DALTON STATE COLLEGE
DIVISION OF NURSING

2005 GRADUATE QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Present age:
   43% 20 - 25
   14% 26 - 30
   36% 31 - 40
   7% 41-55
   ___ Over 55

2. Indicate month board results were passed.
   ___ January 22% July
   ___ February 7% August
   ___ March ___ September
   ___ April ___ October
   14% May 7% November
   50% June ___ December

3. Highest level of educational experience achieved prior to entrance into the Dalton State College nursing program:
   ___ GED
   28% High school, graduated within two years of acceptance
   28% High school, graduated over two years prior to acceptance
   44% College, 1-4 years (including certificate/technical)
   ___ College graduate

4. Did you have any health related work experience prior to entering the program?
   36% Yes
   64% No

5. Current working status:
   86% Full-time in nursing
   14% Part-time in nursing
   ___ Employment in another field
   ___ Not employed at this time

6. Indicate month job began:
   ___ January 30% July
   ___ February ___ August
   ___ March ___ September
   ___ April ___ October
   50% May 10% November
   10% June ___ December
7. If you are not working full-time in nursing, please specify your reasons:
   _____ Seeking higher degree
   _____ Dissatisfaction with nursing
   _____ Scheduling
   100% Family obligations
   _____ Other

8. If you are working in nursing, please specify which area:
   93% Hospital
   _____ Public health/home health
   _____ Industry
   _____ Physician's office/clinic
   7% Nursing home

9. If you are employed in hospital nursing, please specify which area:
   36% General duty
   67% Specialty care unit, (i.e. ICU, CCU, L & D, NICU)
   _____ Emergency
   _____ Operating room
   7% Other

10. If you are employed in general duty nursing, please specify which area:
    84% Medical-surgical
    16% Pediatric
    _____ Psychiatric
    _____ Postpartum, newborn, GN
    _____ Other

11. Your primary position is:
    86% Staff nurse
    7% Team leader
    7% Head nurse/ supervisor
    Charge nurse
    7% Other

12. Shift worked:
    16% Days
    16% Evenings
    68% Nights
    _____ Rotating shifts
    _____ Other

13. Present hourly salary including any shift differential:

                  With benefits  Without benefits
    Below $13        ______      ______
    7% $13.01-$16.00  ______      ______
    21% $16.01-$19.00 ______      ______
    4% $19.01-$21.00  ______      ______
    72% Above $21.00  ______      ______
14. In which of the following professional growth activities, have you participated?
   
   - 50% The regular reading of nursing literature
   - 86% Attendance at workshops/seminars/inservices
   - 14% Participation in a professional organization
   - 21% Continuation of formal education
   _____ Other

15-18. During the nursing program, were you given the information as to:

15. Employment opportunities
   - 100% Yes
   _____ No

16. Working conditions
   - 86% Yes
   - 14% No

17. Salary expectations
   - 64% Yes
   - 36% No

18. Job requirements
   - 93% Yes
   - 7% No

19-26. Please evaluate your educational program as to:

19. Academic advising
   - 57% Excellent
   - 29% Good
   - 14% Fair
   _____ Poor

20. Guidance and counseling
   - 50% Excellent
   - 29% Good
   - 21% Fair
   _____ Poor

21. Nursing courses
   - 43% Excellent
   - 50% Good
   - 7% Fair
   _____ Poor

22. Non-nursing requirements (i.e. psychology, sociology)
   - 14% Excellent
   - 63% Good
   - 23% Fair
   _____ Poor
23. Equipment/facilities
   50% Excellent
   50% Good
   ___ Fair
   ___ Poor

24. Student services
   29% Excellent
   64% Good
   ___ 17% Fair
   ___ Poor

25. Career preparation
   29% Excellent
   50% Good
   ___ 14% Fair
   ___ 7% Poor

26. Nursing trends/opportunities data
   36% Excellent
   57% Good
   ___ 7% Fair
   ___ Poor

27-32. To what extent do you think your nursing curriculum prepared you for nursing care at the ADN entry level in the following area?

27. Gerontological
   7% Excellent
   79% Good
   ___ 14% Fair
   ___ Poor

28. Medical
   36% Excellent
   57% Good
   ___ 7% Fair
   ___ Poor

29. Surgical (Pre and Post-Op)
   64% Excellent
   ___ 29% Fair
   ___ 7% Poor

30. Obstetrical
   14% Excellent
   72% Good
   ___ 14% Fair
   ___ Poor

31. Pediatric
   50% Excellent
   ___ 43% Fair
   ___ 7% Poor

32. Psychiatric
   7% Excellent
   79% Good
   ___ 14% Fair
   ___ Poor
33. After graduation, what was your primary source of preparation for the NCLEX-RN?
- 7% No preparation
- 71% Independent review
- 43% Computer review
- 43% Formal review classes
- Other

(34-35). Please evaluate the following:

34. College catalog/admission publications
   - 29% Excellent
   - 71% Good
   - Fair
   - Poor

35. Accuracy of nursing information received before enrolling
   - 31% Excellent
   - Fair
   - 69% Good
   - Poor