

## Summary of FDTC's Graduate Survey 2007

The following are highlights from the Graduate Evaluation Survey, administered at Graduation Rehearsal on May 17, 2007. Three hundred twenty two (322) 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
- 12% for personal interest
- 9% to transfer to a four year college/university
- 5% Other

### **Educational Goals**

- 95% of respondents reported having accomplished their educational goal(s) at FDTC. This percentage is unchanged from the 2006 Graduate Survey.

### **Graduate Recommendations of FDTC**

- 94% of respondents reported that they would recommend FDTC to a friend or relative, up 4% from the 2006 survey.

### **Graduates' Employment and Plans for the Future**

- After graduation, 53% plan to find a new job; 25% plan to maintain their current job; and 21% intend to continue their education.
- 57% of the respondents indicated that their job is related to their current academic program, down 5% from the 2006 survey.
- When asked if they would consider FDTC in the future to upgrade job skills or change careers, 87% indicated that they would, up 4% from the 2006 survey.
- Ten years from now, 65% of the graduates expect to be working in the Pee Dee region. This percentage is unchanged from the 2006 survey.

### **Customer Service**

Graduates were asked to register their level of agreement with the following {percent change from 2006 reflected in brackets}:

<u>Statement</u>	<u>Strongly Agree/Agree</u>	<u>Disagree/Strongly Disagree</u>
The college shows concern for students as individuals.	88% {+5% }	11%
Students seldom get the 'run around' when seeking information at FDTC.	65% {+5% }	35%
Students are able to register for classes they need with few conflicts.	83% {+2% }	16%

## Customer Service Continued

When asked to rate the customer service received at FDTC:

- 36% reported Excellent {+12%}
- 49% Good {-2%}
- 15% Fair {-7%}
- 1% Poor {-3%}

## Student Services

The following ratings represent the responses of those who used the applicable service {percent change from 2006 reflected in brackets}.

<u>Service</u>	<u>% Excellent</u>	<u>% Good</u>	<u>% Fair</u>	<u>% Poor</u>
Admissions	35 {+2}	53 {0}	11 {-1}	0 {-1}
Registration	34 {+3}	53 {-1}	12 {-1}	1 {-1}
Job Placement	21 {+8}	37 {+4}	18 {0}	5 {-2}
Faculty Advisor	45 {+12}	40 {-4}	13 {-4}	1 {-3}
Library	30 {+6}	52 {0}	13 {-1}	2 {0}
Student Activities	26 {+10}	46 {-2}	14 {-5}	4 {-1}
Registrar	29 {+3}	53 {0}	13 {-3}	2 {0}
Veterans Affairs	20 {+7}	35 {+7}	11 {0}	1 {0}
Success Center	30 {+5}	43 {0}	14 {-1}	1 {-1}
Testing Center	29 {+7}	48 {-1}	15 {-1}	1 {-1}
Web Advisor	36 {+8}	44 {-6}	14 {+1}	5 {-2}
FDTC Website	38 {+8}	46 {+5}	13 {-2}	2 {-1}

## Financial Aid {percent change from 2006 reflected in brackets}

- 91% of respondents indicated that they had relied on some form of financial aid to pay tuition and fees, up 1% from the 2006 survey.
- When asked to rate the service received from Financial Aid, 30% {+1%} of graduates reported Excellent, 41% {+1%} Good, 21% {+3%} Fair, and 5% {-6%} Poor.

## Academic Programs

Respondents assigned the following ratings to FDTC's educational programs {percent change from 2006 reflected in brackets}:

<u>Category</u>	<u>% Excellent</u>	<u>% Good</u>	<u>% Fair</u>	<u>% Poor</u>
General education course content	39 {+14}	49 {-12}	10 {-1}	1 {+1}
Course content in your program area	40 {+13}	49 {-8}	11 {-2}	0 {-1}
Course availability	35 {+10}	48 {-4}	16 {-4}	2 {-1}
Course variety	35 {+10}	51 {-5}	13 {-3}	1 {-1}
Quality of instruction	40 {+12}	47 {-3}	14 {-4}	0 {-4}
Instructor availability outside of class	42 {+14}	44 {-1}	12 {-9}	0 {-4}
College transfer procedures	27 {+9}	44 {-1}	14 {-1}	2 {-4}

### Academic Programs Continued

<u>Category</u>	<u>% Excellent</u>	<u>% Good</u>	<u>% Fair</u>	<u>% Poor</u>
Preparation for future occupations	35 {+10}	47 {-2}	14 {-5}	1 {-1}
Classroom facilities	33 {+9}	54 {-1}	12 {-5}	0 {-3}
Laboratory facilities	33 {+12}	46 {-6}	13 {-3}	0 {-3}
Preparation in written communication skills	34 {+11}	48 {-7}	13 {-3}	1 {-1}
Preparation in general computer skills	35 {+11}	45 {-11}	14 {+1}	1 {-1}
Preparation in word processing skills	33 {+10}	47 {-6}	13 {0}	1 {0}
Distance Learning	27 {+10}	38 {-5}	12 {-3}	2 {0}

### 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 2006 reflected in brackets.}

<u>Category</u>	<u>% Very Much</u>	<u>% Some</u>	<u>% Very Little</u>	<u>% None</u>
Speaking effectively	52 {+16}	37 {-14}	7 {0}	2 {-2}
Comprehension of written material	51 {+13}	39 {-10}	6 {-3}	2 {0}
Understanding & applying math in daily life	44 {+7}	42 {-3}	9 {-3}	1 {-3}
Organizational skills	50 {+10}	40 {-7}	7 {-1}	2 {-1}
Determining personal & career goals	53 {+12}	38 {-8}	6 {-3}	2 {0}
Developing job hunting skills	42 {+10}	41 {-3}	9 {-4}	3 {-4}
Self confidence in expressing your ideas	50 {+10}	41 {-5}	6 {-4}	2 {-1}
Learning on your own	53 {+7}	39 {-4}	5 {-3}	2 {0}
Working cooperatively with others	52 {+9}	41 {-4}	5 {-3}	1 {-1}
Understanding different philosophies and cultures	48 {+13}	42 {-6}	6 {-5}	2 {-1}
Developing self reliance	51 {+10}	40 {-6}	5 {-2}	2 {-1}
Problem solving skills	51 {+11}	40 {-9}	5 {-2}	2 {0}