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### Description of Survey Respondents

#### Demographics

	Of Eligible Students:	Of Respondents:
Male	42%	37%
Female	58%	63%

Median age (yrs) 27.0 26.0

Aboriginal 2% \*

#### Previous Education

	Of Those With a Previous Credential (not asked in '04, '06, '08) N=14
Completed high school (not asked in '05, '06, '08, '10, '11)	100%
Certificate or diploma	71%
Degree	29%

#### Respondents' Reason For Enrolling (not asked in '10, '11)

Job skills	63%
Credential	13% *
Credential & job skills	25% *
Other	0%

#### Graduate Status (institution-reported)

Graduate (data for years prior to '04 may not be reliable) 100%

#### Graduate Status (self-reported) (not asked in '10, '11)

Completed requirements for program credential 96%

### Employment Outcomes

#### Of Valid Responses:

93% in the labour force  
 88% employed

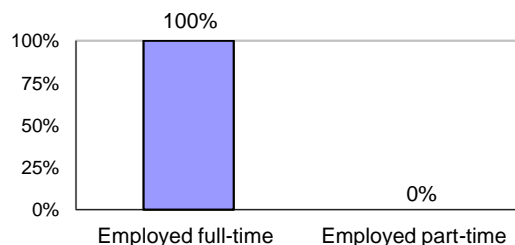
#### Of Those in the Labour Force:

5% \* unemployed

#### Of Those Employed:

100% employed in a **permanent** job  
 97% employed in a **training-related** job  
 33% had current job before/during studies

Of Employed Respondents Either Employed Full or Part-time: N= 33

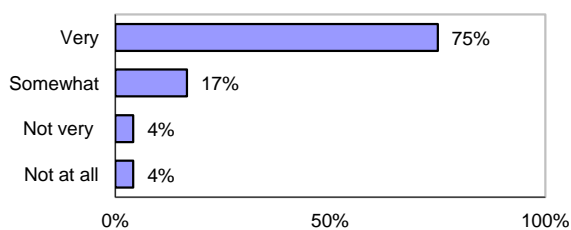


gross median monthly salary of **full-time** main job

\$14 gross median hourly wage of main job  
 (Obtained hourly wage data since 2005. Monthly salary data only available before 2005.)

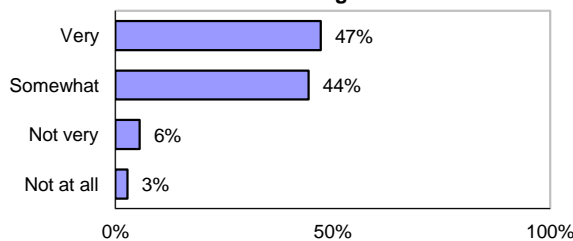
### Usefulness of Studies

#### Usefulness of Education in Getting Job (obtained after studies)



N= 24

#### Usefulness of Knowledge and Skill Gain in Performing Job\*\*



N= 36

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\*\* In 2003 and 2002, asked of a 25% sample. Before 2002, this question was not asked.

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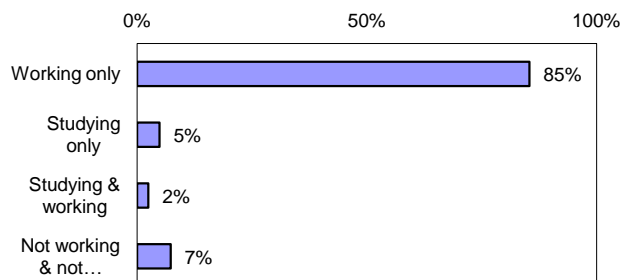
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### Current Activity

Of All Respondents:



\* Of Respondents Both Working and Studying: N= 1

0% employed full-time and studying  
 0% employed part-time and studying

Not asked in '11

0% considered themselves to be a worker rather than a student  
 100% \* considered themselves to be a student rather than a worker

### Further Education Outcomes

Of Valid Responses:

7% \* were currently studying  
 7% \* have taken further studies (including those still attending the same institution)

Of Respondents Who Expected to Transfer Credits: N= 0

0% received the expected course transfer credits  
 0% felt **satisfied** or **very satisfied** with the transfer experience

\* Of Those Who Have Taken Further Studies (including those still attending): N= 3

100% \* have taken further studies at a B.C. public post-secondary institution

\* Of Those Who Have Taken **Related** Further Studies (including those still attending): N= 2

50% \* felt **very well prepared** for further study  
 0% felt **somewhat prepared** for further study

#### Where are you studying or where did you take further studies?

##### B.C. Public Post-Secondary Institutions

0% BCIT  
 33% Camosun College  
 0% Capilano University (formerly Capilano College)  
 0% College of New Caledonia  
 0% College of the Rockies  
 0% Douglas College  
 0% Emily Carr University of Art and Design (formerly Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design)  
 0% Institute of Indigenous Government  
 0% Justice Institute of BC  
 33% Langara College  
 0% Nicola Valley Institute of Technology  
 0% North Island College  
 0% Northern Lights College  
 0% Northwest College  
 0% Okanagan College (formerly Okanagan Univ. College)  
 0% Selkirk College  
 33% Vancouver Community College

0% University of the Fraser Valley (formerly Univ. College of the Fraser Valley)  
 0% Kwantlen Polytechnic University (formerly Kwantlen Univ. College)  
 0% Vancouver Island University (formerly Malaspina Univ.-College)  
 0% University of British Columbia/UBC Okanagan  
 0% University of Northern British Columbia  
 0% Simon Fraser University  
 0% Royal Roads University  
 0% Thompson Rivers University (formerly Univ. College of the Cariboo)  
 0% Thompson Rivers University - Open Learning (formerly BC Open Learning)  
 0% University of Victoria  
 0% Other (all other institutions)

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### Skill Development and Post-Secondary Experience

#### Program Provided Opportunity for:

##### Skill Development

	Of respondents who felt skill was:						not applicable
	applicable						
	Very Well	Well	Adequately	Poorly	Very Poorly		
Write clearly and concisely	29% *	29% *	33% *	8% *	0%		41%
Speak effectively	17% *	28% *	48%	7% *	0%		29%
Read and comprehend materials	28%	44%	21% *	3% *	5% *		5% *
Work effectively with others	26%	49%	21% *	3% *	3% *		5% *
Analyze and problem solve (before '03)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%
Analyze and think critically	17% *	51%	22% *	5% *	5% *		0%
Resolve issues or problems	10% *	49%	27%	10% *	5% *		0%
Use mathematics	12% *	24% *	59%	0%	6% *		58%
Use computers	0%	29% *	18% *	29% *	24% *		59%
Use other tools and equipment	33%	38%	15% *	13% *	3% *		2% *
Find information (before '04)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%
Learn on your own	18% *	48%	28%	5% *	3% *		2% *
Use entrepreneurial skills (before '04)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%

##### Personal Development\*\* (not in '05, '07, '08, '10, '11)

	Of respondents who felt aspect of development was:						not applicable
	applicable						
	Very Well	Well	Adequately	Poorly	Very Poorly		
Decide career/education	50% *	0%	50% *	0%	0%		0%
Manage work effectively	50% *	0%	0%	50% *	0%		0%
Understand more about yourself	0%	100% *	0%	0%	0%		0%
Develop community awareness	0%	0%	50% *	50% *	0%		0%
Appreciate the arts	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		100% *
Increase understanding of society	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		100% *

#### Satisfaction with Aspects of Your:

##### Program

	Of respondents who felt aspect of program was:						not applicable
	applicable						
	Very Good	Good	Adequate	Poor	Very Poor		
Quality of instruction	10% *	37%	27%	15% *	12% *		0%
Amount of practical experience	15% *	37%	29%	17% *	2% *		0%
Textbooks and learning materials	15% *	44%	29%	5% *	7% *		0%
Library materials	11% *	21% *	54%	11% *	4% *		28%
Quality of computers and software	13% *	13% *	27% *	27% *	20% *		63%
Quality of other tools/equipment	37%	37%	20% *	5% *	2% *		0%
Availability of instructors outside of class (not in '10, '11)	43% *	24% *	14% *	14% *	5% *		9% *
Helpfulness of instructors outside of class (not in '10, '11)	35% *	22% *	35% *	9% *	0%		4% *
Fair assessments (tests, papers) (not in '10, '11)	17% *	42%	38% *	4% *	0%		0%
Variety of assessments (not asked after '06)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%
Organization of program	5% *	32%	32%	17% *	15% *		0%

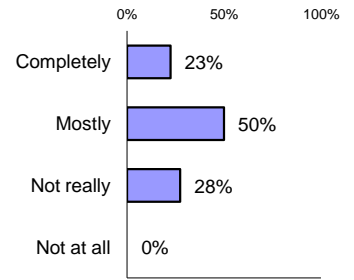
##### Courses

	Of respondents who felt aspect of courses was:						not applicable
	applicable						
	Very Good	Good	Adequate	Poor	Very Poor		
Being up to date	15% *	37%	27%	17% *	5% *		0%
Covering topics relevant to field	17% *	41%	24%	15% *	2% *		0%
Covering standards used	17% *	46%	20% *	10% *	7% *		0%
Synthesizing information (not in '08, '10, '11)	7% *	47% *	47% *	0%	0%		12% *
Encouraging to think in new ways (not in '08, '10, '11)	13% *	38% *	38% *	13% *	0%		6% *
Opportunity for class discussion (not in '08, '10, '11)	31% *	50% *	19% *	0%	0%		6% *
Improve presentation skills (before '04)	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%		0%

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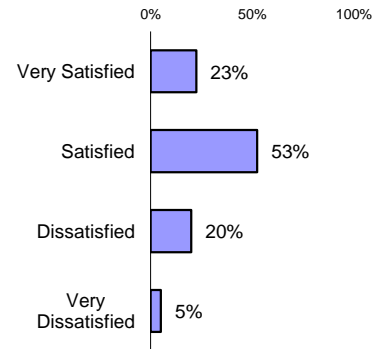
### Overall Satisfaction

#### Was Main Reason for Enrolling Met?



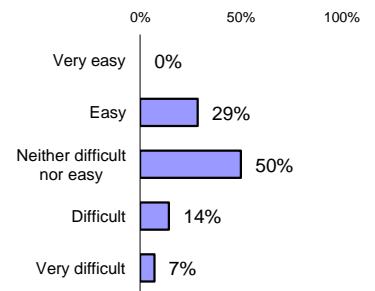
N= 40

#### How Satisfied with Education?\*\*\*



N= 40

**Level of Difficulty** (Asked after 2004. In 2005 - 2007 asked of trades-training respondents only. Since 2008, asked of all respondents. Not asked in 2010 and 2011.)



N= 14

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### Reasons for choosing the institution

Why did you choose the institution? N= 6

(Multiple response version of Q53A first asked in 2008. Asked of a 50% sample. Not asked in 2010 and 2011.)

- 17% It is in the region where I live
- 50% Availability of program
- 67% Program unique to this institution
- 0% Reputation of institution/went there before
- 0% Reputation of program
- 0% Less expensive
- 17% I was accepted into this institution
- 17% Location of institution
- 0% Transferability of course or program
- 0% Employer sent me
- 17% Length of program/convenient schedule/online courses
- 17% Small institution or class size
- 0% Other

Note: In 2008, the "Why did you choose the institution?" question was changed to allow multiple responses. Please refer to the Evaluation of Education filtered report to see data for this question in the old non-multiple response format.

### Jobs Obtained

#### 10 Most Common Training-Related Occupations

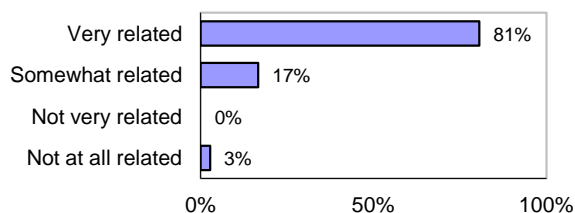
3223	Dental Technicians
3411	Dental Assistants
3212	Medical Laboratory Technicians

Employed in This Occupation	% of those Employed	Median Hourly Wage**	Median Weekly Hours Worked
32	89%	\$14	40
2 *	6%	n/a	40
1 *	3%		

All Training-Related Occupations	35	97%	\$14	40
Unrelated Occupations	1 *	3%	n/a	40
Training-Related Status Unknown	0			
Currently Employed	36	100%	\$14	40
Unemployed and Looking for Work	2 *			
Total in Labour Market	38			

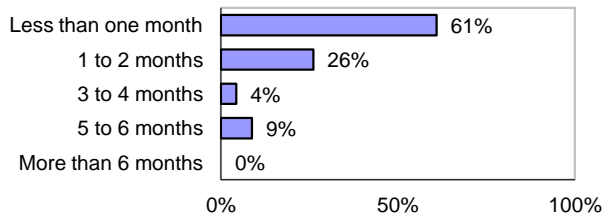
Of Those Currently Employed:

Relationship of Employment to Training



N= 36

How Long Did it Take to Find Current Training-Related Employment?



N= 23

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