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Graduate Follow-Up Survey

Fall 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	311	41.7%
Total Graduates	745	

After Graduation did you :	Yes	%	No	%	No Response	%
Continue your Education?	113	36.3%	193	62.1%	5	1.6%
Is your current major related to your major at Delgado?	83	73.5%	28	14.5%	2	1.8%

At what institution did you continue your education?

Delgado Community College	24
Dillard	1
UNO	29
SUNO	5
Loyola University	3
Our Lady of Holy Cross College	5
LSU	6
Southeastern Louisiana University	3
Southern University, Baton Rouge	4
University of Phoenix	4
Tulane	3
Xavier	1
Other	21
No Response	4
Total	113



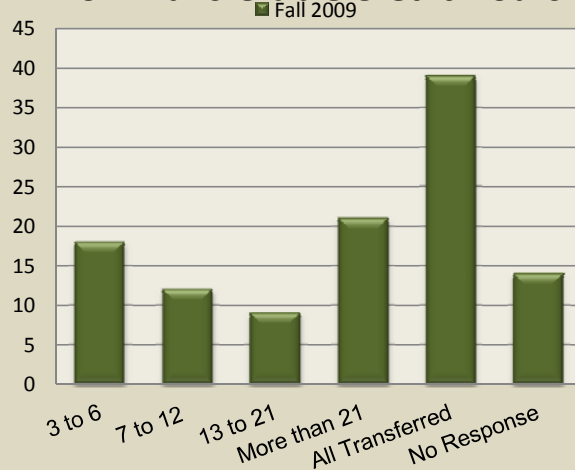
Number of Delgado Non-Developmental Credit Hours Unable to Transfer

3 to 6	18	15.9%
7 to 12	12	10.6%
13 to 21	9	8.0%
More than 21	21	18.6%
All Transferred	39	278.6%
No Response	14	12.4%
Total	113	344.1%

Reasons Delgado Non-Developmental Credit Hours were not Transferred

Changed Major	5	7.9%
No comparable course	35	55.6%
Grade in course	1	1.6%
Other	22	34.9%
No Response	0	0.0%
Total	63	100.0%

Non-Transferable Credit Hours



Graduate Experiences

Level of Satisfaction in relation to the field of study:	Average Rating*	
	Number	Average
	Fall 2009	
I feel well prepared from my studies Delgado to continue my education	90	4.11
I was able to transfer most of my credits earned at Delgado to my four-year institution	77	4.01

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	Average
Fall 2009	
71	78.9%
55	71.4%

* 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?	259	83.3%	46	14.8%	6	1.9%
Is your job related to your field of study?*	206	79.5%	53	20.5%	0	0.0%
Have you changed jobs since graduating?*	61	23.6%	195	75.3%	3	1.2%
Have you received a promotion or salary increase since graduating?*	103	39.8%	149	57.5%	7	2.7%
Do you attribute your promotion or salary increase to skills acquired at Delgado?*	92	89.3%	13	12.6%	1	1.0%
Are you generally satisfied with your chosen occupation?*	215	83.0%	33	12.7%	11	4.2%

*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	109	42.1%
Less than three months	87	33.6%
Three to six months	23	8.9%
More than six months	10	3.9%
Have not found a job, yet.	10	3.9%
(No Response)	20	7.7%
Total	259	100.0%



Employment Experiences

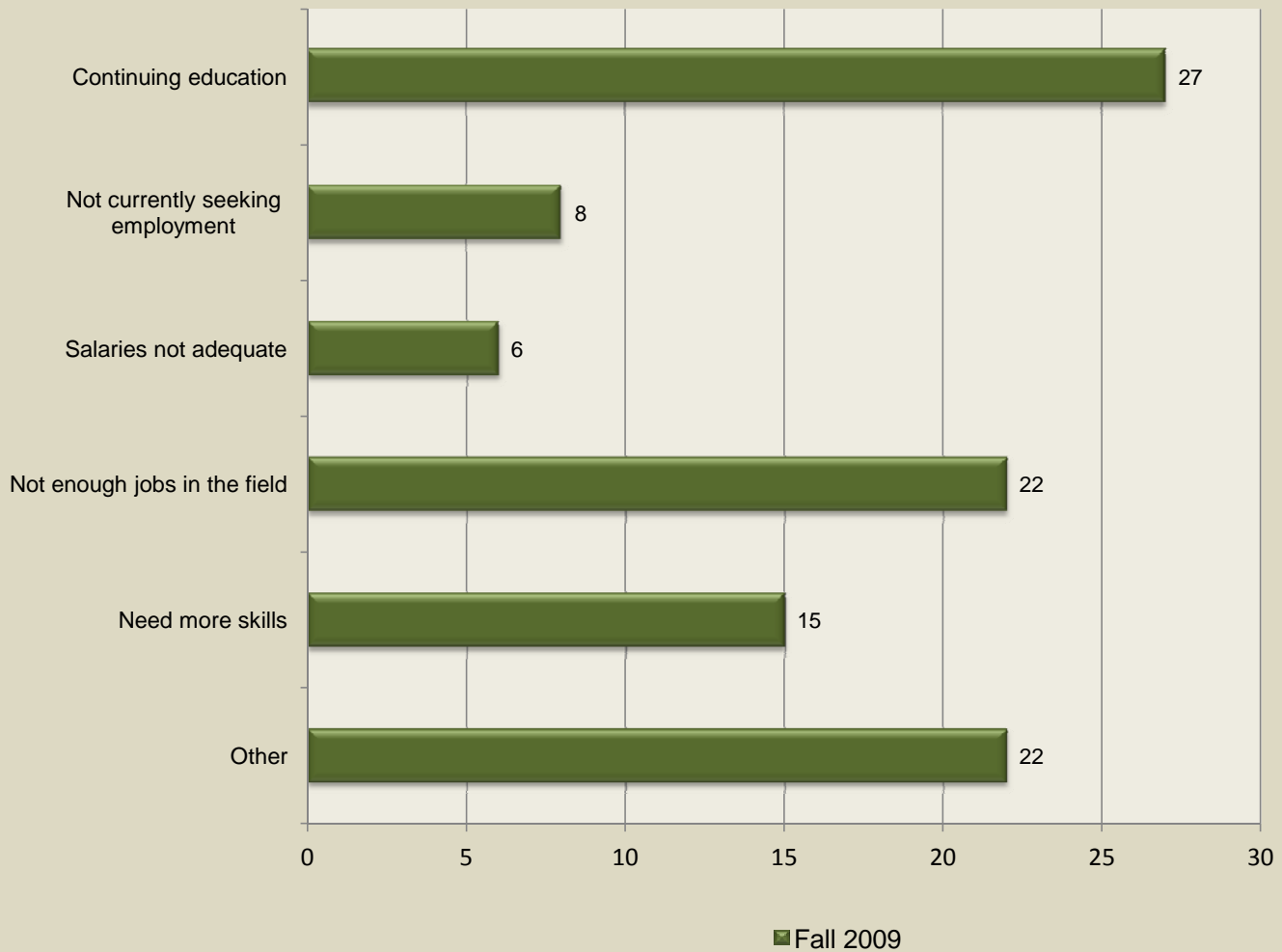
Reasons why graduates are unemployed or employed in a field unrelated to their field of study*

Continuing education	27	27.0%
Not currently seeking employment	8	8.0%
Salaries not adequate	6	6.0%
Not enough jobs in the field	22	22.0%
Need more skills	15	15.0%
Other	22	22.0%
Total	100	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 2009	
I feel well prepared to efficiently and effectively perform my job duties	228	4.32
My program of study at Delgado prepared me for my career goal	225	4.20

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	Average
Fall 2009	
198	86.8%
185	82.2%

* 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 2009	
The program was logically organized; the material built from course to course	138	4.20
The program could be completed in a reasonable amount of time	136	4.26
The length of the program is appropriate to learn the material needed to start a career in this field	138	4.20
There was a good balance between theoretical material and applied learning in the program	137	4.18
Instructors were usually available to students outside the classroom	134	4.40
Instructional methods were effective in presenting the material	138	4.25
Course contents were up-to-date, giving good preparation in this field	135	4.22
Equipment and labs were modern and up to industry standards	127	4.06
I was satisfied with the quality of instruction I received	137	4.31
I would recommend this program at Delgado to others	137	4.32
I was satisfied with the quality of advising received	135	3.96
The advising I received kept me "on track" toward program completion	133	4.03

% of students who responded positively**	
Number	Average
Fall 2009	
120	87.0%
120	88.2%
119	86.2%
112	81.8%
120	89.6%
121	87.7%
118	87.4%
99	78.0%
119	86.9%
121	88.3%
99	73.3%
97	72.9%

* 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**

Fall 2009



Wages of Graduates

Delgado Major	Number used in Average	Wage Per Hour*	Number used in Average	Wage Per Hour in Field*
Accounting	5	17.91	4	19.13
Administrative Office Technology	0	**	0	**
American Sign Language Studies	3	19.31	1	**
Business Administration	15	15.06	12	14.56
Business & Management	1	**	1	**
Computer Aided Drafting & Design	2	**	1	**
Care and Development of Young Children	5	11.12	3	9.20
Computer Information Technology	2	**	1	**
Computer Network Technology	3	19.96	1	**
Construction Technology - Architectural Tech.	0	**	0	**
Construction Technology - Civil Tech.	2	**	2	**
Criminal Justice	5	18.43	5	18.43
Culinary Arts	3	11.00	2	**
Diagnostic Medical Sonography	5	23.17	5	23.17
Dietetic Technician	2	**	1	**
Educational Interpreting for the Deaf	2	**	1	**
Electrical Construction	1	**	1	**
Electrical Electronics Engineering Tech	0	**	0	**
Emergency Medical Technician	16	17.22	16	17.22
EST-Biomedical Equipment Repair	0	**	0	**
Fine Arts	1	**	0	**
Fire Protection Technology	5	12.66	5	12.66
Funeral Service Education	0	**	0	**
General Studies	4	12.38	2	**
General Science	1	**	0	**
Health Information Technology	0	**	0	**
Horticulture	1	**	0	**
Hospitality Management	1	**	0	**
Hospitality	0	**	0	**
Interior Design	1	**	0	**
Legal Secretary	1	**	1	**
Management	1	**	0	**
Massage Therapy	10	21.85	7	27.29
Medical Coding	2	**	2	**
Medical Laboratory Technician	4	16.69	4	16.69
Motor Vehicle Technology	2	**	2	**
Music	1	**	1	**
Nursing	44	24.54	43	24.92
Nuclear Medical Technology	2	**	2	**
Occupational Therapy Assistant	4	22.19	4	22.19
Ophthalmic Medical Assistant	0	**	0	**
Pharmacy Technician	1	**	1	**
Performance & Media Arts	2	**	0	**
Physical Therapy Assisting	15	22.29	15	22.29
Practical Nursing	2	**	2	**
Radiological Technology	10	19.07	10	19.07
Radiation Therapy	4	25.59	3	26.45
Respiratory Care Technology	5	19.91	5	19.91
Surgical Technology	5	15.94	4	16.18
Veterinary Technology	0	**	0	**
Visual Communications	3	10.18	0	**

*Wages are self-reported. Hours worked was assumed to be forty if the graduate did not specify.
 **Less than 3 respondents.

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I am grateful for my education in occupational therapy assistance. I really enjoy my job; it is interesting as well as rewarding. Dr. Kelly was a very important part of my education and she did a great job.

I think Delgado's architecture program needs to work with the other architecture programs in Louisiana, so that the architecture credits could transfer. Most of Delgado's architecture credits are not accepted at the school of architectures.

After graduation with my Associate in business me and my husband are now starting a family. I plan to go back to school this January continuing my education at UNO.

All the teachers were very helpful in helping me strive to complete the Business Administration program, but one teacher that really comes to mind was Mr. Tuhro. He went above and beyond my expectations in all the courses I took with him.

Although my course work at Delgado was excellent and prepared me very well to take my registry exam, I was not prepared as well in the clinical aspect of my studies. I did my clinicals at St Tammany Hospital in Covington.

Charity was hard, but worth it.

Delgado Charity School of Nursing provided excellent education in my major. Although I am currently unemployed and have not yet worked under my major title I am proud to have acquire my education in this college. The market is tough at this moment.

Delgado Community College has a wonderful program of studies that helped me with my career.

Delgado has a wonderful massage program and Sally Raymond is unmatched in professionalism and attentiveness to the needs of everybody in the program.

Delgado is an excellent educational institution! It really prepares students for the workforce. I loved my time at Delgado. The only reason that I am not currently employed is due to the fact that I have just moved back home.

Delgado is the most disorganized school I have ever seen. The programs are awful, and my professor lied to me, leaving me with a \$300.00 charge. If you want to know what happened I would love to tell you.

Delgado Needs to Update Classroom Technology!

I'm also presently doing substitute teaching at an elementary public schools in the Slidell, Pearl River Area.

I'm working PRN, WORK is SLOW right now. I am completing some courses at Delgado to enter the HEALTH STUDIES BACHELORS program at SLU in Hammond. This is a step I have to take prior to entering the MOT at LSU. I love my job & want to learn more.

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I already have a Bachelor Degree. I received an Associate of Fire Science for my career goals and I also obtained Paramedic from Delgado.

I am a very determined person whom has been through a lot, it is unreal with my medical issues that I completed this program. I completed the program and I am doing so well with management, decision making, communication and so forth.

I am drafting for HVAC/plumbing designs for schools, stores and other public facilities.

I am glad that I pursued this education and it did open my communication skills. It was very difficult to get help outside the classroom. Some days I felt that it was a self teaching program.

I am very proud of my degree fom Delgado!! It made me realize that I really can do it. Two of my instructors were the best and I will never forget them (Mary Johnson and Lisa Melson). Thanks you so much for giving me the knowledge I needed to succeed.

I applied to and received admissions into Xavier, Tulane and Loyola. I received the \$10,000 Phi Theta Kappa scholarship at Tulane. However, I chose to go to Loyola because they offered me the most money (a Loyola grant worth \$13,500).

I entered school under General Studies. I was told I had to pick a major, but an advisor wasn't at the Slidell school at the time. So I picked Accounting. Most jobs out there require a bachelors. If I would of known that I would of picked another major.

I feel like I obtained the best training in my field at Delgado. The instructors were amazing and truly care about each student and their education. They never made me feel like a number.

I graduated with an associate degree in general studies with a concentration in biology. I have no clue what jobs are available to me. I will be coming back to complete the surgical tech program because that's what I've always wanted to do.

I had an excellent experience with most of the teachers and actually appreciate the way Delgado does things (such as providing class schedules etc) compared to UNO!

I have been trying to contact Delgado about my diploma. Is it possible to have it mailed to me? Do I have to come pick it up? Please let me know!

I have not had any luck with finding a career in television. I have been unemployed since I graduated in Dec. 2009, which is 7 months with no job. I also applied to work at the City Park campus as a ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR 2 for two different postions.

I have to pass a certified board test before I qualify for the field/major I attended Delgado for.

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I loved the horticulture program. Being able to have hands-on instruction was great. Just wish that the new building had been available. However, Bettie and Rich did an admirable job of working around the obstacles presented to them post-Katrina.

I really enjoy the Massage Therapy program at Delgado. I love Mrs. Sally and all the staff.

I really loved my teachers in the ASL program. I was light years ahead of others seeking employment in the same field. Everyday I use the skills I have learn from Delgado.

I thoroughly enjoyed my educational experience at Delgado. I learned a tremendous amount, and I was fortunate to be able to interact with professionals from the Massage Industry.

I was always pleased with Delgado except the student workers do not always know what they are doing and the offices of financial assistance is very unorganized!!!!!!! There are never enough workers or employees to help the students when needed.

I was impressed with the PTA program at Delgado. I felt it was a thorough program which prepared us to enter into the work force and be sufficient therapists.

I was very pleased with the program and its coordinator. Sallye Ramond is a wonderful person and still a helpful resource to all of her graduates. I think the facilities could be better, but Sallye does the best with what she has.

I would like to thank my Delgado teachers Ms. Sandra Palmer, Ms. Linda Christofi, and Mr. Leonard Goody for preparing me to perform my career duties as a Surgical Technologists. I love all of you and God Bless You.

I would like to state that I loved all my teachers at Delgado. I actually think they teach better than most of my UNO teachers. However, I am very disappointed with the due process of my graduation.

In my opinion, there is a strong need for additional instructors. Too many courses are being taught simultaneously during the same class period. At most, two courses, with similar content should be taught together.

Most of the teachers at Delgado are awesome and caring. The other staff including Bursar office employees, registrars office employees and other administrative employees are incompetent of fulfilling their duties. They are rude.

My current income and hours worked are non-reflective on my education experience. My education led to an immediate promotion with my employer. More importantly, my education was a critical piece to ensure acceptance into law school.

Transfer credits should be better coordinated; at least 12 or more credits were not accepted.

Would like someone at Delgado to help me find a job.

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My time at DCC was great. All of my instructors were well educated in the subjects they were teaching me. The only thing that was heart breaking was finding a school to take as many of my transferring credits as possible.

Online courses were poorly instructed. The majority of time it was just me and the textbook.

The program prepared me for my Nursing career. More clinical experience, experience with charts (checking off orders), interaction with MDs doing rounds, and time management practice could be helpful for future nursing students.

PTA program is a great program that prepares its students very well for their careers and quality of care to their patients.

Some of the people that work in the Enrollment, Register's, and Bursar's offices have very bad attitudes! They don't know what they are doing or how to help you. I had to do a lot of stuff myself on the internet. Thankfully, my teachers were all great.

THANK GOD FOR MR. LUCIA!

The enrollment and scheduling process at DCC is very complicated & stressful. 9 out of 10 times the people you have to deal within the scheduling process are agitated and unfriendly. Steps to improve this DCC staff-student relationship would be helpful.

The fire technology program was fine, but the EMT Basic program is a joke. The instructors need to remember that they are there for the students and almost all of the students are adults with busy lives.

The instructors really prepared me with the knowledge and skills to complete the Surgical Tech. Program and they really worked with me when I had to miss class/tests due to my military obligations. I am furthering my education.

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is overall a good program. I found the fieldwork and field trips the most beneficial. It would be hard to coordinate but have a trip to a general hospital to see how things work (especially in the ICU).

The only suggestion I can make to the nursing clinical experience would be to train the students better time management skills. While at Charity I only cared for a maximum of two patients at one time (and it was only 1 time).

The quality of the learning experience went down after Hurricane Katrina. We were expected to do our