

Office of Institutional Research

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2014 Graduate Survey Analysis (AY13 Graduates)

The Office of Institutional Research administered a survey during the winter of 2013/14 of all FRCC graduates for the academic year of AY13. While there were 3,217 distinct graduates, there is duplication within types of degrees and programs. So out of the 3,318 awards in separate programs, 1,361 responded, resulting in a 41% response rate (down from last year’s 51%).

All graduates were emailed a long survey if they had a valid email address; otherwise they were mailed the long survey to their street address. CTE (vocational career technical) non-respondents were then phoned using a short form of the survey with the 10 questions mandated by the state. Because of the more intense effort employed with CTE graduates, their response rate was 56%. The complete survey and all summary results are posted on the IR web site under the survey link (www.frontrange.edu/ir). Highlights of the results follow.

Overall

- 92% of respondents reported that their program of study met their educational goals.
- 92% felt that FRCC prepared them “Well” or “Very Well” for continuing their educational programs.
- 54% are currently pursuing further education.
- 50% of CTE respondents had taken a state licensing or industry certification test, with 97% of them passing.
- 76% of respondents were employed, with 46% employed in occupations related to their FRCC training.
- 54% reported that their program of study enhanced their ability to get or keep their jobs.

Demographics

Respondents were slightly older and more likely to be female than their proportions of all graduates.

- Females were 61% of the respondents (women are 59% of all graduates).
- 78% of the respondents were white, the same proportion as all graduates.
- The median age of all graduates is 25, while the median age of respondents was 28.

Employment Success

79% of graduates were employed, with 46% in occupations related to their training.

At any time between October 1st and December 31st 2013 were you:		
Employed in occupation related to your FRCC training	610	46%
Employed in occupation NOT related to your FRCC training	405	30%
Median Wage	\$15	

Objective

While the majority of graduates reported their objective was to earn a degree or certificate, there was a large minority of respondents who reported that their objective had been to take a few courses and transfer, or personal interest. Whatever their original objective, they all graduated.

What was your Primary objective in attending FRCC?	Total	%
Earn AA, AS, or AGS degree	343	26%
Earn AAS (Career/technical) degree	495	37%
Earn Certificate	296	22%
Personal interest	93	7%
Take a few courses and transfer	77	6%
Take a few courses for job or career	8	1%
Take high school/concurrent college credits	10	1%
Other	13	1%

Continuing Education Success

54% of respondents are continuing their education.

A total of 118 graduates reported problems transferring to other institutions. Lost credit hours were the most common problem reported.

Did you have any transfer problems?	115
Transfer problems with Admission	26
Transfer problems with academic advising	46
Transfer problems with course offerings at convenient times	27
Transfer problems with different instructional methods	22
Transfer problems with lost credit hours	66

Campus Experience

Nearly three-fourths of respondents felt that technology enhanced their learning process and that their learned technology skills were up-to-date.

Technology enhanced learning process at FRCC	472	70%
Technology skills learned were complete and up to date	570	0%

If you would like a more detailed analysis or have additional questions, please contact Kim Wallace (Kim.Wallace@frontrange.edu) or phone (303) 404-5316).