

CUNY SURVEY of CERTIFICATE AND ASSOCIATE GRADUATES 2010-2011

Selected Findings

- **SURVEY DETAILS**
 - Target population: 2010-2011 Bronx Community College Certificate and Associate degree recipients
 - Sample: 1,144 degree recipients
 - Respondents: 273 degree recipients (23.9% response rate)
 - Comparison Group: 2,596 09-10 Certificate and Associate degree recipient survey respondents (18.6% response rate)

- **SIX-MONTH POST-GRADUATE STATUS**
 - **Employment and Education Status (Table 1)**
 - 26.7% are employed in a job directly or slightly related to program of study. Over one-third (39.4%) are employed in a job not related to program of study (compared with 34.2% CUNY-wide for associate/certificate degree holders). 23.6% are unemployed and seeking employment and 10.4% are unemployed but not seeking employment.
 - 2.6% worked as an apprenticeship training program
 - Over half (51.1%) are employed full-time
 - Three-quarters (75.9%) pursued additional education or training after graduation
 - **Employment Status (Table 2)**
 - 41.8% looked for a job related to program of study before graduation and 47.6% after graduation. 35.2% did not look for a job related to program of study
 - About one-quarter (26.4%) began working at their current job after graduating from BCC (29.2% CUNY-wide), 47.7% while enrolled and 25.9% before enrollment.
 - Over one-third (35.4%) report annual salary of \$15K or less (36% CUNY-wide), 34.3% between 15K and 30K (31% CUNY-wide), 21.2% between 30K and 50K (20.9% CUNY-wide) and 9.2% 50K or over (12.1% CUNY-wide).
 - 83.4% earn less than 40K (compared with 80.8% CUNY-wide)
 - **Type of Work (Table 3)**
 - 48% are employed in a private company, business or organization (60% CUNY-wide), 32.9% in a public sector organization (25.6% CUNY-wide), 17.9% in a private non-profit organization (11.3% CUNY-wide).
 - 20.7% report being employed in an Environmental or Green/Clean Technology industry (19.4% CUNY-wide)
 - 1.8% are employed in Nursing (6.7% CUNY-wide), 11.9% in Healthcare Industry (13.1% CUNY-wide), 16.7% in Education (9.5%

CUNY-wide) and 17.9% Office/Administrative Support (23.8% CUNY-wide).

- Nine out of ten students (91.4%) are employed in one of five NYC boroughs (92.4% CUNY-wide).
- **Educational Requirements and Job Satisfaction (Table 4)**
 - Educational requirements for job are
 - 13.3% Certificate degree (14.3% CUNY-wide)
 - 32.4% Associate degree (29.6% CUNY-wide)
 - 6.4% Baccalaureate degree (7% CUNY-wide)
 - 48% no degree or certificate required (49% CUNY-wide)
 - Under half (46.3%) have “great” or “some” opportunities for promotion (49.4% CUNY-wide) and 28.6% report “none” (25.3 % CUNY-wide)
 - 51.2% are very or somewhat satisfied with current job (55.2% CUNY-wide) and 14.5% are very dissatisfied (9.9% CUNY-wide)
- **College Preparation for Employment (Table 5)**
 - Over half (52.9 %) felt that CUNY education prepared them “well” or “very well” for their job (59.3% CUNY-wide) and 15.9% reported “poorly” or “very poorly” (11.6% CUNY-wide)
- **Placement Office Services (Table 5)**
- *Ranked by % “very helpful” or “somewhat helpful” in descending order.*
Note: Substantial amount of responses are “Not Applicable”
 - Resume review/assistance (27%)
 - Internships (26%)
 - Technical certificate/licensure testing (22%)
 - Workshops: e.g. interviewing skills, letter writing, etc. (21%)
 - Career counseling (19%)
 - On-campus recruitment (18%)
 - Job postings (18%)
 - Job referral (16%)
 - Mock interviews (15%)
- **Satisfaction with College Experience (Table 6)**
 - Over two-thirds (66.4%) of BCC students “agree” or “strongly agree” that they would choose to go to this college again (78.2% CUNY-wide)
 - Nearly three-quarters (73.5%) of BCC students “agree” or “strongly agree” that they would choose the program for which they graduated again (69.5% CUNY-wide)
- **My college helped me...(Table 6)**
- *Ranked by % “strongly agree” or “agree” in descending order*
 - Develop analytical and problem solving skills (93%)
 - Develop knowledge of a particular field/discipline (88%)
 - Develop my writing skills (91%)
 - Develop my speaking skills (87%)
 - Meet the goals I sought to achieve (86%)

- **Post-Graduate Education & Training Status (Table 7)**
 - About three-quarters (75.9%) pursued education or training after graduation
 - About three-quarters (71.6%) attended classes/training full-time
 - Three-quarters (75%) were pursuing a Bachelor's degree and 15% Associate's
 - 85.1% enrolled in CUNY, 1.5% in private college/university in New York, 4% in a technical/trade school, 1.5% college/university outside New York and 2.5% SUNY
 - 30% took one or more Technical Skills Assessment Exams (assessment, certification or licensure exams taken outside of CUNY) and 29% passed one or more exams.