



**DALTON STATE**  
**C O L L E G E**

**2006 GRADUATING NURSES (RN) SURVEY  
SUMMARY REPORT**

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*Highlights*

- ❖ 51 Registered Nurses graduated from Dalton State College. 46 graduates responded to the survey.
- ❖ 58.7% of the respondents said that they would recommend the Dalton State College RN program to others.
- ❖ 58.7% of the graduates said they would select Dalton State College again for their RN program.
- ❖ 63.1% of the respondents said their attitude toward Dalton State College was Very Positive or Positive.

## BACKGROUND

### *Age at the time you graduated*

20-25	24	52.2%
26-30	5	10.9%
31-40	12	26.1%
41-55	5	10.9%
Over 55	0	0.0%
No reply	0	0.0%

### *Marital Status*

Unmarried (including single, divorced, and widowed)	15	32.6%
Married	29	63.0%
Separated	1	2.2%
No replay	1	2.2%

### *County of Residence:*

Catoosa	13	28.3%
Gordon	7	15.2%
Murray	2	4.3%
Walker	5	10.9%
Whitfield	14	30.4%
Other	4	8.7%
No Reply	1	2.2%

### *Highest level of educational experience achieved prior to entrance into the Dalton State College nursing program*

GED	3	6.5%
High school, graduated within two years of acceptance	17	37.0%
High school, graduated over two years prior to acceptance	7	15.2%
College, 1-4 years (including certificate/technical)	15	32.6%
College graduate	4	8.7%

### *While you were a student at Dalton State College, were you mainly enrolled*

Full-time	36	78.3%
Part-time	10	21.7%

### *At the time of this survey, have you written and passed your licensing examination?*

Yes	2	4.3%
No	44	95.7%

## BACKGROUND (continued)

*If you've passed, please indicate the month you received board results*

No Reply	41	89.1%
January	0	0.0%
February	0	0.0%
March	0	0.0%
April	0	0.0%
May	0	0.0%
June	4	8.7%
July	0	0.0%
August	0	0.0%
September	1	2.2%
October	0	0.0%
November	0	0.0%

*After graduation, what was your primary source of preparation for the NCLEX*

Independent review	14	30.4%
Computer review	2	4.3%
Formal review classes	16	34.8%
Other	1	2.2%
No preparation	0	0.0%
No reply	13	28.3%

## NURSING EMPLOYMENT

*Did you have any health related work experience prior to entering the Nursing program at Dalton State College*

Yes	17	37.0%
No	29	63.0%

*Current working status*

Full-time in nursing	2	4.3%
Part-time in nursing	18	39.1%
Employment in another field	14	30.4%
Not employed at this time	12	26.1%
No reply	0	0.0%

## NURSING EMPLOYMENT (continued)

*If working, please indicate the month you began your job*

January	3	6.5%
February	0	0.0%
March	2	4.3%
April	0	0.0%
May	7	15.2%
June	5	10.9%
July	1	2.2%
August	0	0.0%
September	2	4.3%
October	0	0.0%
November	0	0.0%
December	3	6.5%
No reply	23	50.0%

*If you're not working full-time in nursing, please specify your reason*

Seeking higher education	2	4.3%
Scheduling	9	19.6%
Family obligations	4	8.7%
Other	12	26.1%
No reply	19	41.3%

*If you are working in nursing, please specify which area*

Hospital	21	45.7%
Public health / home health	2	4.3%
Industry	0	0.0%
Physician's office / clinic	1	2.2%
Nursing home	1	2.2%
No reply	21	45.7%

*If you are employed in hospital nursing, please specify which area*

General duty	9	19.6%
Specialty care unit (ICU, CCU, L&D, NICU)	2	4.3%
Emergency	1	2.2%
Operating room	0	0.0%
Other	5	10.9%
No reply	29	63.0%

*If you are employed in general duty nursing, please specify which area*

Medical-surgical	8	17.4%
Psychiatric	1	2.2%
Postpartum, newborn, GN	4	8.7%
Pediatric	1	2.2%
Other	3	6.5%
No reply	29	63.0%

## NURSING EMPLOYMENT (continued)

### *Your primary position is*

Staff nurse	8	17.4%
Head nurse / supervisor	0	0.0%
Team leader	0	0.0%
Charge nurse	0	0.0%
Other	13	28.3%
No reply	25	54.3%

### *Shift worked*

Days	8	17.4%
Rotating shifts	3	6.5%
Evenings	1	2.2%
Nights	6	13.0%
Other	4	8.7%
No reply	24	52.2%

### *Present hourly salary including any shift differential*

Below \$13 with benefits	2	4.3%
Below \$13 without benefits	10	21.7%
\$13.01-\$16.00 with benefits	0	0.0%
\$13.01-\$16.00 without benefits	4	8.7%
\$16.01-\$19.00 with benefits	1	2.2%
\$16.01-\$19.00 without benefits	1	2.2%
\$19.01-\$21.00 with benefits	1	2.2%
\$19.01-\$21.00 without benefits	1	2.2%
Above \$21.00 with benefits	3	6.5%
Above \$21.00 without benefits	0	0.0%
No reply	23	50.0%

### *In which of the following professional growth activities, have you participated (choose all that apply)*

The regular reading of nursing literature	5	10.9%
Attendance at workshops/seminars/in-services	9	19.6%
Participation in a professional organization	0	0.0%
Continuation of formal education	3	6.5%
Other	1	2.2%
No reply	28	60.9%

## Program Information

### *During the nursing program*

	<i>Always</i>	<i>Most of the time</i>	<i>Sometimes</i>	<i>Rarely</i>	<i>Never</i>	<i>No reply</i>
I received information about employment opportunities in nursing	13 28.3%	17 37.0%	9 19.6%	6 13.0%	0 0.0%	1 2.2%
I was provided information about working conditions in the nursing field	10 21.7%	18 39.1%	15 32.6%	2 4.3%	0 0.0%	1 2.2%
I received information about salary expectations	9 19.6%	19 41.3%	9 19.6%	5 10.9%	3 6.5%	1 2.2%
I was provided with information about job requirements	10 21.7%	18 39.1%	12 26.1%	4 8.7%	1 2.2%	1 2.2%

### *Which best describes your experiences with the following programs*

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>No Reply</i>
Academic Advising	11 23.9%	15 32.6%	11 23.9%	8 17.4%	1 2.2%
Guidance and counseling	10 21.7%	11 23.9%	15 32.6%	9 19.6%	1 2.2%
Nursing courses	7 15.2%	24 52.2%	7 15.2%	6 13.0%	2 4.3%
Non-nursing requirements (e.g., psychology, sociology)	14 30.4%	22 47.8%	6 13.0%	2 4.3%	2 4.3%
Equipment/facilities	20 43.5%	19 41.3%	3 6.5%	3 6.5%	1 2.2%
Student services	17 37.0%	20 43.5%	4 8.7%	3 6.5%	2 4.3%
Student financial aid	16 34.8%	14 30.4%	8 17.4%	4 8.7%	4 8.7%
Career preparation	10 21.7%	16 34.8%	12 26.1%	6 13.0%	2 4.3%
Nursing trends/opportunities data	10 21.7%	17 37.0%	11 23.9%	7 15.2%	1 2.2%

## Curriculum

*To what extent did the nursing curriculum at Dalton State College prepare you for nursing care and at the entry level in the following areas*

	<i>To a Very Great Extent</i>	<i>To a Great Extent</i>	<i>To a Moderate Extent</i>	<i>To a Limited Extent</i>	<i>To No Extent At All</i>	<i>No reply</i>
Gerontological	7 15.2%	8 17.4%	18 39.1%	9 19.6%	3 6.5%	1 2.2%
Medical	12 26.1%	11 23.9%	12 26.1%	6 13.0%	3 6.5%	2 4.3%
Surgical (Pre and Post-Op)	10 21.7%	7 15.2%	15 32.6%	6 13.0%	7 15.2%	1 2.2%
Obstetrical	8 17.4%	14 30.4%	15 32.6%	5 10.9%	3 6.5%	1 2.2%
Pediatric	2 4.3%	6 13.0%	15 32.6%	19 41.3%	3 6.5%	1 2.2%
Psychiatric	9 19.6%	7 15.2%	18 39.1%	8 17.4%	3 6.5%	1 2.2%

## Satisfaction with Nursing Program at Dalton State College

*I am satisfied...*

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Not Sure</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>No reply</i>
With the nursing program at DSC	8 17.4%	17 37.0%	6 13.0%	6 13.0%	8 17.4%	1 2.2%
With the teaching ability of the nursing faculty	5 10.9%	15 32.6%	8 17.4%	11 23.9%	6 13.0%	1 2.2%
That the courses in prepared me for employment	4 8.7%	17 37.0%	11 23.9%	7 15.2%	6 13.0%	1 2.2%
With the fairness of grading in my nursing courses	8 17.4%	22 47.8%	5 10.9%	3 6.5%	7 15.2%	1 2.2%
With opportunities for classroom evaluation of classroom and practical instruction	12 26.1%	20 43.5%	5 10.9%	4 8.7%	4 8.7%	1 2.2%
With faculty advising in my program	11 23.9%	12 26.1%	7 15.2%	8 17.4%	7 15.2%	1 2.2%
With assistance in planning my career	8 17.4%	11 23.9%	7 15.2%	9 19.6%	10 21.7%	1 2.2%
With feedback from instructors about my progress	10 21.7%	14 30.4%	7 15.2%	6 13.0%	8 17.4%	1 2.2%
With the academic ability of other students in the nursing program	12 26.1%	21 45.7%	4 8.7%	3 6.5%	5 10.9%	1 2.2%

## ABOUT DALTON STATE COLLEGE

*Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with the following experiences at Dalton State College?*

	<i>Very High</i>	<i>High</i>	<i>Not Sure</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Very Low</i>	<i>No reply</i>
Academic Experiences	11 23.9%	19 41.3%	7 15.2%	4 8.7%	3 6.5%	2 4.3%
Student Activities	12 26.1%	11 23.9%	14 30.4%	3 6.5%	3 6.5%	3 6.5%
Quality of Instruction	9 19.6%	17 37.0%	9 19.6%	7 15.2%	2 4.3%	2 4.3%

## ABOUT DALTON STATE COLLEGE (continued)

*Would you recommend Dalton State College to someone who wanted to major in nursing?*

Yes	27	58.7%
No	17	37.0%
No reply	2	4.3%

*If you had to do it all again, would you select the Dalton State College nursing program?*

Yes	27	58.7%
No	17	37.0%
No reply	2	4.3%

*What is your general attitude toward Dalton State College?*

Very Positive	9	19.6%
Positive	20	43.5%
Negative	9	19.6%
Very Negative	2	4.3%
No reply	6	13.0%

*Overall, how did your experiences at Dalton State College meet your need in the following areas?*

	<i>Very Well</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>No reply</i>
Intellectual growth	20 43.5%	16 34.8%	7 15.2%	3 6.5%
Personal growth	20 43.5%	17 37.0%	6 13.0%	3 6.5%
Preparation for career	17 37.0%	15 32.6%	11 23.9%	3 6.5%