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Graduate Follow-Up Survey

Charity School of Nursing

Fall 2010 - Spring 2011



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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.

Survey data is for Associate degree in Registered Nursing (RN) only.

Graduate Experiences

Fall 2010 - Spring 2011	Number	Percent
Total Respondents	128	41.6%
Total Graduates	308	

After Graduation did you :	Yes	%	No	%	No Response	%
Continue your Education?	23	18.0%	103	80.5%	2	1.6%
Is your current major related to your major at Delgado?	20	87.0%	1	4.3%	2	8.7%

At what institution did you continue your education?

Delgado Community College	3
Dillard	0
LSU	10
Nicholls State University	0
Southeastern Louisiana University	0
McNeese	1
UNO	2
Loyola	0
Our Lady of Holy Cross College	0
Tulane	0
Our Lady of the Lake College	2
NSULA	0
Other	5
Total	23



Number of Delgado Non-Developmental Credit Hours Unable to Transfer

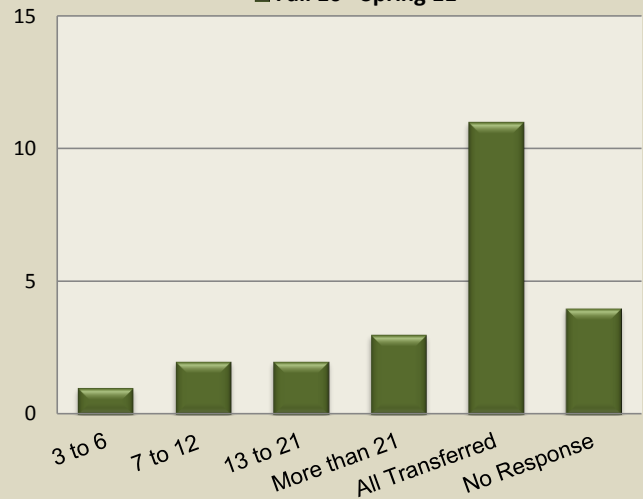
3 to 6	1	4.3%
7 to 12	2	8.7%
13 to 21	2	8.7%
More than 21	3	13.0%
All Transferred	11	47.8%
No Response	4	17.4%
Total	23	100.0%

Reasons Delgado Non-Developmental Credit Hours were not Transferred

Changed Major	0	0.0%
No comparable course	7	30.4%
Grade in course	0	0.0%
Other	2	8.7%
No Response	14	60.9%
Total	23	100.0%

Non-Transferable Credit Hours

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Graduate Experiences

Level of Satisfaction in relation to the field of study:	Average Rating*	
	Number	Average
	Fall 10 - Spring 11	
I feel well prepared from my studies at Delgado to continue my education	60	4.12
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	%
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49	81.7%
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?	106	82.8%	20	15.6%	2	1.6%
Is your job related to your field of study?*	100	94.3%	5	4.7%	1	0.9%
Have you changed jobs since graduating?*	44	41.5%	62	58.5%	0	0.0%
Have you received a promotion or salary increase since graduating?*	57	53.8%	47	44.3%	2	1.9%
Do you attribute your promotion or salary increase to skills acquired at Delgado?***	55	96.5%	1	1.8%	1	1.8%
Are you generally satisfied with your chosen occupation?*	100	94.3%	4	3.8%	2	1.9%

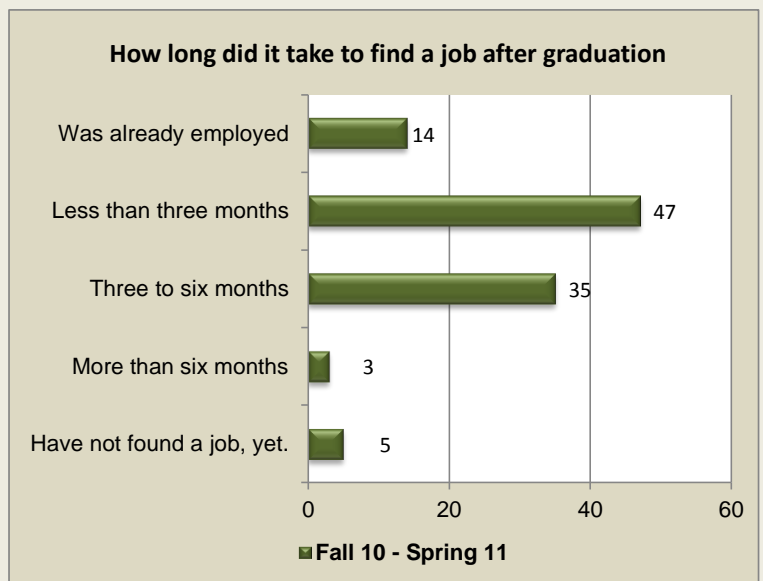
*Averages based on only those students who responded as being employed.

**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	14	13.2%
Less than three months	47	44.3%
Three to six months	35	33.0%
More than six months	3	2.8%
Have not found a job, yet.	5	4.7%
No Response	2	1.9%
Total	106	100.0%

Wages of Delgado Nursing Graduates***	Number used in Average	Wage Per Hour in Field
Registered Nursing	78	\$23.91

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



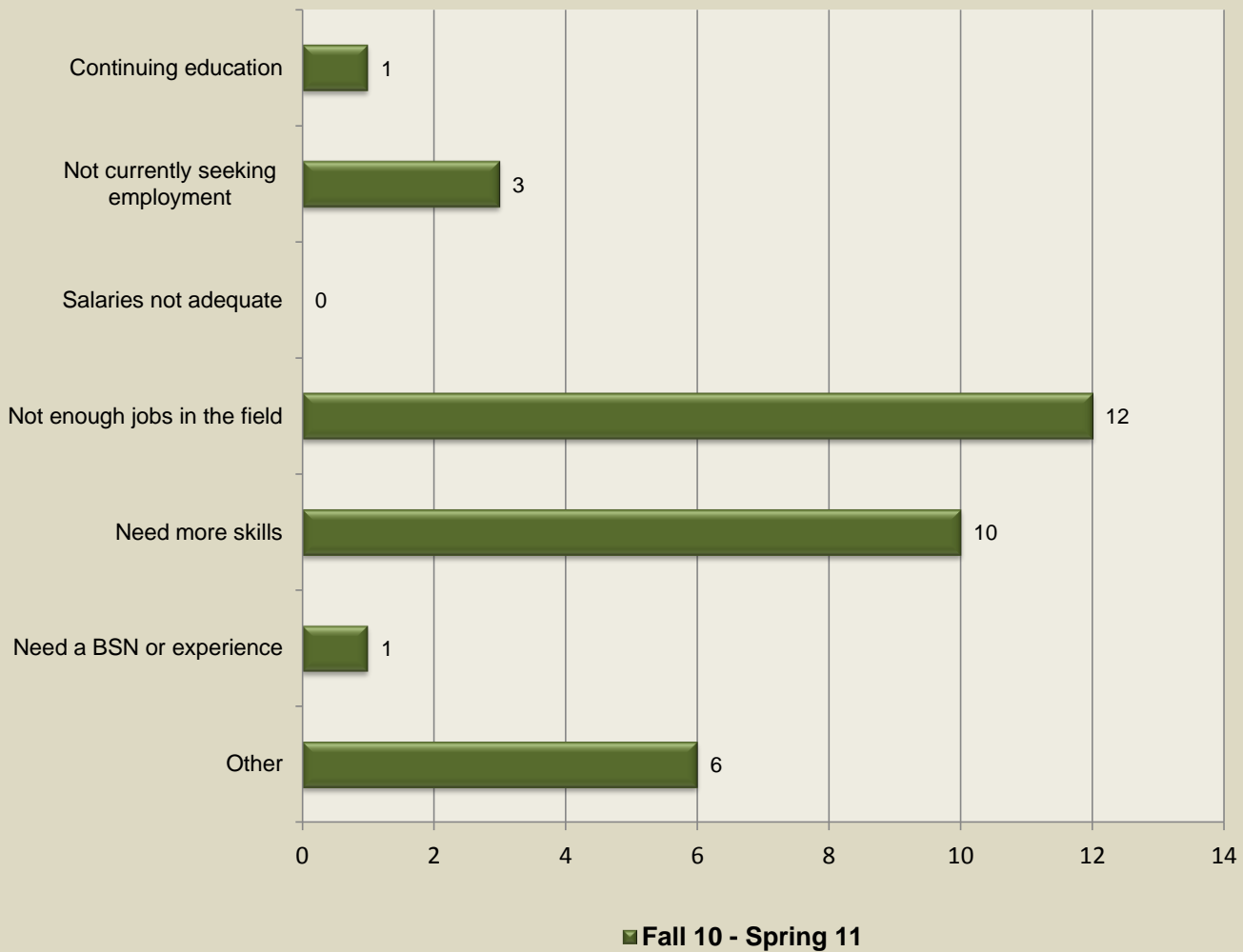
Employment Experiences

Reasons why graduates are unemployed or employed in a field unrelated to their field of study*		
Continuing education	1	3.0%
Not currently seeking employment	3	9.1%
Salaries not adequate	0	0.0%
Not enough jobs in the field	12	36.4%
Need more skills	10	30.3%
Need a BSN or experience	1	3.0%
Other	6	18.2%
Total	33	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 10 - Spring 11	
I feel well prepared to efficiently and effectively perform my job duties	105	4.09
My program of study at Delgado prepared me for my career goal	105	4.17

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	%
Fall 10 - Spring 11	
83	79.0%
86	81.9%

* 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
	Fall 10 - Spring 11	
The program was logically organized; the material built from course to course	119	4.07
The program could be completed in a reasonable amount of time	119	4.19
The length of the program is appropriate to learn the material needed to start a career in this field	119	3.99
There was a good balance between theoretical material and applied learning in the program	119	4.05
Instructors were usually available to students outside the classroom	119	4.05
Instructional methods were effective in presenting the material	119	3.93
Course contents were up-to-date, giving good preparation in this field	119	4.13
Equipment and labs were modern and up to industry standards	118	3.82
I was satisfied with the quality of instruction I received	119	3.95
I would recommend this program at Delgado to others	119	4.01
I was satisfied with the quality of advising received	112	3.63
The advising I received kept me "on track" toward program completion	110	3.64

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	%
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95	79.8%
100	84.0%
90	75.6%
91	76.5%
89	74.8%
84	70.6%
94	79.0%
78	66.1%
86	72.3%
87	73.1%
67	59.8%
65	59.1%

* 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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Nursing Educational Experience at Delgado

Level of Satisfaction with your educational experience in relation to the field of study:	Average Rating*		% of students who responded positively**	
	Number	Average	Number	%
	Fall 10 - Spring 11		Fall 10 - Spring 11	
I am able to use the nursing process as a basis for decision making and critical thinking.	119	4.54	113	95.0%
I am able to establish and maintain effective communication with clients, families, significant others, and health team members.	120	4.57	115	95.8%
I am able to provide direction and guidance to other health care workers.	120	4.33	108	90.0%
I am able to function as a teacher for health promotion, prevention of illness, restoration of health, and rehabilitation.	119	4.37	108	90.8%
I am able to make decisions and take actions that are consistent with the legal and ethical standards for nursing practice.	119	4.48	112	94.1%
The clinical learning environments provided a wide variety of learning experiences.	120	4.27	102	85.0%
The clinical learning environments provided learning opportunities appropriate for contemporary nursing.	121	4.35	110	90.9%
I am able to provide competent nursing care in varied settings for clients from diverse cultures with common, chronic, and acute alterations in health.	120	4.44	112	93.3%
The length of the program was appropriate to learn the material needed to start a career in nursing.	56	4.20	45	80.4%
Instructional methods were effective in presenting the material.	56	4.16	46	82.1%

* Scale is 1 to 5, 5 = Strongly Agree

** Percentage of students who responded Agree or Strongly Agree

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

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Registered Nursing (NURS)

Charity school of nursing was an excellent experience!

Charity was awesome!

Deeply appreciative and grateful for the knowledge I learned while attending CSN.

Fair argument of test questions should be addressed!

I am happy that I attended Delgado and Charity School of Nursing. I am looking forward to a job as an RN. I would recommend Delgado to anyone. Delgado provides an excellent education and prepares you for your desired field.

I caution anyone who tells me that they are applying to CSN-RN program. I ran into quite a few problems while in that program. I think that anyone that passes a class in a structured program should be caution.

The only thing I would change at Charity is for the elevators to get fixed, to keep Tegrity - it helped me so much during school, and for the students of adjunct teachers to be able to know what is going in the school because I felt that when I had an adjunct teacher, we were always left in the dark about things.

The other nursing programs, specifically LSU and Our Lady of the Lake and others have a Preceptor program in their senior year, where the nursing student follows an RN at the hospital for 120 hours working as an RN under the direction of the hospital RN. Charity did not have this program. I feel like those nursing students had a great advantage over Charity nursing students because of the 1 one 1 and working the full 12 hour shifts. Also, I credit my ability to obtain an RN position right after graduation to the fact that I got a job at the hospital when I applied to nursing school. So I had a 3 yr. history with the hospital. My last year in nursing school, I worked 12 hour shifts in a step-down unit as a nurse tech. I gained tremendous experience taking care of the patients during those 12 hours shifts.

Very well-pleased with the educational training I received @ Charity/DCC! Charity definitely prepared and equipped me with the necessities needed to excel in my profession. Thanks!

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I did not feel fully prepared to start an IV or draw blood, which is something I think we should feel comfortable with by graduation. My current job had to train me in that, which they did not understand why I never got that good of experience in school. I never got the opportunity to start an IV or draw blood in clinicals. I practiced once on the dummy arm, but that is not enough to feel comfortable. I think in order to be checked off on the skill you should have to perform it on a real person.

I do feel that my education through Delgado Charity School of Nursing helped build a good foundation for my ultimate success as a Registered Nurse. Although I incurred many obstacles in my pursuit I am glad that I received a good education for the price at Delgado Charity School of Nursing. I found it to be a quite challenging program. I do think the classes could be structured better where the topics are better presented and the information more organized. The tests definitely need revamping, I do not know where the teachers get half the questions and the majority of the questions they pick are very obscure and not touched on or touched on briefly. I think the questions should be more knowledge based and less let's try to trick them. Overall, I am happy with the education I received and I do intend to go back to school to pursue my bachelor's degree in nursing.

I loved the nursing program at Charity and all of my instructors were very helpful and knowledgeable, but I had a hard time in the third semester which was extremely compact and difficult. I'd suggest putting Mental health either during the first summer or the second summer, allowing the entire third semester to be for Maternal/L and D/and Pediatrics.

I was satisfied with my overall education at Delgado/Charity. I was told from the beginning that the job market was tight, so I felt prepared for the delay in finding a job. I wish we were pushed more to find tech jobs, or forced to do internships, since that seems to be what is looked for. I finally was offered a position over six months after graduation, and will start at the end of January.

I would love to continue my education by taking a few more classes at Delgado but I'm over credit for financial aid. I will try to transfer to a 4-year university.

My biggest problem with the program at Charity is that the requirements differ from one instructor to another. Some instructors are very lenient and do not require much in the way of documentation/research and some are very strict and give their students much more work. There should be set requirements that the instructors follow so that all of the students are being graded fairly in the clinical settings. Charity is doing an injustice to those students that sneak by from one semester to another always looking for the instructors that will give them an easy load.

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Students should be caring for at least 4 patients by the time they get to NAC I. In NAC I, I was only providing care to 2 patients, and now that I'm working I'm caring for 6. It's very different, and that is what I feel needs to change within the program.

Thanks for preparing me to work as a competent nurse.

The clinical experience I received from school was not long enough for me. I would have preferred to do longer and more clinical hands on learning.

The Delgado experience was good. Like any classroom you have teachers and those who were born to TEACH. I did meet several teachers who have the gift here unfortunately they can't teach every class.

The one suggestion I have would be to have students take more patients. Maybe in NAC I start increasing the patient load. When you start working you are typically given 6 patients and did not feel well prepared to manage.