

Graduate Outcomes: 2015 - 16

West Shore Community college administers the annual Graduate Follow-up survey each November to all graduates of Associate’s Degrees and Certificate programs from the preceding academic year. In addition, a survey of students completing the six-credit Nurse Assistant (CNA) course is conducted during the same time frame. Surveys are initially mailed to all completers, then follow-up phone calls to non-responders are made by various staff across the college.

Placement Rate is defined as the percentage of the respondents who are employed, continuing education, or both. The table below represents data from the surveys of students graduating or completing the CNA course during the 2015-2016 academic year. The data includes graduates of both liberal arts and science programs and occupational programs, as well as CNA completers.

Data is self-reported by the students at least six-months after leaving the institution, therefore return rates are not sufficient to provide individual program placement information for all programs. Of the 235 completers who were sent a survey and/or contacted via phone, 84 (36%) responded. In addition, Liberal Arts graduates do not report whether employment is related to their WSCC degree, so they have been removed from the respondents where noted. Data are reported as a percentage of respondents, and are duplicated.

Select Responses from 2015-2016 Follow-Up Survey:

Are you...?			
		Frequency	Percentage
1	Currently employed	65	77.40%
2	Unemployed but seeking employment	7	8.30%
3	Unemployed and NOT seeking employment	2	2.40%
6	Unavailable for employment as a full time student	10	11.90%
	Total Qualified	84	100.00%

How soon after graduation did you obtain employment?			
		Frequency	Percentage
1	Already employed	2	28.60%
2	Within 1 month	2	28.60%
3	Between 1 and 3 months	2	28.60%
5	6 months or more	1	14.30%
	Total Qualified	7	100.00%

Are you currently enrolled at WSCC or another College, University, Business, or Trade school?

		Frequency	Percentage
1	Yes	52	61.90%
2	No	32	38.10%
	Total Qualified	84	100.00%

Where are you currently enrolled?

		Frequency	Percentage
1	Baker college (any location)	2	3.80%
2	Central Michigan University (Mount Pleasant)	6	11.50%
3	Eastern Michigan University (Ypsilanti)	1	1.90%
4	Ferris State University (Big Rapids)	11	21.20%
5	Grand Valley State University (Allendale)	5	9.60%
8	Western Michigan University (Kalamazoo)	1	1.90%
9	West Shore Community College	19	36.50%
10	Other (Specify)	7	13.50%
	Total Qualified	52	100.00%