

CUNY SURVEY of CERTIFICATE AND ASSOCIATE GRADUATES 2006-2007

Selected Findings

- **SURVEY DETAILS**
 - Target population: 2006-2007 Bronx Community College Certificate and Associate degree recipients
 - Sample: 834 degree recipients
 - Respondents: 227 degree recipients (27.2% response rate)
 - Comparison Group: 2,244 06-07 Certificate and Associate degree recipient survey respondents (22.1% response rate)

- **SIX-MONTH POST-GRADUATE STATUS**
 - **Employment and Education Status (Table 1)**
 - Half (50%) are employed in a job directly or slightly related to program of study. Less than one-third (27.0%) are employed in a job not related to program of study (compared with 29% CUNY-wide for associate/certificate degree holders). 9% are unemployed but not seeking employment.
 - Nearly three-quarters (73%) are employed full-time
 - Nearly three-quarters (72%) pursued additional education or training after graduation
 - **Employment Status (Table 2)**
 - Nearly ninety percent (87%) looked for a job related to program of study after graduation and 89% before graduation. 9% did not look for a job related to program of study
 - Over one-third (38%) began working at their current job after graduating from BCC (40% CUNY-wide) and 31% while enrolled at About one-quarter (23%) report annual salary of \$15K or less (24% CUNY-wide), 39% between 15K and 30K (32% CUNY-wide), 18% between 30K and 50K (26% CUNY-wide) and 20% 50K or over (18% CUNY-wide).
 - 73% earn less than 40K (compared with 71% CUNY-wide)
 - **Type of Work (Table 3)**
 - 35% on private company, business or organization (51% CUNY-wide), 40% are employed in a public sector organization (32% CUNY-wide), 19% employed in a private non-profit organization (15% CUNY-wide)
 - 22% are employed in health field (24% CUNY-wide), 15% as teacher (10% CUNY-wide), 10% Management/Administration (14% CUNY-wide) and 20% Clerical (17% CUNY-wide).
 - Nearly nine out of ten students (89%) are employed in one of five NYC boroughs (91% CUNY-wide).

- **Educational Requirements and Job Satisfaction (Table 4)**
 - Educational requirements for job are
 - 14% Certificate degree (12% CUNY-wide)
 - 37% Associate degree (41% CUNY-wide)
 - 9% Baccalaureate degree (10 % CUNY-wide)
 - 40% no degree or certificate required (36% CUNY-wide)
 - Less than two-thirds (58%) have “great” or “some” opportunities for promotion (58% CUNY-wide) and 17% report “none” (18 % CUNY-wide)
 - 69% are somewhat or very satisfied with current job (67% CUNY-wide) and 5% are very dissatisfied (6% CUNY-wide)
 - Five years from now, 30% report that they plan to work in the same job (30% CUNY-wide), 47% in same organization (38% CUNY-wide) and 63% in same field (62% CUNY-wide).
- **College Preparation for Employment (Table 5)**
 - Over two-thirds (69 %) felt that CUNY education prepared them “well” or “very well” for their job (62% CUNY-wide) and 8% reported “poorly” or “very poorly” (8% CUNY-wide)
- **Placement Office Services (Table 5)**
- *Ranked by % “very helpful” or “somewhat helpful” in descending order.*
NOTE: All items report approximately 50% or more “not applicable”
 - Resume review/assistance (37%)
 - Internships (34%)
 - Workshops: e.g. interviewing skills, letter writing, etc. (32%)
 - Vocational testing (32%)
 - Job referral (26%)
 - Career counseling (24%)
 - Job postings (23%)
 - On-campus recruitment (19%)
 - Mock interviews (17%)
- **Satisfaction with College Experience (Table 6)**
 - Three-quarters (69%) of BCC students “agree” or “strongly agree” that they would choose to go to this college again (78% CUNY-wide)
 - Three-quarters (75%) of BCC students “agree” or “strongly agree” that they would choose the program for which they graduated again (72% CUNY-wide)
- **My college helped me...(Table 6)**
- *Ranked by % “strongly agree” or “agree” in descending order*
 - Develop knowledge of a particular field/discipline (96%)
 - Develop my writing skills (93%)
 - Develop analytical and problem solving skills (93%)
 - Develop my speaking skills (92%)
 - Meet the goals I sought to achieve (91%)
- **Post-Graduate & Training Status (Table 7)**
 - About three-quarters (72%) pursued education or training after graduation
 - About two-thirds (65%) attended classes/training full-time

- Nearly three quarters (70%) were pursuing a Bachelor's degree and 17% Associate's
- 85% enrolled in CUNY, 7% in private college/university in New York, 6% in a technical/trade school, 2% private college/university outside New York and 1% SUNY
- One-quarter (25%) took one or more Technical Skills Assessment Exams (assessment, certification or licensure exams taken outside of CUNY) and 24% passed one or more exams.