



DALTON STATE
C O L L E G E

**2004 GRADUATING LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES
SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT**

Section I Demographics

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

Full-time	35	94.6%
Part-time	1	2.7%
No reply	1	2.7%

How long did it take you to complete you Licensed Practical Nursing program at Dalton State College?

4 years	3	8.1%
5 years	29	78.4%
6years	5	13.5%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Obtain further education	14	37.8%
Obtain full-time employment	19	51.4%
Other	4	10.8%

If your plans are to continue your education, do you plan to eventually...

Obtain another bachelor's degree	11	29.7%
Take certification review courses in my field through college	10	27%
Take certification review courses in my field through non-	1	2.7%
Take more college classes	1	2.7%
No Reply	14	37.8%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

How well did Dalton State College prepare you for continuing your education?

Extremely well	5	13.5%
More than adequately	12	32.4%
Sufficiently	6	16.2%
No Reply	14	37.8%

What is your current employment status?

Unemployed, seeking employment	9	24.3%
Working part-time at the job I had before I graduated	14	37.8%
Working full-time at the job I had before I graduated	9	24.3%
Working part-time at a new job I recently obtained	1	2.7%
Work full-time at a new job I recently obtained	3	8.1%
No reply	1	2.7%

If employed, what is your job title?

CNA	4	10.8%
Human Resource clerk	1	2.7%
Instructor/Trainer	1	2.7%
Lab tech	1	2.7%
LPN	2	5.4%
MOA	1	2.7%
Nursing	1	2.7%
Nursing tech	15	40.5%
Patient care tech	1	2.7%
Teacher's aid	1	2.7%
Waitress	1	2.7%
No reply	8	21.6%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

What ONE method best characterizes the way you obtained your job?

Continued in job held prior to DSC	3	8.1%
Through a contact/referral	3	8.1%
Through efforts by division chair and faculty	2	5.4%
On-campus recruiting	2	5.4%
Hired by organization where I did an internship/co-op/volunteer work	3	8.1%
Rehired by former employer	2	5.4%
Direct application	7	18.9%
Other	4	10.8%
No reply	11	29.7%

What is your starting salary?

Under \$25,000	12	32.4%
\$25,001 - \$30,000	10	27%
\$30,001 - \$40,000	4	10.8%
No reply	11	29.7%

How closely related is your job to your degree major?

Highly related	26	70.3%
Moderately related	1	2.7%
Somewhat related	1	2.7%
Not related	1	2.7%
No Reply	8	21.6%

How important do you feel your LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING certificate was in obtaining your position?

Very important	26	70.3%
Not important	3	8.1%
No Reply	8	21.6%

In your opinion, how difficult was it to obtain a job in your degree major?

Very difficult	1	2.7%
Difficult	1	2.7%
Average	8	21.6%
Easy	18	48.6%
No Reply	9	24.3%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

How well did your experiences at DSC prepare you for your job?

Fully prepared	10	27%
Moderately prepared	18	48.6%
Somewhat prepared	1	2.7%
Did not prepare me at all	1	2.7%
No Reply	7	18.9%

How satisfied are you with your job placement?

Very satisfied	15	40.5%
Satisfied	13	35.1%
Very dissatisfied	1	2.7%
No Reply	8	21.6%

Section III Performance Skills and Competencies

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the low end and 5 being the high end, please indicate your assessment on how your education at DSC helped you achieve the following performance skills and competencies/knowledge necessary to show proficiency as a LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING graduate.

	<i>Lower</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Higher</i>	<i>Highest</i>
Nutrition and diet therapy	1 2.7%	3 8.1%	13 35.1%	14 37.8%	6 16.2%
Pharmacology	0 0%	1 2.7%	2 5.4%	9 24.3%	25 67.6%
Nursing skills	0 0%	3 8.1%	3 8.1%	13 35.1%	18 48.6%
Medical/Surgical	0 0%	3 8.1%	4 10.8%	13 35.1%	17 45.9%
Maternity nursing	0 0%	0 0%	4 10.8%	12 32.4%	21 56.8%
Pediatric nursing	0 0%	0 0%	3 8.1%	14 37.8%	20 54.1%
Nursing leadership	1 2.7%	0 0%	4 10.8%	13 35.1%	19 51.4%
Comprehensive NCLEX-PN practical nursing	0 0%	0 0%	4 10.8%	15 40.5%	18 48.6%

Section IV Learning Outcomes

To determine if the student learning outcomes of the LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING certificate program were met, please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

Now that I have completed the Licensed Practical Nursing certificate program, I am able to...

	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Not Sure</i>	<i>No reply</i>
obtain licensure by the state board of examiners for LPNs	20 54.1	17 45.9%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
function within the definition and framework of the role specified by the Nurse Practice Act	17 45.9%	20 54.1%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
function as safe competent practitioners in the practical nursing field	16 43.2%	21 56.8%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
demonstrate knowledge, skills and attributes to healthcare needs and economic constraints	16 43.2%	21 56.8%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
apply skills learned in the classroom and clinical settings to demonstrate effective performance on the job	16 43.2%	19 51.4%	2 5.4%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
apply the nursing process in meeting needs of the healthcare consumers and adhere to legal and ethical guidelines of the nursing profession	18 48.6%	19 51.4%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
demonstrate a positive self-image and sense of personal well being in the workplace	11 29.7%	25 67.6%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	1 2.7%
perform as productive and efficient employees with appropriate leadership and management skills	13 35.1%	24 64.9%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
function as accountable responsible members of a healthcare team concerned with basic therapeutic, rehabilitative, and preventative care for people of all ages and cultural diversities in various stages of dependencies	14 37.8%	23 62.2%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%
optimize and maintain personal health	13 35.1%	23 62.2%	1 2.7%	0 0%	0 0%	0 0%

Section V Quality of Instruction and Advising

How would you rate the quality of each of the following aspects of the Division of Technical Education?

Quality of instruction by faculty

Poor	1	2.7%
Good	22	59.5%
Excellent	14	37.8%

Academic advising

Fair	3	8.1%
Good	22	59.5%
Excellent	12	32.4%

Clarity of program requirements

Fair	5	13.5%
Good	17	45.9%
Excellent	15	40.5%

Availability of faculty advisor

Fair	3	8.1%
Good	21	56.8%
Excellent	13	35.1%

Career counseling and advising

Fair	3	8.1%
Good	23	62.2%
Excellent	11	29.7%

Quality of instruction in laboratories

Fair	2	5.4%
Good	23	62.2%
Excellent	12	32.4%

Section V Quality of Instruction and Advising

How would you rate the quality of each of the following aspects of the Division of Technical Education?

Accessibility of faculty

Good	22	59.5%
Excellent	15	40.5%

Availability of needed courses

Good	19	51.4%
Excellent	18	48.6%

Range of courses form which to choose

Fair	1	2.7%
Good	19	51.4%
Excellent	17	45.9%

Information about course requirements

Fair	1	2.7%
Good	17	45.9%
Excellent	19	51.4%

Testing/grading system

Fair	1	2.7%
Good	22	59.5%
Excellent	14	37.8%

Class size

Fair	1	2.7%
Good	19	51.4%
Excellent	17	45.9%

Classroom and teaching facilities

Fair	5	13.5%
Good	20	54.1%
Excellent	11	29.7%
No reply	1	2.7%

Section V Quality of Instruction and Advising

How would you rate the quality of each of the following aspects of the Division of Technical Education?

Relevance of classes to career goals and objectives

Good	17	45.9%
Excellent	20	54.1%

Section VI General Satisfaction

Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with the Licensed Practical Nursing program received at Dalton State College?

Very satisfied	11	29.7%
Satisfied	22	59.5%
Dissatisfied	3	8.1%
Neutral	1	2.7%

Would you recommend the program to someone who wanted to major in Licensed Practical Nursing?

Yes	27	73%
No	5	13.5%
Don't Know	5	13.5%

If you had to do it all again, would you choose a different major?

Yes	6	16.2%
No	29	78.4%
Don't Know	2	5.4%