

2010-11 Career and Technical Student Follow-up

Nursing

An annual follow-up of students in the Career and Technical programs has been completed each year since 2002 by the Office of Planning and Effectiveness. The purpose of the report is to collect students' feedback about the college and their specific career and technical program to support continuous improvement efforts. This survey is the only way to provide consistent data at the college and department level regarding student employment and wage ranges. Information at the department level does not have enough respondents to be representative of the entire department or students thereof. However, this data does provide indicators of outcomes for program review and outcomes assessment projects.

Current Employment				
Status	Employer	Position title / description	City	State
Graduate	American Red Cross	RN	Portland	OR
Graduate	Cascade DNNAL	RN	Vancouver	WA
Graduate	Eagle Healthcare	RN	Camas	WA
Graduate	Franciscan Health System	Staff RN Medical Surgical	Tacoma	WA
Graduate	Heart Hospital of NM	RN	Albuquerque	NM
Graduate	Highland Terrace Nursing Center	RN	Camas	WA
Graduate	Hospital	RN	Portland	OR
Graduate	Legacy Emanuel Hospital	Registered Nurse	Portland	OR
Graduate	Legacy Health	Registered Nurse	Portland	OR
Graduate	Oregon State Hospital	Mental Health Registered	Salem	OR
Graduate	Peace Health SW Medical Center	RN	Vancouver	WA
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Graduate	PHSW - Medical Center	Staff RN - Psychiatry	Vancouver	WA
Graduate	Portland VA Medical Center	RN	Portland	OR
Graduate	SWMC			
Graduate	SWMC	Staff RN	Vancouver	WA

Reported Wages	
# of respondents	Wage category
18	\$18.01 /hr. or more
	\$12.01 to \$18.00 / hr.
	\$8.67 to \$12

Employed in Field	
# of respondents	Response
18	Yes
	No

How well do you feel your education at Clark College prepared you for employment in the field of your choice?	
# of respondents	Response
16	Well Prepared
6	Prepared
2	Not adequately prepared

How well did Clark College prepare you to meet current industry standards?	
# of respondents	Response
15	Well Prepared
7	Prepared
3	Not adequately prepared

In what way do you feel Clark College did not prepare you for employment?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application requirements and feedback from job application refusals indicates that Nursing school does not provide the experience required for Nursing positions in hospitals, clinics, and SNF. RN new grad positions are not available.

In what way do you feel Clark College did not prepare you to meet industry standards?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical experience in nursing school does not count toward experience when applying for jobs. A specialty certificate could be encouraged. For example, ACLS, PALS, Wound & Ostomy, Lactation consultant, Geriatric, or Hospice. Students should be able to choose an internship/preceptorship in the hospital in which they will seek employment. Establishing a closer relationship between nursing school and job placement, as well as fostering more RN new graduate positions, might bridge the gap between school and work. Need to have a BSN now Clark made me realize that if I want something bad enough to search elsewhere for it!!

What additional skills would have been helpful for you to learn in your program?

- IV insertion is greatly needed IN the Nursing program as a Nursing requirement.
- Considering most graduates will find work in a nursing home, more emphasis on skills needed for these medically complex Geriatric patients in the form of more clinical hours might increase the chances for new graduates to find work.
- I would have opted to go to a 3 yr BSN program and pay more. I am an older student and cannot continue schooling at this point.
- IV starts - It is required of all staff RN's at SW
- More clinical experience more support for student clubs.
- I felt I learned an adequate amount
- For the Nursing program, it would be helpful if we had more time spent on clinicals.

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

- Clark RN program prepared me very well for the field
- I am currently a new mother and that is why I am not in the work force. This is by choice and I do plan to put my degree to use once my son is older. I feel the course work of the Nursing program was challenging and prepared me to enter the field feeling competent.
- While I am gaining good experience, start pay for new grads is poor and the job market is very competitive.
- While the nursing field is in demand, employers in the Acute Care setting are looking for experienced nurses with 2+ years experience. New grads will find a tough employment search unless they are willing to relocate out of the Northwest.
- Thanks for having an affordable Nursing program!
- I am looking to return to work in my previous field as a Paralegal because I cannot get a job as a Nurse w/out 1 yr experience. Clark should be more honest with students and let them know you cannot get a job with just an AAS. The Healthcare Community locally has been terrible about hiring Clark Nursing grads. They need to step up to the plate. Very discouraging. I don't have a job.
- Clark fails its students by not having enough instructors for programs high in demand