

Summary of FDTC's Graduate Survey 2008

The following are highlights from the Graduate Evaluation Survey, administered at Graduation Rehearsal on May 15, 2008. Three hundred twelve (312) students completed the survey. *Please note that some totals may not equal 100% due to rounding.*

Why Graduates Attended FDTC

- 61% of graduates reported that they attended FDTC in preparation for career advancement
- 13% to improve existing job skills
- 11% to transfer to a four year college/university
- 10% for personal interest
- 5% Other

Educational Goals

- 97% of respondents reported having accomplished their educational goal(s) at FDTC, up 2% from the 2007 Graduate Survey.

Graduate Recommendations of FDTC

- 91% of respondents reported that they would recommend FDTC to a friend or relative, down 3% from the 2007 survey.

Graduates' Employment and Plans for the Future

- After graduation, 52% plan to find a new job; 26% intend to continue their education; and 23% plan to maintain their current job.
- 60% of the respondents indicated that their job is related to their current academic program, up 3% from the 2007 survey.
- When asked if they would consider FDTC in the future to upgrade job skills or change careers, 85% indicated that they would, down 2% from the 2007 survey.
- Ten years from now, 67% of the graduates expect to be working in the Pee Dee region, up 2% from the 2007 survey.

Customer Service

Graduates were asked to register their level of agreement with the following (*no comparison data is available this year because last year's question was ranked on a 4-point scale*):

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The College shows concern for students as individuals.	42%	33%	17%	4%	4%
Students seldom get the "run around" when seeking information at FDTC.	23%	32%	25%	11%	10%
Students are able to register for classes they need with few conflicts.	36%	34%	21%	6%	3%

Customer Service Continued

When asked to rate the customer service received at FDTC {percent change from 2007 reflected in brackets}:

- 44% Excellent {+8%}
- 44% Good {-5%}
- 10% Fair {-5%}
- 2% Poor {+1%}

Student Services

The following ratings represent the responses of those who used the applicable service {percent change from 2007 reflected in brackets}.

Service	% Excellent	% Good	% Fair	% Poor
Admissions	46 {+11}	34 {-19}	16 {+5}	4 {+4}
Registration	43 {+9}	36 {-17}	16 {+4}	3 {+2}
Job Placement	32 {+11}	34 {-3}	18 {0}	6 {-1}
Faculty Advisor	44 {-1}	33 {-7}	16 {+3}	3 {+2}
Library	39 {+9}	31 {-21}	16 {+3}	3 {+1}
Student Activities	34 {+8}	34 {-12}	23 {+9}	4 {0}
Registrar	39 {+10}	36 {-17}	18 {+5}	5 {+3}
Veterans Affairs	32 {+12}	26 {-9}	18 {+7}	4 {+3}
Success Center	33 {+3}	34 {-9}	18 {+4}	7 {+6}
Testing Center	32 {+3}	35 {-13}	18 {+3}	6 {+5}
Web Advisor	30 {-6}	30 {-14}	20 {+6}	9 {+4}
FDTC Website	33 {-5}	30 {-16}	17 {+4}	3 {+1}

Financial Aid {percent change from 2007 reflected in brackets}

- 90% of respondents indicated that they had relied on some form of financial aid to pay tuition and fees, down 1% from the 2007 survey.
- When asked to rate the service received from Financial Aid, 37% {+7%} reported Excellent, 38% {-3%} Good, 16% {-5%} Fair, and 7% {+2%} Poor.

Academic Programs

Respondents assigned the following ratings concerning FDTC's educational programs {percent change from 2007 reflected in brackets}:

Category	% Excellent	% Good	% Fair	% Poor
General education course content	38 {-1}	42 {-7}	16 {+6}	3 {+2}
Course content in your program area	39 {-1}	41 {-8}	16 {+5}	3 {+3}
Course availability	35 {0}	39 {-9}	20 {+4}	4 {+2}
Course variety	35 {0}	40 {-11}	21 {+8}	3 {+2}
Quality of instruction	37 {-3}	41 {-6}	19 {+5}	2 {+2}
Instructor availability outside of class	44 {+2}	36 {-8}	14 {+2}	4 {+4}
College transfer procedures	29 {-2}	33 {-11}	20 {+6}	5 {+3}

Academic Programs Continued

<u>Category</u>	<u>% Excellent</u>	<u>% Good</u>	<u>% Fair</u>	<u>% Poor</u>
Preparation for future occupations	35 {0}	39 {-8}	19 {+5}	4 {+3}
Classroom facilities	39 {+6}	38 {-16}	20 {+8}	3 {+3}
Laboratory facilities	35 {-2}	36 {-10}	19 {+6}	4 {+4}
Preparation in written communication skills	37 {+3}	39 {-9}	17 {+4}	3 {+2}
Preparation in general computer skills	35 {0}	39 {-6}	19 {+5}	4 {+3}
Preparation in word processing skills	35 {-2}	39 {-8}	19 {+6}	2 {+1}
Distance Learning	28 {+1}	32 {-6}	17 {+5}	5 {+3}

Educational Experience as Contribution to Personal Growth

Graduates were asked “How much did your educational experience at FDTC contribute to your personal growth in each of the following areas?” {Percent change from 2007 reflected in brackets.}

<u>Category</u>	<u>% Very Much</u>	<u>% Some</u>	<u>% Very Little</u>	<u>% None</u>
Speaking effectively	46 {-6}	38 {-1}	11 {+4}	3 {+1}
Comprehension of written material	43 {-8}	42 {+3}	11 {+5}	3 {+1}
Understanding & applying math in daily life	40 {-4}	41 {-1}	13 {+4}	3 {+2}
Organizational skills	42 {-8}	42 {+2}	12 {+5}	2 {0}
Determining personal & career goals	46 {-7}	42 {+4}	9 {+3}	2 {0}
Developing job hunting skills	37 {-5}	40 {-1}	15 {+6}	3 {0}
Self confidence in expressing your ideas	42 {-8}	42 {+1}	11 {+5}	3 {+1}
Learning on your own	47 {-6}	43 {+4}	8 {+3}	1 {-1}
Working cooperatively with others	49 {-3}	40 {-1}	9 {+4}	1 {0}
Understanding different philosophies & cultures	42 {-6}	42 {0}	12 {+6}	2 {0}
Developing self reliance	45 {-6}	42 {+2}	9 {+4}	2 {0}
Problem solving skills	49 {-2}	40 {0}	9 {+4}	2 {0}