

## Satisfaction with Courses in Major and Outside of Major Career Program Alumni Responses: 2002-2006\*

Each spring Oakton conducts surveys of career program alumni. The Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) asks us to survey graduates from the prior year and to ask a number of standard questions. The Office of Research works with program chairs and deans to customize our surveys in two ways: we survey more alumni than the state requires, and we often add questions specific to the program. Approximately one-fifth of our career programs are involved each year.

In this *In the Abstract* we've summarized alumni satisfaction with coursework at Oakton, both within and outside of their major, over the last 5 years. The results show that approximately 90% of alumni are satisfied or very satisfied with their experiences in Oakton classes. Interestingly, alumni are not as satisfied with current employment information within their respective majors, although two-thirds of the respondents were still satisfied or very satisfied with this experience.

Characteristic of Oakton Courses in Major	Satisfaction with Courses in Major					
	n	Very Dissatisfied				Very Satisfied
		1	2	3	4	
Content of courses in your program	1428	>1%	5%	33%	61%	
Lectures, lab experiences and group and individual projects	1403	1%	7%	38%	54%	
Equipment, facilities and material	1363	>1%	9%	35%	55%	
Job preparation	1226	4%	15%	37%	44%	
Preparation for further education	1235	2%	10%	39%	49%	
Information on current employment opportunities and trends	1076	11%	22%	32%	35%	

Characteristic of Oakton Courses Outside of Major	Satisfaction with Courses Outside of Major					
	n	Very Dissatisfied				Very Satisfied
		1	2	3	4	
Content of courses outside your program	528	>1%	10%	42%	49%	
Lectures, lab experiences and group and individual projects	512	1%	12%	41%	46%	
Equipment, facilities and material	511	1%	9%	41%	49%	
Job preparation	399	7%	15%	41%	37%	
Preparation for further education	452	3%	15%	38%	43%	

\*Accounting; Air Conditioning; Heating & Refrigeration; Architectural Technology; Automotive Technology; Basic Nurse Assistant; Computer Applications for Business; Computer Information Systems; Computer Networking Systems; Construction Management; Early Childhood Education; Electronics; Fire Science; Financial Services; Facilities Management & Engineering; Graphic Design; Health Information Technology; Hospitality Management (no longer offered); Health Information Technology; Human Services; International Trade; Law Enforcement; Mechanical Design; Manufacturing; Management; Marketing; Medical Lab Technology; Machine Technology; Nursing; Phlebotomy; Physical Therapy Assistant; Real Estate; World Wide Web