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2015 Graduate Survey Analysis (AY14 Graduates)

The Office of Institutional Research administered a survey during the winter of 2014/15 of all FRCC graduates for the academic year of AY14. While there were 3,097 distinct graduates, there is duplication within types of degrees and programs. So out of the 3,581 awards in separate programs, 1,264 responded, resulting in a 35% response rate (down from last year’s 41%).

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 53%. The complete survey and all summary results are posted on the IR web site under the survey link (<http://www.frontrange.edu/about-frcc/facts-and-figures>). Highlights of this year’s results follow.

Overall

- 93% of respondents reported that their program of study met their educational goals.
- 93% felt that FRCC prepared them “Well” or “Very Well” for continuing their educational programs.
- 56% are currently pursuing further education.
- 53% of CTE respondents had taken a state licensing or industry certification test, with 95% of them passing.
- 78% of respondents were employed, with 48% employed in occupations related to their FRCC training.
- 69% reported that their program of study enhanced their ability to get or keep their jobs, up from 54% last year

Demographics

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

- Females were 63% of the respondents (women are 62% of all graduates).
- 78% of the respondents were white (76% of all graduates were white).

Employment Success

78% of graduates were employed, with 48% in occupations related to their training.

At any time between October 1st and December 31st 2014 were you:		
Employed in occupation related to your FRCC training	608	48%
Employed in occupation NOT related to your FRCC training	374	30%
Median Wage	\$14.35	

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	381	30%
Earn AAS (Career/technical) degree	448	35%
Earn Certificate	276	22%
Personal interest	70	6%
Take a few courses and transfer	63	5%
Take a few courses for job or career	3	0%
Take high school/concurrent college credits	23	2%
Other	22	2%

Continuing Education Success

56% of respondents are continuing their education.

A total of 89 graduates reported problems transferring to other institutions. Lost credit hours were the most common problem reported.

Did you have any transfer problems?	89
Transfer problems with Admission	29
Transfer problems with academic advising	43
Transfer problems with course offerings at convenient times	35
Transfer problems with different instructional methods	34
Transfer problems with lost credit hours	68

Campus Experience

More than three-fourths of respondents felt that technology enhanced their learning process (up from 70%) and that their learned technology skills were up-to-date.

Technology enhanced learning process at FRCC	500	78%
Technology skills learned were complete and up to date	518	86%

If you would like a more detailed analysis or have additional questions, please contact Ryan Lambert (Ryan.Lambert@fronrange.edu or phone (303) 404-5671).