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Graduate Follow-Up Survey

Spring 2009



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Methodology

Graduates were surveyed six months after their graduation. Graduates are contacted via email. Academic departments are asked to contact their graduates and encourage them to answer the survey.

Graduate Experiences

	Number	Percent
Total Respondents	142	28.7%
Total Graduates	495	

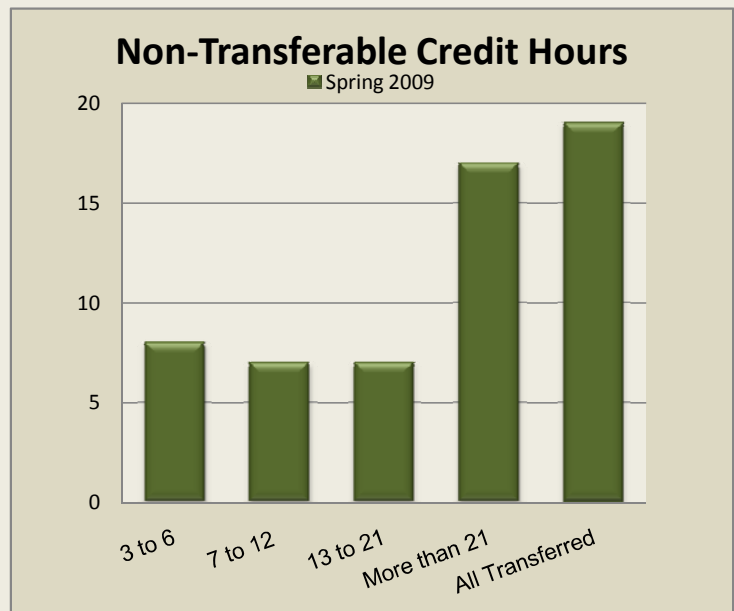
After Graduation did you :	Yes	%	No	%	No Response	%
Continue your Education?	61	43.0%	78	54.9%	3	2.1%
Is your current major related to your major at Delgado?	47	77.0%	11	14.1%	3	4.9%

At what institution did you continue your education?	
Delgado Community College	8
UNO	11
SUNO	7
Loyola University	1
Our Lady of Holy Cross College	3
LSU	4
Xavier	0
Other	22
No Response	5
Total	61



Number of Delgado Non-Developmental Credit Hours Unable to Transfer

3 to 6	8	13.8%
7 to 12	7	12.1%
13 to 21	7	12.1%
More than 21	17	29.3%
All Transferred	19	32.8%
Total	58	100.0%



Reasons Delgado Non-Developmental Credit Hours were not Transferred

Changed Major	3	7.7%
No comparable course	23	59.0%
Grade in course	0	0.0%
Other	8	20.5%
No Response	5	12.8%
Total	39	100.0%

Graduate Experiences

Level of Satisfaction in relation to the field of study:	Average Rating*	
	Number	Average
	Spring 2009	
I feel well prepared from my studies Delgado to continue my education	47	4.09
I was able to transfer most of my credits earned at Delgado to my four-year institution	42	4.12
I had little or no problems transferring to a four-year institution	43	3.91

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	Average
Spring 2009	
36	76.6%
34	81.0%
31	72.1%

* 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?	117	82.4%	22	15.5%	3	2.1%
Is your job related to your field of study?*	87	74.4%	30	25.6%	0	0.0%
Have you changed jobs since graduating?*	34	29.1%	82	70.1%	1	0.9%
Have you received a promotion or salary increase since graduating?*	54	46.2%	62	53.0%	1	0.9%
Do you attribute your promotion or salary increase to skills acquired at Delgado?*	46	85.2%	9	16.7%	0	0.0%
Are you generally satisfied with your chosen occupation?*	99	84.6%	15	12.8%	3	2.6%

*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	47	40.2%
Less than three months	34	29.1%
Three to six months	18	15.4%
More than six months	10	8.5%
(No Response)	8	6.8%
Total	117	100.0%



Employment Experiences

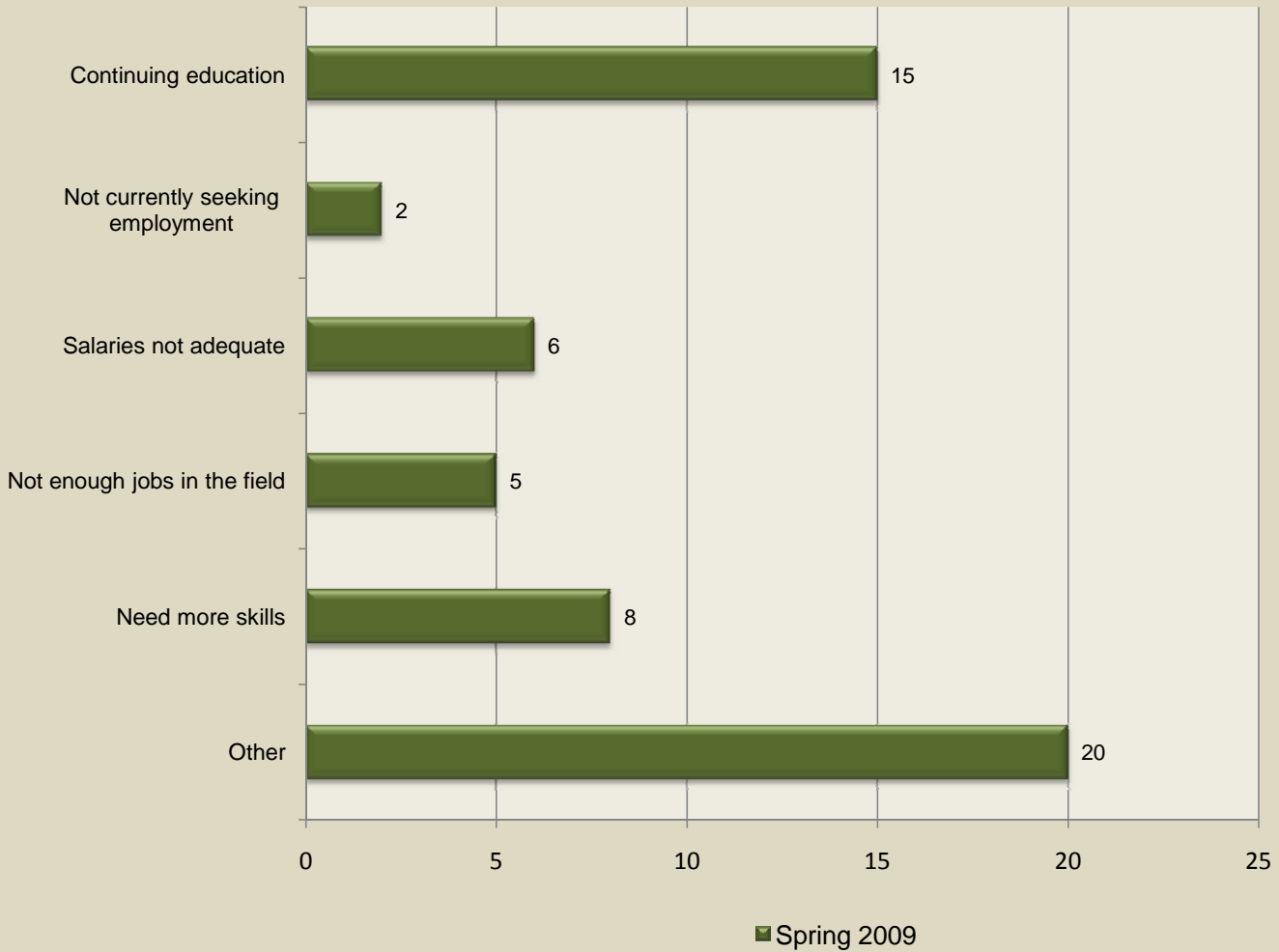
Reasons why graduates are unemployed or employed in a field unrelated to their field of study*

Continuing education	15	26.8%
Not currently seeking employment	2	3.6%
Salaries not adequate	6	10.7%
Not enough jobs in the field	5	8.9%
Need more skills	8	14.3%
Other	20	35.7%
Total	56	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
	Spring 2009	
I feel well prepared to efficiently and effectively perform my job duties	115	4.17
My program of study at Delgado prepared me for my career goal	115	4.06

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	Average
Spring 2009	
95	82.6%
88	76.5%

* Scale is 1 to 5, 5 = Strongly Agree

** Percentage of students who responded Agree or Strongly Agree

Educational Experience at Delgado

Level of Satisfaction with your educational experience in relation to the field of study:	Average Rating*	
	Number	Average
	Spring 2009	
The program was logically organized; the material built from course to course	110	4.08
The program could be completed in a reasonable amount of time	111	4.14
The length of the program is appropriate to learn the material needed to start a career in this field	108	3.93
There was a good balance between theoretical material and applied learning in the program	109	3.95
Instructors were usually available to students outside the classroom	112	4.03
Instructional methods were effective in presenting the material	109	3.97
Course contents were up-to-date, giving good preparation in this field	110	4.01
Equipment and labs were modern and up to industry standards	101	3.73
I was satisfied with the quality of instruction I received	112	4.02
I would recommend this program at Delgado to others	112	4.09
I was satisfied with the quality of advising received	108	3.64
The advising I received kept me "on track" toward program completion	107	3.69

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	Average
Spring 2009	
91	82.7%
97	87.4%
87	80.6%
81	74.3%
89	79.5%
86	78.9%
87	79.1%
68	67.3%
88	78.6%
90	80.4%
65	60.2%
67	62.6%

* Scale is 1 to 5, 5 = Strongly Agree

** Percentage of students who responded Agree or Strongly Agree

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

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Wages of Graduates

Delgado Major	Number used in Average	Wage Per Hour*	Number used in Average	Wage Per Hour in Field*
Accounting	2	**	1	**
Administrative Office Technology	1	**	0	**
Business Administration	7	17.65	4	13.09
Business & Management	0	**	0	**
Computer Aided Drafting & Design	0	**	0	**
Care and Development of Young Children	2	**	2	**
Computer Information Technology	2	**	1	**
Computer Network Technology	3	28.55	3	**
Construction Technology - Architectural Tech.	0	**	0	**
Construction Technology - Civil Tech.	1	**	1	**
Criminal Justice	4	16.83	2	**
Culinary Arts	0	**	0	**
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	0	**	0	**
Dietetic Technician	1	**	1	**
Educational Interpreting for the Deaf	0	**	1	**
Electrical Construction	0	**	0	**
Electrical Electronics Engineering Tech	1	**	1	**
Emergency Medical Technician	2	**	1	**
EST-Biomedical Equipment Repair	0	**	0	**
Fine Arts	0	**	0	**
Fire Protection Technology	1	**	1	**
Funeral Service Education	3	15.79	3	15.79
General Studies	0	**	1	**
General Science	3	11.34	0	**
Health Information Technology	1	**	1	**
Hospitality Management	0	**	0	**
Hospitality	0	**	0	**
Interior Design	1	**	0	**
Legal Secretary	1	**	1	**
Massage Therapy	3	35.20	2	**
Medical Coding	0	**	0	**
Medical Laboratory Technician	0	**	0	**
Motor Vehicle Technology	0	**	0	**
Music	2	**	0	**
Nursing	36	24.88	35	24.94
Nuclear Medical Technology	0	**	0	**
Occupational Therapy Assistant	0	**	0	**
Ophthalmic Medical Assistant	2	**	1	**
Pharmacy Technician	2	**	2	**
Performance & Media Arts	0	**	0	**
Physical Therapy Assisting	0	**	0	**
Radiological Technology	0	**	0	**
Respiratory Care Technology	0	**	0	**
Surgical Technology	1	**	0	**
Veterinary Technology	2	**	2	**
Visual Communications	2	**	0	**
*Wages are self-reported. Hours worked was assumed to be forty if the graduate did not specify.				
**Less than 3 respondents.				

Spring 2009 Graduate Follow-up Survey Comments*

After graduating, I took a few stabs at freelance design, in order to build on my portfolio. Clients took the term "freelance" to mean "free-work-for-them". Needless to say, these experiences turned into disaster and a waste of my time.

Charity was a wonderful and overall helpful way to earn my nursing degree and I would recommend it to someone else.

Choosing and attending Delgado was the "best" decision that I have made in my life.

Delgado Community College Criminal Justice program was very informative and prepared me for the criminal justice field. I will continue my education in Criminal Justice in the Fall 2010 at Southern University of New Orleans

Delgado Community College not only help me with my graduation program. Delgado help me improved my skills in reading, writing, and math. The teachers and staffs are very friendly - psychology and sociology classes.

Delgado was a nice school. I learned a handful for my major, but I strongly recommend paying internship. Financial hardship as a college student can have a negative impact on a student academic achievements.

Having to help build a house in my last semester was a waste of time. We could have used that week to take care of 3 patients. I graduated only having taken care of two patients at a time.

I am currently attending Southeastern Louisianan University. When my credits transferred over from Delgado, I had to appeal a few of my credits to be accepted because the course names and numbers didn't match with what they would accept.

I am forever grateful for this opportunity given to me through Charity. Thanks!!

I graduated with an Associate degree in Business Administration last year. Since graduation, I have found it difficult to obtain employment. I am considering returning to Delgado to obtain a paralegal certificate.

I had some problem during the last semester before graduating, but the Instructor was very helpful and understanding. I had problem during preparation for graduation. You should make a better preparation schedule for students that have a full time job.

I have been out of school nearly a year and I would've continued my education at UNO, however, when I applied I found out later that only 2 of my accounting courses would've transferred, so my education is on hold.

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I have enjoyed my education at Delgado but, the job market is really bad. I am in my 40's and it is more difficult to find work. It is not impossible and I have had offers, but only for temp work.

I have not continued my education at a 4-year degree institution. I graduated from DCC with a very general degree and have decided to go back for a more specific degree at Delgado. In response to question 3.7, I feel that there is room for improvement.

I need a job.

I really liked my teachers at Delgado, they were very helpful.

I think that more emphasis and effort should be placed into putting students into jobs related to their field of study. If I am a business administration major, then I should probably be counseled on jobs available in management.

I truly enjoyed my experience at Delgado community college. After being out of school for over 25 years, I did not think that I could do it. I took one step at a time and I am happy about that.

I truly enjoyed my experience at Delgado.

I was never given an advisor. I was told I had one, but she never returned my calls, I spoke to her ONCE in 5 years, when an Instructor talked to her and made it happen, but she was useless to me.

I was not pleased with the quality of attendees for the lab portion of the requirement(s). I do understand that all walks of life come to the clinics and the service does charge a small fee to help the program, however, better moderating would help.

I was satisfied with the teachers at Delgado, especially in my field, Interior Design. The Interior Design program though, does NOT prepare its students for the actual work. I had no real life project experience and now don't feel well prepared.

I was very pleased with my overall experience at Delgado. I would recommend Delgado to others. I think the course length and presentation was adequate. Although, I was disappointed with the science dept.

I wish Delgado could have been a four year school, I would have like to finish my degree there.

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I wish Delgado could reach an agreement with the other local colleges and universities to make transfer of credit more effective.

I would have continued my education but most of my credits would have not been transferred. If I had not graduated from Delgado they would have excepted a few more. (UNO, Tulane, LSU)

I would like the school to encourage students to do internship during school breaks or work as CNA. The internships information should be made available to all students early so that students can prepare themselves.

I would like for you to mail me my diploma so I can have it for my college to have a copy of it, because they think I am lying about graduation from your school. Also I need a copy of my grades transcripts for school.

I would like to thank Delgado and my Teachers who stuck by me and helped me to achieve my career goals. It changed my life; also I am going back to school to become a pharmacist next year.

Many of the instructors were prejudice against Caucasians. They treated them different, graded their care plans different. Even some of my black classmates thought it unfair. There were even rumors of "hints" of what to study.

More after graduation counseling or help in finding jobs.

Most of my credits were able to be transferred. Most of the classes that I took did not correspond with the curriculum for my major. but my experience at Delgado was a great one. The process of becoming a student at Delgado was easy and wonderful.

Mr. Coughran is a awesome teacher and is an asset to the funeral program. Delgado needs more teachers like him.

My educational experience at Delgado was wonderful! :-) In fact I have found that the teachers were more knowledgeable and caring about the students more than at a 4 year college.

My main reason for enrolling in the program was for personal development, enhancement, and satisfaction.

Overall: Happy with Delgado's Culinary Dept. All are exceptional Chef's and instructors!!!! The rest of the Delgado experience... not so much! I can never get in touch with anybody... I have never despite repeated phone calls, etc. received my diploma.

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Sallye is the best advisor and mentor. She made herself available to me even after I graduated from Delgado.

The education I received at Delgado was great! Most of my classes did not transfer over at SUNO but they did take some.

The journals in maternal health especially labor delivery did not let you express your experience. It was a tool to tear you down too. The clinical experience was not enjoyed. The most stressful part was spending hours on paper work.

The program was very well organized to my status.

The student advisor I had was not really helpful and offered wrong and bad information to myself and others, which at one point prolonged my completion of studies.

The study material (science) taught at Delgado should be a little more challenging because it is hard to keep up with the practices taken at other universities.

The team of instructors for the Paramedic group is different from when I took the actual paramedic certificate program that finished in December of 2003. I was highly dissatisfied with two instructors.

My teacher in my major, Jackie Desjarins was exemplary in her skills and execution of professionalism.

This program is great but the so called advisor is a total waste of time.

Update technology in all buildings. It will enhance the learning experience for all students.

When I decided to further my education I had no idea where to start. I picked Delgado just by chance. January 2007 I started at Delgado majoring in Criminal Justice. I complete and graduated May 2009. I could have actually graduated sooner.

With any Information Technology degree, you need the most current study materials available. Most of our classes consisted of outdated material. Our instructors did a great job of incorporating real world experiences.

I would like a job that at least compensates me appropriately for the amount of education that I have undertaken .