

Supplemental Program Group Reports to the Career and Technical Education Follow-Up Survey of 2012-13 Students:

Early Childhood Education

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This report supplements the *Career and Technical Education Follow-Up Survey of 2012-13 Students*. 10 students responded from the Early Childhood Education program group. The following results may provide indicators of what merits more in-depth program review and outcomes assessment activities. It is also suggested that this year's report be examined in conjunction with previous years' reports (available since 2002), thereby providing a larger sample of student feedback. Additional results, and information about research methods, are available in the full report.

Graduates' current employers:

- EOCF (Vancouver, WA)
- Preschool (Vancouver, WA)
- South west Washington Learning Center (Vancouver, Wa)
- The Vancouver School District (Vancouver, WA)

Is this position in your field of study? 6 out of 6 respondents marked "Yes"

If no, please explain why: (*No comments provided*)

How well do you feel your education at Clark College prepared you for employment in the field of your choice?

10 out of 10 respondents marked "Well Prepared" or "Prepared"

<u>If not adequately prepared, please explain why:</u> (*No comments provided*)

How well did Clark College prepare you to meet current industry standards?

10 out of 10 respondents marked "Well Prepared" or "Prepared"

<u>If not adequately prepared, please explain why:</u> (*No comments provided*)

Leavers' current employers:

- EOCF (Vancouver, WA)
- The Children Center (Olympia, WA)

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

- Obtain general education credits
- More skills working with "exceptional" children tricks of the trade, techniques, etc.
- Managing conflicts between peers (children). Useful strategies that work and quickly implemented.
- loving young children, commitment to serve the children better

• I felt like the ECE program prepared me for work with children and their parents, but not necessarily other coworkers and teachers. Maybe more Communication studies would help with this.

Anything else you would like to tell us:

- All Clark College instructors are knowledgeable on ECE field.
- currently unemployed
- I am currently attending Concordia working towards my BA in Early Childhood Education

• The ECE program and the instructors who run it assist students in learning about childcare handson. At Child and Family Services, classroom environments are filled with lead teachers and other assistants who are very reliable, important, and helpful in the ECE learning process. The childcare center that I currently work at and its teachers do not compare to the level of fantastic work, study, and dedication to children's learning that is practiced in the ECE program at Clark College.

• *Try to have required classes offered in the evening at least one quarter a year. There were a few* 3:30 *classes I would not have been able to attend had I worked a job that required me to be there until* 4:30.