



DALTON STATE
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**2007 GRADUATING LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES
SURVEY SUMMARY REPORT**

Total Respondents = 26 (65% of LPN Graduates)

Section I Demographics

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

Full-time	10	38.5%
Part-time	0	0%
No response	16	61.5%

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

1 year	1	3.8%
2 years	7	26.9%
3 years	2	7.7%
4 or more years	16	61.5%

Section II Career and Educational Plans

What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Obtain further education	2	7.7%
Obtain full-time employment	4	15.4%
Other	4	15.4%
No Reply	16	61.5%

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

Obtain another Associate/Certificate degree	0	0.0%
Obtain a Bachelor's degree	2	7.7%
Take more college courses	2	7.7%
Other	2	7.7%
No Reply	20	76.9%

Section II Career and Educational Plans (continued)

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

Extremely well	2	7.7%
More than adequately	2	7.7%
Sufficiently	3	11.5%
Less than sufficiently	0	0.0%
No Reply	19	73.1%

What is your current employment status?

Unemployed, not seeking or planning to work	0	0.0%
Unemployed, seeking employment	4	15.4%
Working part-time at the job I had before I graduated	4	15.4%
Working full-time at the job I had before I graduated	0	0.0%
Working part-time at a new job I recently obtained	2	7.7%
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	16	61.5%

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

Continued in job held prior to DSC	1	3.8%
Through a contact/referral	3	11.5%
Through efforts by division chair and faculty	1	3.8%
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	0	0.0%
Direct application	0	0.0%
Answered want ad/job listing	0	0.0%
Other	1	3.8%
No reply	20	76.9%

Section II Career and Educational Plans (continued)

What is your starting salary?

Under \$25,000	2	7.7%
\$25,001 - \$30,000	2	7.7%
\$30,001 - \$40,000	2	7.7%
\$40,001 - \$45,000	0	0.0%
\$45,001 - \$50,000	0	0.0%
Over \$50,000	0	0.0%
No reply	20	76.9%

How closely related is your job to your degree major?

Highly related	2	7.7%
Moderately related	1	3.8%
Somewhat related	1	3.8%
Slightly related	0	0.0%
Not related	2	7.7%
No Reply	20	76.9%

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

Very important	2	7.7%
Somewhat important	1	3.8%
Not important	4	15.4%
No Reply	19	73.1%

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

Very difficult	2	7.7%
Difficult	1	3.8%
Average	2	7.7%
Easy	1	3.8%
No Reply	20	76.9%

Section II Career and Educational Plans (continued)

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

Fully prepared	2	7.7%
Moderately prepared	4	15.4%
Somewhat prepared	1	3.8%
Slightly prepared	0	0.0%
Did not prepare me at all	0	0.0%
No Reply	19	73.1%

How satisfied are you with your job placement?

Very satisfied	1	3.8%
Satisfied	4	15.4%
Dissatisfied	1	3.8%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.0%
No Reply	20	76.9%

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>	<i>No Reply</i>
Nutrition and diet therapy	0 0.0%	1 3.8%	4 15.4%	3 11.5%	1 3.8%	17 65.4%
Pharmacology	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 3.8%	3 11.5%	5 19.2%	17 65.4%
Nursing skills	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 3.8%	3 11.5%	5 19.2%	17 65.4%
Medical/Surgical	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 3.8%	2 7.7%	6 23.1%	17 64.1%
Maternity nursing	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4 15.4%	5 19.2%	17 65.4%
Pediatric nursing	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 3.8%	3 11.5%	5 19.2%	17 65.4%
Nursing leadership	0 0.0%	1 3.8%	2 7.7%	2 7.7%	4 15.4%	17 65.4%
Comprehensive NCLEX-PN practical nursing	0 0.0%	1 3.8%	2 7.7%	6 23.1%	9 34.6%	17 65.4%

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%	0 0.0%	4 15.4%	5 19.2%	17 65.4%
function within the definition and framework of the role specified by the Nurse Practice Act	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	6 23.1%	3 11.5%	17 65.4%
function as safe competent practitioners in the practical nursing field	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4 15.4%	5 19.2%	17 65.4%
demonstrate knowledge, skills and attributes to healthcare needs and economic constraints	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4 15.4%	5 19.2%	17 65.4%
apply skills learned in the classroom and clinical settings to demonstrate effective performance on the job	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	4 15.4%	6 23.1%	16 61.5%
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%	0 0.0%	5 19.2%	5 19.2%	16 61.5%
demonstrate a positive self-image and sense of personal well being in the workplace	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 11.5%	7 26.9%	16 61.5%
perform as productive and efficient employees with appropriate leadership and management skills	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 11.5%	7 26.9%	16 61.5%
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%	0 0.0%	3 11.5%	7 26.9%	16 61.5%
optimize and maintain personal health	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	3 11.5%	7 26.9%	20 61.5

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%	5 19.2%	5 19.2%	16 61.5%
Academic advising	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	8 30.8%	2 7.7%	16 61.5%
Clarity of program requirements	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	7 26.9%	3 11.5%	16 61.5%
Availability of faculty advisor	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	6 23.1%	4 15.4%	16 61.5%
Career counseling advising	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	7 26.9%	3 11.5%	16 61.5%
Quality of instruction in laboratories	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	5 19.2%	5 19.2%	16 61.5%
Accessibility of faculty	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	7 26.9%	3 11.5%	16 61.5%
Availability of needed courses	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	5 19.2%	4 15.4%	16 61.5%
Range of courses from which to choose	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	7 26.9%	3 11.5%	16 61.5%
Information about course requirements	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	7 26.9%	3 11.5%	16 61.5%
Testing/grading system	1 3.8%	0 0.0%	8 30.8%	1 3.8%	16 61.5%
Class Size	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	6 23.1%	4 15.4%	16 61.5%
Classroom and teaching facilities	0 0.0%	1 3.8%	4 15.4%	5 19.2%	16 61.5%
Relevance of classes to career goals/objectives	0 0.0%	1 3.8%	4 15.4%	5 19.2%	16 61.5%

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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	11.5%
Satisfied	6	23.1%
Dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.0%
Neutral	1	3.8%
No Reply	16	61.5%

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

Yes	8	30.8%
No	1	3.8%
Don't Know	1	3.8%
No Reply	16	61.5%

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

Yes	3	11.5%
No	6	23.1%
Don't Know	1	3.8%
No Reply	16	61.5%

Additional Comments

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

- I made great friends while preparing for a wonderful career. I enjoyed my time here.
- I am very glad I did this program before my R.N. to prepare me for what the future brings.
- It was a good experience!
- I think the program was good at preparing someone to take boards, apply skills and be a leader in the nursing field.
- I liked it here and would do it all again. I plan to attend again.