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Graduate Follow-Up Survey

Spring 2010



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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 | 195 | 38.1% |
| Total Graduates | 512 | |

| After Graduation did you : | Yes | % | No | % | No Response | % |
|---|-----|-------|----|-------|-------------|-------|
| Continue your Education? | 137 | 70.3% | 52 | 26.7% | 6 | 3.1% |
| Is your current major related to your major at Delgado? | 91 | 66.4% | 28 | 20.4% | 18 | 13.1% |

At what institution did you continue your education?

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Delgado Community College | 19 |
| Nicholls State University | 3 |
| UNO | 22 |
| SUNO | 8 |
| Loyola University | 2 |
| Our Lady of Holy Cross College | 2 |
| LSU | 8 |
| Southeastern Louisiana University | 4 |
| University of Louisiana at Lafayette | 4 |
| University of Phoenix | 1 |
| Tulane | 3 |
| Xavier | 2 |
| Other | 39 |
| No Response | 20 |
| Total | 137 |



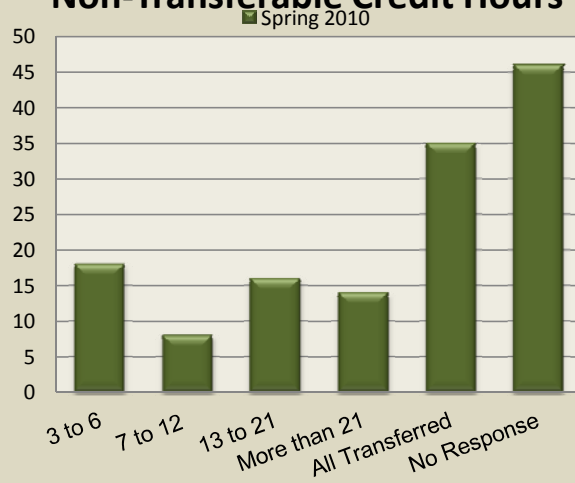
Number of Delgado Non-Developmental Credit Hours Unable to Transfer

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| 3 to 6 | 18 | 13.1% |
| 7 to 12 | 8 | 5.8% |
| 13 to 21 | 16 | 11.7% |
| More than 21 | 14 | 10.2% |
| All Transferred | 35 | 25.5% |
| No Response | 46 | 33.6% |
| Total | 137 | 100.0% |

Reasons Delgado Non-Developmental Credit Hours were not Transferred

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Changed Major | 5 | 8.1% |
| No comparable course | 46 | 74.2% |
| Grade in course | 3 | 4.8% |
| Other | 8 | 12.9% |
| No Response | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total | 62 | 100.0% |

Non-Transferable Credit Hours



Graduate Experiences

| Level of Satisfaction in relation to the field of study: | Average Rating* | |
|---|-----------------|---------|
| | Number | Average |
| | Spring 2010 | |
| I feel well prepared from my studies Delgado to continue my education | 124 | 3.99 |
| I was able to transfer most of my credits earned at Delgado to my four-year institution | NA | NA |

| % of students who responded positively** | |
|--|---------|
| Number | Average |
| Spring 2010 | |
| 89 | 71.8% |
| NA | NA |

* Scale is 1 to 5, 5 = Strongly Agree

** Percentage of students who responded Agree or Strongly Agree

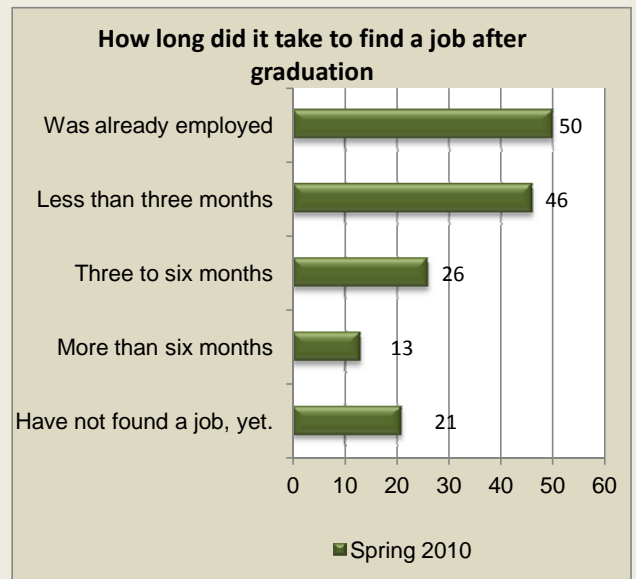
Employment Experiences

| Employment Analysis | Yes | % | No | % | No Response | % |
|--|-----|-------|----|-------|-------------|------|
| Are you currently employed? | 145 | 74.4% | 40 | 20.5% | 10 | 5.1% |
| Is your job related to your field of study?* | 113 | 77.9% | 32 | 22.1% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Have you changed jobs since graduating?* | 50 | 34.5% | 95 | 65.5% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Have you received a promotion or salary increase since graduating?* | 62 | 42.8% | 82 | 56.6% | 1 | 0.7% |
| Do you attribute your promotion or salary increase to skills acquired at Delgado?* | 54 | 87.1% | 8 | 12.9% | 1 | 1.6% |
| Are you generally satisfied with your chosen occupation?* | 123 | 84.8% | 17 | 11.7% | 5 | 3.4% |

*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 | 50 | 25.6% |
| Less than three months | 46 | 23.6% |
| Three to six months | 26 | 13.3% |
| More than six months | 13 | 6.7% |
| Have not found a job, yet. | 21 | 10.8% |
| (No Response) | 39 | 20.0% |
| Total | 195 | 100.0% |



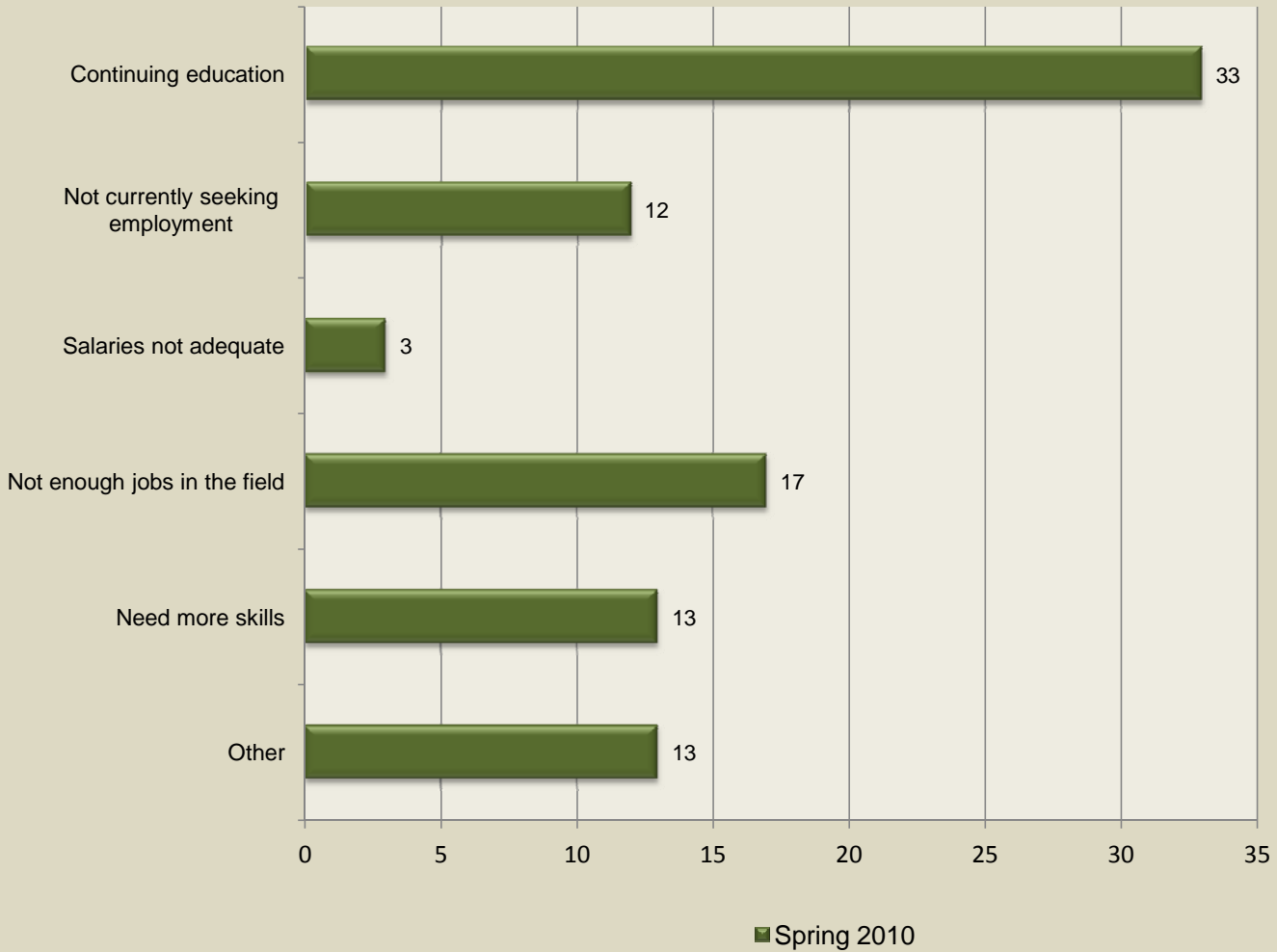
Employment Experiences

| Reasons why graduates are unemployed or employed in a field unrelated to their field of study* | | |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| Continuing education | 33 | 36.3% |
| Not currently seeking employment | 12 | 13.2% |
| Salaries not adequate | 3 | 3.3% |
| Not enough jobs in the field | 17 | 18.7% |
| Need more skills | 13 | 14.3% |
| Other | 13 | 14.3% |
| Total | 91 | 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 2010 | |
| I feel well prepared to efficiently and effectively perform my job duties | 139 | 4.30 |
| My program of study at Delgado prepared me for my career goal | 137 | 4.23 |

| % of students who responded positively** | |
|--|---------|
| Number | Average |
| Spring 2010 | |
| 119 | 85.6% |
| 113 | 82.5% |

* 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 2010 | |
| The program was logically organized; the material built from course to course | 175 | 4.26 |
| The program could be completed in a reasonable amount of time | 175 | 4.31 |
| The length of the program is appropriate to learn the material needed to start a career in this field | 176 | 4.24 |
| There was a good balance between theoretical material and applied learning in the program | 175 | 4.23 |
| Instructors were usually available to students outside the classroom | 175 | 4.40 |
| Instructional methods were effective in presenting the material | 176 | 4.30 |
| Course contents were up-to-date, giving good preparation in this field | 177 | 4.27 |
| Equipment and labs were modern and up to industry standards | 172 | 4.16 |
| I was satisfied with the quality of instruction I received | 177 | 4.31 |
| I would recommend this program at Delgado to others | 177 | 4.29 |
| I was satisfied with the quality of advising received | 175 | 3.97 |
| The advising I received kept me "on track" toward program completion | 175 | 4.02 |

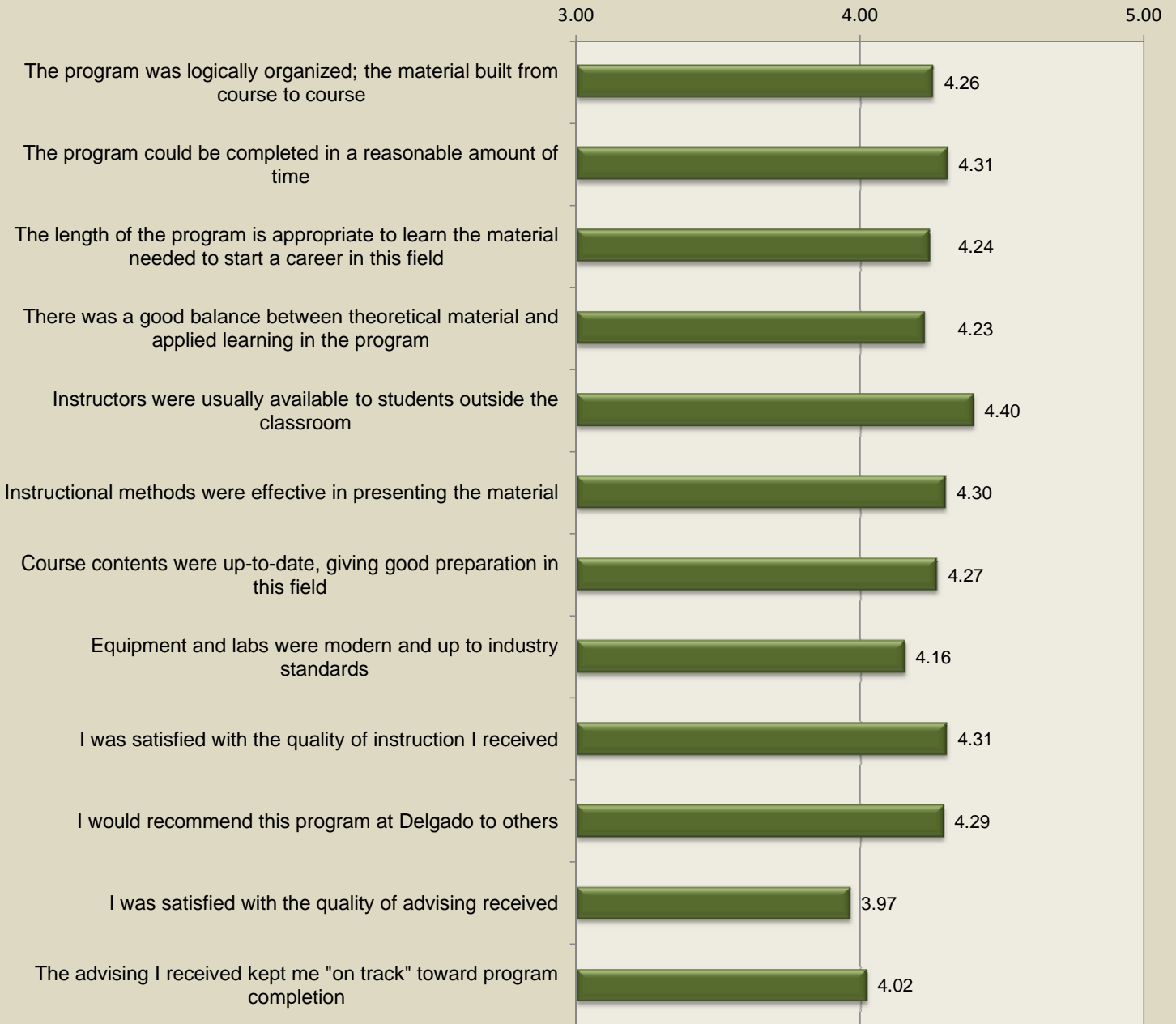
| % of students who responded positively** | |
|--|---------|
| Number | Average |
| Spring 2010 | |
| 152 | 86.9% |
| 153 | 87.4% |
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| 148 | 84.6% |
| 151 | 86.3% |
| 150 | 85.2% |
| 154 | 87.0% |
| 134 | 77.9% |
| 148 | 83.6% |
| 152 | 85.9% |
| 124 | 70.9% |
| 127 | 72.6% |

* 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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Scale is 1 to 5, 1 = Strongly Disagree
5 = Strongly Agree

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I just wish there were more jobs available. Also, I would have liked if more employers would have been more receptive in allowing students to do internships/volunteer at local news stations or radio stations regarding the Communications Major.

I feel I got a GREAT education at Delgado, It prepared me to move on to UNO to continue my studies. Delgado has well qualified instructors.

I feel the instructors did a great job of preparing me for the range of tasks and problems that I face on a day-to-day basis in my career. The instructors were incredibly helpful and accommodating within the prescribed class time.

After seven months of graduating from Delgado with an AS, I blame only the current recession for my unemployment status. As far as my education at Delgado is concerned, I don't believe I could have done better for the price I paid.

All colleges require more hours and not excepting transfer hours from Delgado will have to start over. I am not happy about that.

Because 6 months have passed and I am still unable to get a job in the nursing field, I plan to enroll in the RN to BSN program at LSU to continue my education.

Charity School of Nursing has a long standing tradition of providing good clinical skills with excellent theory based classroom instruction. It would benefit students to spend a summer clinical skills rotation at fee, since hospitals cut back budgets.

Charity was a wonderful school. In feedback from preceptors and managers, overall Charity puts out the most skilled students. I was taken out of orientation at 3 weeks thanks to Charity School of Nursing.

Consistently heard from fellow students that clinical instructors were inconsistent with methods of instruction and grading -- need a clear set of expectations and goals, performance requirements, so that everyone is on the same page.

Delgado Charity School of Nursing was a wonderful experience, prepared me for becoming the best nurse I can be. From day one at the Slidell campus to graduation night, every instructor only wanted me to be successful and a well rounded skilled person.

Delgado is a great school, that provides great opportunities! Meanwhile, it's the instructors that misleads you! Sad but true....

Delgado NEEDS a parking garage. It literally used to take me 20 minutes to find parking.

Delgado was an educational and fun experience.

For our instructor or dean to refer us to their connection to the job force. Because a lot of us do not have the jobs they want or graduated for. When there is a job opening refer one of your graduating student for the job.

Had an excellent instructor Mrs. Fran. She was available outside of class to help. Learned a lot, and it has helped me find a job. However I wish there would be more open jobs in the area of what I graduated from.

Hopefully the class of 2011 students will have more luck than what I had in finding a job or getting some assistance with finding a job, because its very very hard. My wages that I receive is not enough to take care my family with.

I am extremely pleased with the education I received in the Visual Communications program at Delgado Community College. Every day, I use skills, practices, and concepts I learned in those classes. I felt prepared going into interviews.

I am extremely satisfied with my career as a registered nurse! While I was very intimidated when I started my first job after graduation on a med/surg floor, I knew I possessed the skills and knowledge to do my job well.

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I am proud to say I'm a graduate from the Delgado vet tech program. I enjoy being able to give back by being hospital coordinator and making sure the students get great clinical experience to sharpen their skill!

I am very up set with the lack of classes that transferred to Nicholls. My advisor had me take business classes knowing that I was transferring and they do not transfer so now I am a year behind. This matter makes my very upset.

I enjoy the teachers at Delgado.

I enjoyed my experience at Delgado Community College. I had knowledgeable teachers who taught; lab, theory, clinicals, and life experiences. Since I've been working as a Certified Surgical tech I do realize that our program at Delgado can use more up to date technology.

I enjoyed my experience at Delgado. I would suggest Delgado to anyone who feel they are not prepared for a four year university, Delgado will surely prepare you. The instructors-staff wants you to succeed, they are willing to help, always, they are.

I enjoyed my time at Delgado, however I felt that while some teacher really tried to make the best of it, that sometimes other students irresponsibility limited the advancement of the class. I would especially recommend the classes I took.

I especially grew to love Ms. Green! She was very thorough and became like family to me.

I like the fact that Delgado is doing a follow up on it's graduates. Good job!

I liked Delgado so much, when I was presented with a teaching opportunity here I jumped at it.

I love the learning process and returning to school at the age of 65 years was thoroughly enjoyable. I also enjoyed sharing my knowledge with many of my younger classmates who haven't heard of a lot of things most of us take for granted.

I loved the small classes and the length the professors would go to ensure you understood the material. I miss my days at Delgado when I felt like I was apart of the class and not just one face out of the masses. The tutoring was available.

I really appreciated how available my instructors made themselves to their students. I really benefited from their close instruction and their concern for my career aspirations.

I really enjoyed the courses and professors at Delgado and tell anyone thinking about going to college for graphic design to talk to Mr. Walley at Delgado. I'm very happy with my degree and have been doing a lot of free lance work.

I registered with Delgado's job placement service before my final semester and never received a call from them. I returned to update my job needs shortly before graduating, and still never heard from them.

I think the instructors I had made it extremely difficult and it was unnecessary. I currently work as a registered nurse and the whole care plan thing is so much easier than Charity makes it out to be. I spent hours and days trying to complete care plans.

I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of my studies at Delgado, I give big thanks to Bettie Abbate, head of horticulture department for my success with my classes. I will be back this spring to continue my studies.

I was disappointed with Delgado on one problem. I was an out of town student and anything that was important I would not get the letter until after the event. Example grad fest. Also I had more trouble with trying to get anyone in the office to answer my questions.

I wish Delgado would have been more helpful in finding a job in my field because now I have a degree and I can not find a job.

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I was very upset at the fact that I was told in August on 2008 that I would be able to get a Pastry Degree, then in the spring I was told that I could not get it. Therefor I took all these culinary classes that I did not want to take and did not need.

I wish that DCC-CSN would have an additional study program for a BSN or provide a sister school to complete such education. In addition a referral or sister school for an MSN would be great.

I would highly recommend Delgado to any person seeking education for the first time. It 's the perfect place to prepare you for continuing education and the workforce.

I would like for each campus to be able to provide assistance to each student and be able to know what is going on with each student. I would also like for some personnel to be held accountable for providing students with incorrect information.

I would like to know is there any clerical or administrative jobs opened at Delgado? If so, how do I go about applying for them.

I would like whomever to know that the staff and advising within my course of study (ASLS) at Delgado Community College was the most professional and helpful guidance I needed for my academic career. I was quickly and greatly helped with any questions.

I'm glad that I choose to attend Delgado Community to College after high school. My experience there was amazing. I was able to learn so much. I have become a better person in so many ways.

I'm not sure of any changes regarding the recording of classes for study purposes. The study habits the students use to pass the course should take priority in decisions to record lectures.

If it were not for Mrs. Jaime Lax, I would not have received an associate's degree. I was advised at the Covington campus and was not told an Associate's degree was an option.

My instructor, Leslie Knowles, demonstrated remarkable patience with her students and her door was always open to speak with her about any concerns. I appreciated her constructive feedback, guidance, and encouragement to succeed.

My over all experience was great. It was hard, but I guess it should be or everyone could be a nurse. My instructors were awesome; always willing to help and explain things. I got a lot of experiences and my clinical locations.

Satisfied with the program.

Some of the instructors have to much control over some things, I think other instructors should be asked to get involved when there is a dispute over work, for instant care maps and journals, every instructors have their own way of deciding work.

Thanks to all of the hard work that the teachers put into helping the students.

The course is not easy. It is a real challenge but I learned a lot. Thanks to Mrs. Sandra Palmer, Mr. L. Goody, and Mrs. L. Christopi.

The education I received at Delgado was great. I just wish alumni would be/ get more involved after the graduate because after they leave we really don't see them anymore. It's gotten so bad to where we had to do away with Homecoming (After Party).

The advising was pretty non-existent.

The massage program prepared me well for the massage field.

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The Legal Secretary program at Delgado was a waste of time and gasoline. It did not adequately prepare me for a job in this field. Because lawyers are looking for individuals with years of experience and knowledge, more needed to be done to prepare.

The program didn't provide the same classes every semester but once a year instead,(some are only provided in the spring semester and some are only provided in the fall semester) which forces you to have to wait another year to take the class if you missed one.

This program with the Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment has the potential to be a wonderful program but it is not one in practice. I was very disappointed in the program.

To whom it may concern: there are "teachers" at Delgado nursing school who would eat their young, this is not a proper teaching method for the nursing profession or any profession for that matter. Best regards, ...

When I was completing my other associate degree, one of my teachers, suggested I get into the Computer Networking program. I decided to do it and it helped me get the job I'm in today. I can't thank him enough for encouraging me to pursue a second degree.

Where is the survey that rates the staff and poor customer service? The financial aid department is absolutely ridiculous, sometimes so unhelpful that I was forced to find out answers to my questions in other ways.

Wish I was able to continue my studies at Delgado.

Wonderful Instructors!

You guys need to make adjustments to the program. Take out the classes that aren't accepted and put those that are needed in its place. Classes that aren't being accepted at SUNO, intro to teaching & the 40+ hrs of field exp., ENGL 212 & 222.