



DALTON STATE
C O L L E G E

**2003 GRADUATING NURSES SURVEY
SUMMARY REPORT**

Highlights

- ❖ 48 nurses graduated from Dalton State College. All graduates responded to the survey.
- ❖ 95.7% of the respondents said that they would recommend the Dalton State College nursing program to others.
- ❖ 95.7% of the graduates said they would select Dalton State College again for their nursing program.
- ❖ 51.1% of the respondents said their attitude toward Dalton State College was Very Positive.

BACKGROUND

Age at the time you graduated

20-25	20	42.6%
26-30	8	17%
31-40	14	29.8%
41-55	5	10.6%
Over 55	0	0.0%

Marital Status

Unmarried (including single, divorced, and widowed)	22	46.8%
Married	25	53.2%

County of Residence:

Catoosa	12	25.5%
Gordon	4	8.5%
Murray	10	21.3%
Walker	4	8.5%
Whitfield	14	29.8%
Other	2	4.3%
No reply	1	2.1%

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

GED	3	6.4%
High school, graduated within two years of acceptance	11	23.4%
High school, graduated over two years prior to acceptance	10	21.3%
College, 1-4 years (including certificate/technical)	20	42.6%
College graduate	3	6.4%

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

Full-time	25	53.2%
Part-time	22	46.8%

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

Yes	1	2.1%
No	46	97.9%

BACKGROUND (cont'd)

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

No Response	42	89.4%
January	1	2.1%
February	0	0.0%
March	1	2.1%
April	0	0.0%
May	0	0.0%
June	3	6.4%
July	1	1.9%
August	0	0.0%
September	0	0.0%
October	0	0.0%
November	0	0.0%

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

Independent review	21	44.7%
Formal review classes	23	48.9%
Other	1	2.1%
No reply	2	4.3%

NURSING EMPLOYMENT

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

Yes	33	70.2%
No	14	29.8%

Current working status

Full-time in nursing	16	34%
Part-time in nursing	19	40.4%
Employment in another field	5	10.6%
Not employed at this time	6	12.8%
No reply	1	2.1%

NURSING EMPLOYMENT (cont'd)

If working, please indicate the month you began your job

January	7	14.9%
February	4	8.5%
March	2	4.3%
April	7	14.9%
May	3	6.4%
June	3	6.4%
July	3	6.4%
August	2	4.3%
September	1	2.1%
October	2	4.3%
November	2	4.3%
December	3	6.4%
No reply	8	17%

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

Seeking higher education	2	4.3%
Scheduling	8	17%
Family obligations	3	6.4%
Other	6	12.8%
No reply	28	59.6%

If you are working in nursing, please specify which area

Hospital	36	76.6%
Physician's office/clinic	2	4.3%
Public health/home health	1	2.1%
No reply	8	17%

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

General duty	20	42.6%
Specialty care unit (ICU, CCU, L&D, NICU)	5	10.6%
Emergency	5	10.6%
Operating room	2	4.3%
Other	4	8.5%
No reply	11	23.4%

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

Medical-surgical	23	48.9%
Postpartum, newborn, GN	1	2.1%
Pediatric	3	6.4%
Other	2	4.3%
No reply	18	38.3%

NURSING EMPLOYMENT (cont'd)

Your primary position is

Staff nurse	24	51.1%
Team nurse	1	2.1%
Other	10	21.3%
No reply	12	25.5%

Shift worked

Days	11	23.4%
Rotating shifts	4	8.5%
Evenings	10	21.3%
Nights	10	21.3%
Other	4	8.5%
No reply	8	17%

Present hourly salary including any shift differential

Below \$13 with benefits	8	17%
Below \$13 without benefits	11	23.4%
\$13.01-\$16.00 with benefits	7	14.9%
\$13.01-\$16.00 without benefits	2	4.3%
\$16.01-\$19.00 with benefits	5	10.6%
\$16.01-\$19.00 without benefits	2	4.3%
\$19.01-\$21.00 with benefits	1	2.1%
\$19.01-\$21.00 without benefits	0	0.0%
Above \$21.00 with benefits	5	10.6%
Above \$21.00 without benefits	0	0.0%
No reply	6	12.8%

In which of the following professional growth activities, have you participated

The regular reading of nursing literature	18	38.3%
Attendance at workshops/seminars/in-services	15	31.9%
Participation in a professional organization	0	0.0%
Continuation of formal education	3	6.4%
Other	1	2.1%
No reply	10	21.3%

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	31 66%	10 21.3%	5 10.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
I was provided information about working conditions in the nursing field	29 61.7%	11 23.4%	4 8.5%	1 2.1%	1 2.1%	1 2.1%
I received information about salary expectations	28 59.6%	13 27.7%	4 8.5%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%	1 2.1%
I was provided with information about job requirements	30 63.8%	11 23.4%	5 10.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%

Which best describes your experiences with the following programs

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>No Response</i>
Academic Advising	18 38.3%	24 51.1%	3 6.4%	1 2.1%	1 2.1%
Guidance and counseling	20 42.6%	19 40.4%	7 14.9%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
Nursing courses	26 55.3%	18 38.3%	2 4.3%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
Non-nursing requirements (e.g., psychology, sociology)	20 42.6%	22 46.8%	4 8.5%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
Equipment/facilities	27 57.4%	18 38.3%	1 2.1%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
Student services	25 53.2%	18 38.3%	3 6.4%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
Student financial aid	26 55.3%	15 31.9%	3 6.4%	2 4.3%	1 2.1%
Career preparation	29 61.7%	14 29.8%	3 6.4%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
Nursing trends/opportunities data	27 57.4%	15 31.9%	4 8.5%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%

Curriculum

	<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	13 27.7%	21 44.7%	10 21.3%	1 2.1%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
Medical	17 36.2%	24 51.1%	3 6.4%	1 2.1%	0 0.0%	2 4.3%
Surgical (Pre and Post-Op)	14 29.8%	18 38.3%	9 19.1%	3 6.4%	0 0.0%	3 6.4%
Obstetrical	13 27.7%	18 38.3%	10 21.3%	3 6.4%	1 2.1%	2 4.3%
Pediatric	13 27.7%	16 34%	9 19.1%	7 14.9%	0 0.0%	2 4.3%
Psychiatric	15 31.9%	18 38.3%	8 17%	4 8.5%	0 0.0%	2 4.3%

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	28 59.6%	18 38.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
With the teaching ability of the nursing faculty	21 44.7%	24 51.1%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
That the courses in prepared me for employment	25 53.2%	19 40.4%	2 4.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
With the fairness of grading in my nursing courses	27 57.4%	17 36.2%	1 2.1%	1 2.1%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
With opportunities for classroom evaluation of classroom and practical instruction	27 57.4%	19 40.4%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
With faculty advising in my program	22 46.8%	21 44.7%	2 4.3%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%	1 2.1%
With assistance in planning my career	22 46.8%	19 40.4%	2 4.3%	2 4.3%	0 0.0%	2 4.3%
With feedback from instructors about my progress	24 51.1%	21 44.7%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
With the academic ability of other students in the nursing program	24 51.1%	18 38.3%	2 4.3%	2 4.3%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%

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	24 51.1%	20 42.6%	2 4.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
Student Activities	18 38.3%	20 42.6%	5 10.6%	3 6.4%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%
Quality of Instruction	23 48.9%	21 44.7%	2 4.3%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 2.1%

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

Yes	45	95.7%
No	1	2.1%
No reply	1	2.1%

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

Yes	45	95.7%
No	1	2.1%
No reply	1	2.1%

What is your general attitude toward Dalton State College?

Very Positive	24	51.1%
Positive	18	38.3%
Negative	0	0.0%
Very Negative	0	0.0%
No reply	0	0.0%

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	32 68.1%	10 21.3%	0 0.0%	5 10.6%
Personal growth	33 70.2%	9 19.1%	0 0.0%	5 10.6%
Preparation for career	32 68.1%	10 21.3%	0 0.0%	5 10.6%