

DSC

DALTON STATE COLLEGE

2002 DIVISION OF NURSING GRADUATES SURVEY

Highlights

- ❖ 34 nurses graduated from Dalton State College. 34 graduates responded to the survey, 100% of the graduating class.
- ❖ 97% of the respondents said that they would recommend the Dalton State College nursing program to others.
- ❖ 94% of the graduates said they would select Dalton State College again for their nursing program.
- ❖ 76% of the respondents said their attitude toward Dalton State College was Very Positive.

BACKGROUND

Age at the time you graduated

20-25	20	58.8%
26-30	5	14.7%
31-40	6	17.6%
41-55	3	8.8%
Over 55	0	0.0%

Marital Status

Unmarried (including single, divorced, and widowed)	24	70.6%
Married	10	29.4%
Separated	0	0.0%

County of Residence:

Catoosa	10	29.4%
Gordon	2	5.9%
Murray	3	8.8%
Walker	4	11.8%
Whitfield	10	29.4%
Other	5	14.7%

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

GED	0	0.0%
High school, graduated within two years of acceptance	9	26.5%
High school, graduated over two years prior to acceptance	8	23.5%
College, 1-4 years (including certificate/technical)	16	47.1%
College graduate	1	2.9%

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

Full-time	29	85.3%
Part-time	5	14.7%

BACKGROUND (cont'd)

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

Yes	0	0.0%
No	34	100.0%

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

Missing	34	100.0%
January	0	0.0%
February	0	0.0%
March	0	0.0%
April	0	0.0%
May	0	0.0%
June	0	0.0%
July	0	0.0%
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	2	5.9%
Computer review	3	8.8%
Formal review classes	24	70.6%
Other	2	5.9%
No preparation	0	0.0%
Missing	3	8.8%

NURSING EMPLOYMENT

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

Yes	15	44.1%
No	19	55.9%

Current working status

Full-time in nursing	5	14.7%
Part-time in nursing	18	52.9%
Employment in another field	5	14.7%
Not employed at this time	6	17.6%

If working, please indicate the month you began your job

January	2	5.9%
February	0	0.0%
March	4	11.8%
April	2	5.9%
May	6	17.6%
June	3	8.8%
July	1	2.9%
August	0	0.0%
September	2	5.9%
October	3	8.8%
November	2	5.9%
December	1	2.9%
Missing	8	23.5%

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

Seeking higher education	5	14.7%
Dissatisfaction with nursing	0	0.0%
Scheduling	5	14.7%
Family obligations	1	2.9%
Other	11	32.4%
Missing	12	35.3%

NURSING EMPLOYMENT (cont'd)

If you are working in nursing, please specify which area

Hospital	23	67.6%
Public health/home health	2	5.9%
Industry	0	0.0%
Physician's office/clinic	0	0.0%
Nursing home	1	2.9%
Missing	8	23.5%

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

General duty	8	23.5%
Specialty care unit (ICU, CCU, L&D, NICU)	3	8.8%
Emergency	2	5.9%
Operating room	1	2.9%
Other	7	20.6%
Missing	13	38.2%

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

Medical-surgical	12	35.3%
Psychiatric	1	2.9%
Postpartum, newborn, GN	1	2.9%
Pediatric	0	0.0%
Other	2	5.9%
Missing	18	52.9%

Your primary position is

Staff nurse	12	35.3%
Head nurse/supervisor	0	0.0%
Team leader	0	0.0%
Charge nurse	0	0.0%
Other	10	29.4%
Missing	12	35.3%

NURSING EMPLOYMENT (cont'd)

Shift worked

Days	11	32.4%
Rotating shifts	3	8.8%
Evenings	1	2.9%
Nights	9	26.5%
Other	0	0.0%
Missing	10	29.4%

Present hourly salary including any shift differential

Below \$13 with benefits	6	17.6%
Below \$13 without benefits	6	17.6%
\$13.01-\$16.00 with benefits	4	11.8%
\$13.01-\$16.00 without benefits	1	2.9%
\$16.01-\$19.00 with benefits	3	8.8%
\$16.01-\$19.00 without benefits	0	0.0%
\$19.01-\$21.00 with benefits	4	11.8%
\$19.01-\$21.00 without benefits	0	0.0%
Above \$21.00 with benefits	0	0.0%
Above \$21.00 without benefits	1	2.9%
Missing	9	26.5%

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

The regular reading of nursing literature	10	29.4%
Attendance at workshops/seminars/in-services	9	26.5%
Participation in a professional organization	0	0.0%
Continuation of formal education	7	20.6%
Other	0	0.0%
Missing	8	23.5%

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 received information about employment opportunities in nursing	25 73.5%	6 17.6%	3 8.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
I was provided information about working conditions in the nursing field	28 82.4%	4 11.8%	2 5.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
I received information about salary expectations	19 55.9%	6 17.6%	8 23.5%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%
I was provided with information about job requirements	25 73.5%	5 14.7%	4 11.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

Which best describes your experiences with the following programs

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Missing</i>
Academic Advising	26 76.5%	7 20.6%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Guidance and counseling	27 79.4%	6 17.6%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Nursing courses	29 85.3%	4 11.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 2.9%
Non-nursing requirements (e.g., psychology, sociology)	21 61.8%	11 32.4%	2 5.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Equipment/facilities	26 76.5%	8 23.5%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Student services	21 61.8%	12 35.3%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Student financial aid	17 50.0%	9 26.5%	5 14.7%	3 8.8%	0 0.0%
Career preparation	24 70.6%	9 26.5%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Nursing trends/opportunities data	27 79.4%	6 17.6%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

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>
Gerontological	24 70.6%	9 26.5%	0 0.0%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%
Medical	24 70.6%	8 23.5%	2 5.9%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Surgical (Pre and Post-Op)	16 47.1%	12 35.3%	4 11.8%	2 5.9%	0 0.0%
Obstetrical	15 44.1%	16 47.1%	3 8.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Pediatric	14 41.2%	11 32.4%	5 14.7%	4 11.8%	0 0.0%
Psychiatric	17 50.0%	12 35.3%	5 14.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

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>
With the nursing program at DSC	30 88.2%	4 11.8%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
With the teaching ability of the nursing faculty	24 70.6%	9 26.5%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
That the courses in prepared me for employment	26 76.5%	8 23.5%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
With the fairness of grading in my nursing courses	26 76.5%	6 17.6%	1 2.9%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%
With opportunities for classroom evaluation of classroom and practical instruction	29 85.3%	5 14.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
With faculty advising in my program	29 85.3%	5 14.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
With assistance in planning my career	27 79.4%	5 14.7%	1 2.9%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%
With feedback from instructors about my progress	28 82.4%	5 14.7%	0 0.0%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%
With the academic ability of other students in the nursing program	26 76.5%	6 17.6%	1 2.9%	0 0.0%	1 2.9%

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>
Academic Experiences	28 82.4%	6 17.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Student Activities	16 47.1%	12 35.3%	6 17.6%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%
Quality of Instruction	27 79.4%	7 20.6	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%

ABOUT DALTON STATE COLLEGE (cont'd)

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

Yes	33	97.1
No	1	2.9

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

Yes	32	94.1
No	2	5.9

What is your general attitude toward Dalton State College?

Very Positive	26	76.5%
Positive	8	23.5%
Negative	0	0.0%
Very Negative	0	0.0%

Overall, how did your experiences at Dalton State College meet your need in the following areas?

	<i>Very Well</i>	<i>Satisfactorily</i>	<i>Poorly</i>
Intellectual growth	32 94.1%	2 5.9%	0 0.0%
Personal growth	29 85.3%	5 14.7%	0 0.0%
Preparation for career	31 91.2%	3 8.8%	0 0.0%