



DALTON STATE
C O L L E G E

**2007 GRADUATING STUDENTS OF
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY
SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT
(50% of Graduates Responded)**

Section I Demographics

While a student at Dalton State College, I was mainly enrolled:

Full-time	4	57.1%
Part-time	2	28.6%
No Response	1	14.3%

How long did it take you to complete you Surgical Technology program at Dalton State College?

1 year	0	0.0%
2 years	6	85.7%
3 years	0	0.0%
4 or more years	0	0.0%
No Response	1	24.3%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Obtain further education	3	42.9%
Obtain full-time employment	3	42.9%
Other	0	0.0%
No Response	1	14.3%

Section II Career and Educational Plans (continued)

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

obtain another Associate/Certificate degree	3	42.9%
obtain a Bachelor's degree	3	42.9%
No Response	1	14.3%
other		0.0%

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

Extremely well	1	14.3%
More than adequately	1	14.3%
Sufficiently	2	28.6%
Less than sufficiently	0	0.0%
No Response	1	14.3%

What is your current employment status?

Unemployed, not seeking or planning to work	1	14.3%
Unemployed, seeking employment	2	28.6%
Working part-time at the job I had before I graduated	1	14.3%
Working full-time at the job I had before I graduated	2	28.6%
Working part-time at a new job I recently obtained	0	0.0%
Work full-time at a new job I recently obtained	0	0.0%
Enlisted in the military	0	0.0%
No Response	1	14.3%

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

Continued in job held prior to DSC	0	0.0%
Through a contact/referral	1	14.3%
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	1	33.3%
Rehired by former employer	1	14.3%
Direct application	1	14.3%
Answered want ad/job listing	0	0.0%
Other	1	14.3%
No Response	2	28.6%

Section II Career and Educational Plans (continued)

What is your starting salary?

Under \$25,000	3	42.9%
\$25,001 - \$30,000	1	14.3%
\$30,001 - \$40,000	1	14.3%
\$40,001 - \$45,000	0	0.0%
\$45,001 - \$50,000	0	0.0%
Over \$50,000	0	0.0%
No Response	1	14.3%

How closely related is your job to your degree major?

Highly related	2	28.6%
Moderately related	0	0.0%
Somewhat related	0	0.0%
Slightly related	0	0.0%
Not related	2	28.6%
No Response	1	14.3%

How important do you feel your Medical Laboratory Technology program was in obtaining your position?

Very important	1	14.3%
Somewhat important	1	14.3%
Not important	2	28.6%
No Response	1	14.3%

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

Very difficult	0	0.0%
Difficult	1	14.3%
Average	3	42.9%
Easy	0	0.0%
No Response	1	14.3%

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

Fully prepared	1	14.3%
Moderately prepared	2	28.6%
Somewhat prepared	2	28.6%
Slightly prepared	0	0.0%
Did not prepare me at all	0	0.0%

No Response	1	14.3%
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Section II Career and Educational Plans (continued)

How satisfied are you with your job placement?

Very satisfied	3	42.9%
Satisfied	0	0.0%
Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Very dissatisfied	1	14.3%
No Response	1	14.3%

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 Medical Laboratory Technology graduate.

	<i>Lower</i>	<i>Low</i>	<i>Moderate</i>	<i>Higher</i>	<i>Highest</i>
Introduction to Surgical Technology	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Principles of Surgical Technology	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Patient Care Concepts and Surgical Procedures	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Surgical Procedures	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Surgical Practicum	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Specialty Surgical Practicum	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Surgical Technology	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%

Section IV Learning Outcomes

To determine if the student learning outcomes of the Medical Laboratory Technology Associate degree program were met, please indicate your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.

Now that I have completed the Medical Laboratory Technology program, I am able to...

	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>
Apply the knowledge, skills and attitudes in the care of patients in the surgical environment	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
Review the surgical patient's chart for required preoperative information	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
Know and describe the pathology that prompts surgical intervention and its related terminology: kidney, urethral, bladder and urethral, male reproductive, adrenal	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
Know and describe the pathology that prompts surgical intervention and its terminology: strabismus procedures, retinal detachment procedures, corneal transplant procedures, cataract extraction, and enucleation.	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
List the principles of aseptic technique, put on a sterile gown and sterile gloves using the closed and or open technique	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
Participate in and/or observe secondary scrub procedures on child and adult hernia surgery	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
Identify the operative sequence in the opening and closing phases of the surgical incision	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
Identify conflict associated with the role of surgical technologist	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%

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?

	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Quality of instruction by faculty	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Academic advising	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Clarity of program requirements	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
Availability of faculty advisor	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
Career counseling advising	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
Quality of instruction in laboratories	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Accessibility of faculty	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 33.3%	2 66.7%
Availability of needed courses	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Range of courses from which to choose	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Information about course requirements	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Testing/grading system	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Class size	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Classroom and teaching facilities	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%
Relevance of classes to career goals/objectives	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 100%

Section VI General Satisfaction

Overall, how would you rate your satisfaction with the Medical Laboratory Technology program received at Dalton State College?

Very satisfied	3	100%
Satisfied	0	0.0%
Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Neutral	0	0.0%

Would you recommend the program to someone who wanted to major in Medical Laboratory Technology?

Yes	3	100%
No	0	0.0%
Don't Know	0	0.0%

If you could do it all over again, would you choose a different major for your degree?

Yes	1	33.3%
No	1	33.3%
Don't Know	1	33.3%

Please add any additional comments or suggestions you wish to make here. We are particularly interested in what you liked best about Surgical Technology programs at Dalton State College and what you liked least. Also, are there any areas where we can make some improvements in the program?

Compared to fellow students from surrounding schools. I feel that my level of preparedness was compromised. Dalton State did not implement some of the tools that were needed such as lab, thereby was able to maintain came solely from my clinical hours and good well trained people teaching me what I should've been taught at school.