



**DALTON STATE
COLLEGE**

**2005 GRADUATING LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES
SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT**

Total Respondents = 15 (42% of LPN Graduates)

Section I Demographics

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

Full-time	14	93.3%
Part-time	1	6.7%

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

1 year	1	6.7%
2 years	11	73.3%
3 years	3	20.0%
4 or more years	0	0.0%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Obtain further education	8	53.3%
Obtain full-time employment	6	40.0%
Other	1	6.7%

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

Obtain another Associate/Certificate degree	6	40.0%
Obtain a Bachelor's degree	3	20.0%
Take more college courses	0	0.0%
Other	3	20.0%
No Reply	3	20.0%

Section II Career and Educational Plans (continued)

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

Extremely well	6	40.0%
More than adequately	4	26.7%
Sufficiently	2	13.3%
Less than sufficiently	0	0.0%
No Reply	3	20.0%

What is your current employment status?

Unemployed, not seeking or planning to work	2	13.3%
Unemployed, seeking employment	7	46.7%
Working part-time at the job I had before I graduated	3	20.0%
Working full-time at the job I had before I graduated	2	13.3%
Working part-time at a new job I recently obtained	1	6.7%
Work full-time at a new job I recently obtained	0	0.0%
Enlisted in the military	0	0.0%
Retired	0	0.0%
No reply	0	0.0%

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

Continued in job held prior to DSC	1	6.7%
Through a contact/referral	1	6.7%
Through efforts by division chair and faculty	0	0.0%
On-campus recruiting	0	0.0%
Hired by organization where I did an internship/co-op/volunteer work	0	0.0%
Rehired by former employer	1	6.7%
Direct application	3	20.0%
Answered want ad/job listing	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
No reply	9	60.0%

Section II Career and Educational Plans (continued)

What is your starting salary?

Under \$25,000	5	33.3%
\$25,001 - \$30,000	1	6.7%
\$30,001 - \$40,000	0	0.0%
\$40,001 - \$45,000	0	0.0%
\$45,001 - \$50,000	0	0.0%
Over \$50,000	0	0.0%
No reply	9	60.0%

How closely related is your job to your degree major?

Highly related	4	26.7%
Moderately related	0	0.0%
Somewhat related	0	0.0%
Slightly related	0	0.0%
Not related	2	13.3%
No Reply	9	60.0%

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

Very important	5	33.3%
Somewhat important	1	6.7%
Not important	0	0.0%
No Reply	9	60.0%

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

Very difficult	1	6.7%
Difficult	0	0.0%
Average	2	13.3%
Easy	2	13.3%
No Reply	10	66.7%

Section II Career and Educational Plans (continued)

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

Fully prepared	4	26.7%
Moderately prepared	1	6.7%
Somewhat prepared	0	0.0%
Slightly prepared	0	0.0%
Did not prepare me at all	0	0.0%
No Reply	10	66.7%

How satisfied are you with your job placement?

Very satisfied	2	13.3%
Satisfied	2	13.3%
Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.0%
No Reply	11	73.3%

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>Lowest</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Higher</i>	<i>Highest</i>
Nutrition and diet therapy	0 0.0%	2 13.3%	3 20.0%	4 26.7%	6 40.0%
Pharmacology	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	5 33.3%	10 66.7%
Nursing skills	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	1 6.7%	13 86.7%
Medical/Surgical	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 20.0%	12 80.0%
Maternity nursing	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	5 33.3%	10 66.7%
Pediatric nursing	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	6 40.0%	9 60.0%
Nursing leadership	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	3 20.0%	11 73.3%
Comprehensive NCLEX-PN practical nursing	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 20.0%	12 80.0%

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>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>No reply</i>
obtain licensure by the state board of examiners for LPNs	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	6 40.0%	7 46.7%	1 6.7%
function within the definition and framework of the role specified by the Nurse Practice Act	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	4 26.7%	10 66.7%	0 0.0%
function as safe competent practitioners in the practical nursing field	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	5 33.3%	9 60.0%	0 0.0%
demonstrate knowledge, skills and attributes to healthcare needs and economic constraints	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	5 33.3%	9 60.0%	0 0.0%
apply skills learned in the classroom and clinical settings to demonstrate effective performance on the job	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	7 46.7%	7 46.7%	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	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	5 33.3%	9 60.0%	0 0.0%
demonstrate a positive self-image and sense of personal well being in the workplace	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	4 26.7%	10 66.7%	0 0.0%
perform as productive and efficient employees with appropriate leadership and management skills	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	5 33.3%	9 60.0%	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	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	4 26.7%	10 66.7%	0 0.0%
optimize and maintain personal health	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	4 26.7%	10 66.7%	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?

	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>No reply</i>
Quality of instruction by faculty	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	10 66.7%	5 33.3%	0 0.0%
Academic advising	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	8 53.3%	6 40.0%	0 0.0%
Clarity of program requirements	0 0.0%	2 13.3%	8 53.3%	5 33.3%	0 0.0%
Availability of faculty advisor	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	8 53.3%	7 46.7%	0 0.0%
Career counseling advising	1 6.7%	2 13.3%	6 40.0%	6 40.0%	0 0.0%
Quality of instruction in laboratories	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	9 60.0%	5 33.3%	0 0.0%
Accessibility of faculty	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	9 60.0%	6 40.0%	0 0.0%
Availability of needed courses	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	8 53.3%	7 46.7%	0 0.0%
Range of courses from which to choose	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	8 53.3%	7 46.7%	0 0.0%
Information about course requirements	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	8 53.3%	6 40.0%	0 0.0%
Testing/grading system	0 0.0%	3 20.0%	9 60.0%	3 20.0%	0 0.0%
Class Size	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	9 60.0%	5 33.3%	0 0.0%
Classroom and teaching facilities	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	9 60.0%	6 40.0%	0 0.0%
Relevance of classes to career goals/objectives	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	8 53.3%	7 46.7%	0 0.0%

Section VI General Satisfaction

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

Very satisfied	3	20.0%
Satisfied	11	73.3%
Dissatisfied	1	6.7%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.0%

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

Yes	9	60.0%
No	1	6.7%
Don't Know	5	33.3%

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

Yes	1	6.7%
No	10	66.7%
Don't Know	4	26.7%