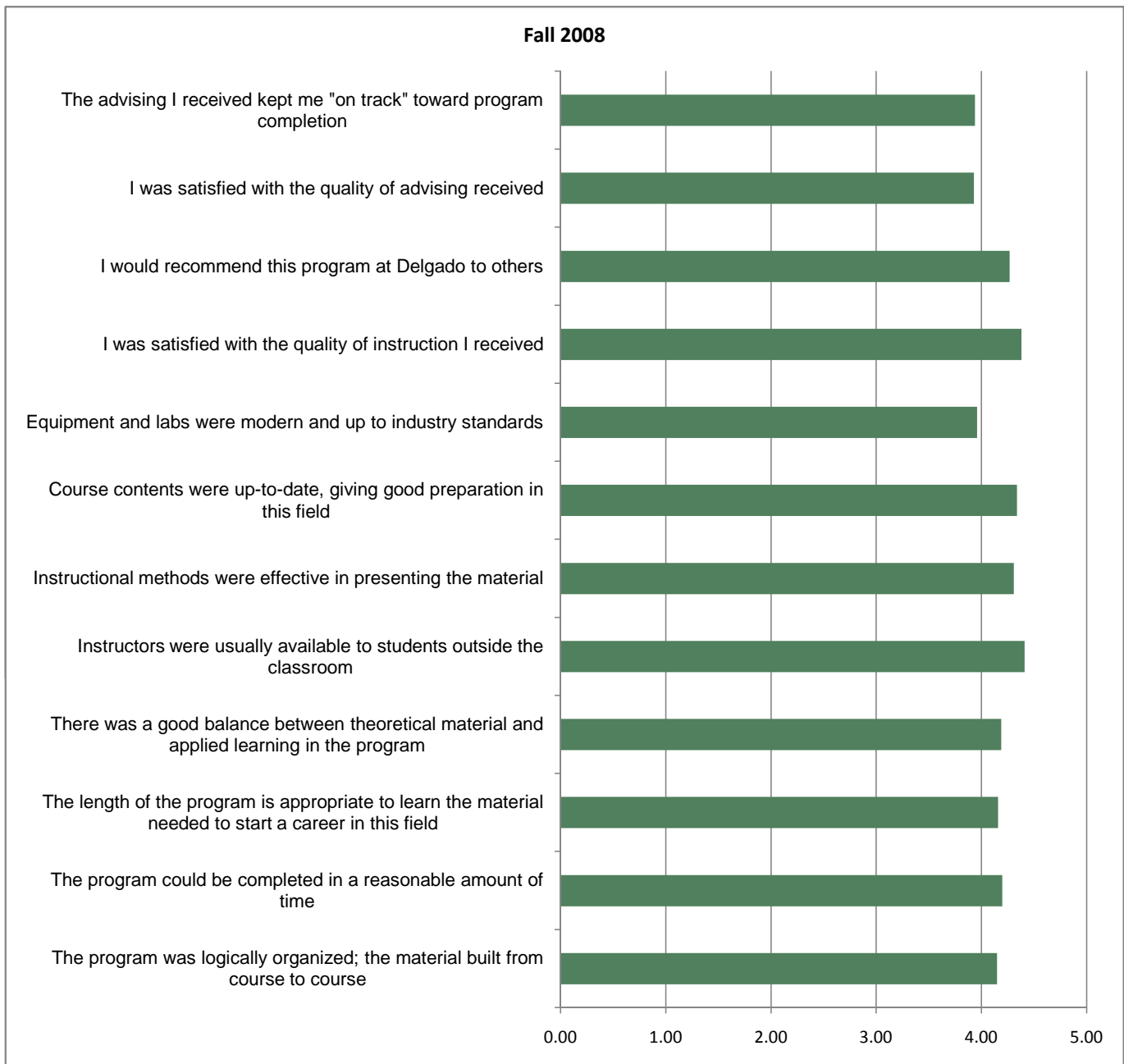
Level of Satisfaction with your educational experience in relation to the field of study:	Average Rating*	
	Number	Average
	Fall 08	
The program was logically organized; the material built from course to course	85	4.15
The program could be completed in a reasonable amount of time	85	4.20
The length of the program is appropriate to learn the material needed to start a career in this field	82	4.16
There was a good balance between theoretical material and applied learning in the program	83	4.19
Instructors were usually available to students outside the classroom	85	4.41
Instructional methods were effective in presenting the material	85	4.31
Course contents were up-to-date, giving good preparation in this field	85	4.34
Equipment and labs were modern and up to industry standards	81	3.96
I was satisfied with the quality of instruction I received	85	4.38
I would recommend this program at Delgado to others	85	4.27
I was satisfied with the quality of advising received	84	3.93
The advising I received kept me "on track" toward program completion	82	3.94

* Scale is 1 to 5, 5 = Strongly Agree

** Percentage of students who responded Agree or Strongly Agree

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	Average
Fall 08	
74	87.1%
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74	90.2%
71	85.5%
79	92.9%
77	90.6%
78	91.8%
60	74.1%
77	90.6%
72	84.7%
63	75.0%
63	76.8%

**Educational Experience at Delgado
Levels of Satisfaction With Your Educational Experience**



Wages of Graduates

Delgado Major	Number used in Average	Wage Per Hour*	Number used in Average	Wage Per Hour in Field*
Accounting	6	17.53	5	16.49
Business Administration	9	15.64	8	14.17
Computer Aided Drafting & Design	2	**	1	**
Care and Development of Young Children	2	**	2	**
Computer Information Technology	2	**	2	**
Computer Network Technology	1	**	1	**
Criminal Justice	1	**	0	**
Culinary Arts	2	**	2	**
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	3	26.67	3	26.67
EST-Biomedical Equipment Repair	2	**	0	**
Electrical Electronics Engineering Technology	1	**	1	**
Emergency Medical Technology	4	19.27	3	14.47
Fine Arts	1	**	0	**
Fire Protection Tech	3	16.05	3	16.05
General Studies	5	12.39	2	**
General Science	3	10.75	1	**
Massage Therapy	2	**	1	**
Medical Laboratory Technician	1	**	1	**
Motor Vehicle Technology	1	**	0	**
Occupational Therapy Assistant	1	**	0	**
Performance & Media Arts	2	**	0	**
Pharmacy Technican	1	**	1	**
Physical Therapy Assisting	3	20.84	3	20.84
Practical Nursing	5	15.82	4	15.52
Radiological Technology	21	24.81	20	25.15
Respiratory Care Technology	1	**	1	**
Website Development	1	**	0	**

*Wages are self-reported. Hours worked was assumed to be forty if the graduate did not specify.

**Less than 3 respondents.

Fall 2008 Graduate Follow-up Survey Comments

The only thing I feel I did not get enough instruction on in this program and I was not prepared for once I started working was, The actions and steps to take when your patient codes. I had to call a code blue just 2 months after starting my job and I honestly can say I froze for a few moments to think what to do.

It took me a long time to graduate because of classes being cancelled. I know the economy is bad but it really hurts students to have to wait another semester to take a class because their class was cancelled. Sometimes it may be a good idea to over fill a class because by the end of the semester it will not be full anymore.

I returned to Delgado after a long break in my education. The online courses offered an opportunity for me to complete my degree. The credits earned at DCC transferred to Northwestern State University, where I am pursuing my bachelors in business administration. Several of the credits from DCC are not being used toward my bachelors, but it is not due to the quality of the courses. Delgado was an excellent option for my continuing education and I am proud to refer new students to DCC. Thank you for providing me a degree program with options that meet the needs of working adults.

I enjoyed every minute of the program even though it was stressful.

After graduating from Delgado in spring 08. I enrolled in Nicholls. When being advised of what courses to take for my current major. I was informed that only about 30 of my credits transferred. I was also shown a sheet of courses that I was suppose to take that would transfer to Nicholls from Delgado. Well, problem is that was my first time seeing that sheet. I was not properly advised about what courses to take, to further my education, and my advisor was aware that I was transferring to Nicholls. I am very disappointed, I feel I wasted time as well as money.

The interior design department was very helpful with any question I had or advising I needed. However, I had a difficult time with the registers office and the general help with the school itself. The departments seemed very disorganized and got the run around several times.

I would like to continue my education and receive a baccalaureate degree from an accredited university. However, I do not have the funds available to pursue this course at this time.

Ms. Lillian Grose is an excellent instructor. Any student pursuing a degree in accounting should at least take one of her classes.

I had a great experience at Delgado. I recommend it to individuals who are considering college for the first time, or to those who are considering going back to school after time out of schooling.

I am now attending Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. I am pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Occupational Safety Health and Environment. I must inform you of the fact that I got accepted to Nicholls and Lsu. I however decided to attend Southeastern as it was close to my home. Based on my performance at Delgado I received a scholarship from the American Society of Safety Engineers. Although Southeastern appears as the educational institution on the scholarship. Delgado deserves the credit. My experience at Delgado gave me a solid foundation to meet the challenges of the Safety Industry.

I believe Delgado is an excellent educational facility with a dedicated staff of instructors and professors. My only two complaints are: the lack of availability of some of the courses I needed to complete my studies in a timely fashion. A few of the classes I needed were only available in the spring but not in the fall or vice versa; and the financial aid department was relatively unresponsive and indifferent when presented with questions or concerns. It was almost as if they were purposely unavailable because I needed them more than they needed me. Thank you for the opportunity.

Nursing program should teach an entire class on OR nursing or at least encompass scrub in technique and more.

I was very pleased with Delgado. The instructors are fabulous. They are always available (in/out of the office) and willing to help the students achieve their goals.

My only concern was through incorrect advice . I spent a year and a half taking courses I did not need, creating hardship on my mother unnecessarily with no remedy offered to her.

Sally Raymond was great, always helpful and encouraging. The massage program help me achieve my life long goal. The instructors were in the field and gave us life situations.

I have really enjoyed my two years at Delgado, and would recommend this school to anybody. I have grown to have a relationship with everyone that I have met and I am glad that I had the opportunity to attend Delgado Community College/City Park Campus.

The medical coding instruction should include the various exceptions to rules as well as the "quirks" associated with certain methodologies.

The only problem I had was trying to continue my education at Delgado after I graduated. The institution would not give me any financial aid. I received only loans. For that reason, I will not attend Delgado in the future.

I plan to continue my education as soon as I am employed full-time in the lab and have a set schedule. I plan to continue my education at Lsu Health Science Center in the cross-over program from MLT Delgado students to MT. I have worked at St.Tammany Parish Hospital for 25 years. I was approaching my max on the pay scale. Went to school for more education, I had to take a \$2/hr pay cut because of working 25 years, and transferring position with no experience in that position. However, my pay is not at the middle of the pay scale and when training is over I can work shifts that pay \$2/\$3/\$4/hr to compensate. If I continue my education and get my MT- that also involves a pay increase. I am working part-time in my old position and part-time in the lab. The lab made a position for me so that I could start my training and be ready when a full-time position becomes available.

I didn't have a problem transferring the basic required subjects but had a problem with transferring credits that I received in the Early Childhood program except for higher level courses. I strongly suggest the programs at Delgado should coincide with other four year colleges. Tuitions steadily increasing and retaking classes that were previously taken is a strain in college student working toward specific and exciting career/goal.

I graduated from Delgado in December of 2008. My intention was to continue my education by transferring to a four year university beginning January 2009. However, due to various universities/colleges non-acceptance of my early childhood education courses from Delgado, made my enrollment impossible. For this reason, I have decided to seek a bachelor's degree in general studies. had I known the difficulty in having my present major transferrable, I would not have chosen this major for a two year college degree (associate degree)

I want to thank you for giving me a good foundation. I am proud to have graduated from Delgado. There is no community college that can compare to the quality of Delgado's instructors.

I am having an extremely hard time finding a decent, good paying job. I work at a job that doesn't pay overtime pay. I only make \$8.50/hr. Sometimes I have to work 60 hrs to get enough to pay my bills. Staff doesn't treat me like a college grad. When I tell them I majored in general studies, they kind of brush me off. Now I have \$30,000 worth of student loans and no way to pay for them. I only make enough money to pay my bills. I have been told that I have a "useless degree."

I absolutely loved the program and the staff.

I truly enjoyed my experience here at Delgado. I love the family atmosphere and the availability of the instructors. I would recommend Delgado as a beginning foundation in education. Delgado is truly "education that works!"

I would like to say that all the automotive program instructors I had were all qualified and had an answer to every question asked. They were very knowledgeable and helped me get where I am today. To name the instructors: Joe Toujas, George Torlage, Randy Traylor, Ira Mata, and Eric Babcock. Also Joe Cruthirds was very helpful with my educational needs.

I feel I was well prepared for my career and for state boards. However, I feel like Charity's Curriculum is way too in depth. I am focusing more on the NAC-2 curriculum. I graduated with Sigma Alpha Chi Honors. I, just like my other classmates, worked very hard in and out of class. I do feel like most of the clinical paperwork was a waste of time. It took away from the participation and learning from clinical more than it helped. It definitely did not help with testing purposes or passing state boards. If anything, it took away (more like countless) hours of test preparation. Charity had a reputation of graduating nurses with "hands on" experience....I feel like the "hands on" is no longer because students are more concerned with clinical "busy work/paperwork." I have many more opinions to give. Feel free to contact me.

I really enjoyed Delgado and recommend it often. Unfortunately I was pursuing education in a field where low pay rates in the industry prohibited me from going any further. I would like to continue my studies towards a bachelor's degree but I still need advising as to what degree would be best. I think I am a life long student.

Overall, Delgado was a great experience. The only negative is I had a new advisor and he totally screwed up my class schedule plan and I had to attend an extra semester. This affected my GI Bill status and totally sucked.

The instructors were extremely professional, but knew how to have a good time. They were also very helpful with any problem you had, no matter if it was study related or personal. They pushed you to do your best, so that you gain self confidence. Without some of the instructors, myself and some classmates would not have made it.

I graduated in December at 61 years of age. I also have a BS in microbiology from LSU-BR and a MHA from Tulane school of Public Health. I am very torn. I would like to earn my BSN, but part of me simply wants to work and relax when not working. I do enjoy learning and school and I may pursue another degree, but not yet. I passed my state boards on the first attempt and I truly base my success on some of my instructors.

Currently still at Delgado and will finish this May. I did graduate this past December with an Associates degree in Applied Sciences. Looking to attend Southern for my Bachelor's degree.

I'm still considering furthering my education. I would like to get my Bachelor's in Applied Science and possibly pick up a second major.

I think some of the classes or courses should be required to take, that way we don't have to go and suffer with another class at UNO. Like Math130 or ENGL102 should be required to take it before you leave or graduate from Delgado. If not required at least reinforce to take it before graduation.