

Graduate Survey
Truckee Meadows Community College
2002 - 2003

N = 160

What type of degree/Certificate are you going to receive

Associate of Arts	69	43%
Associate of Applied Science	39	24%
Associate of Science	19	12%
Associate of General Studies	18	11%
Certificate of Achievement	5	3%
No response	10	6%
Total	160	100%

Degrees by Program Area

Allied Health	17	11%
Architecture	1	1%
Business	15	9%
Computer Technology	8	5%
Criminal Justice	4	3%
Culinary Arts	1	1%
Education	8	5%
Fire Science	9	6%
General Studies/Other	16	10%
Graphic Communicatio	3	2%
Industrial Tech	6	4%
Paralegal	3	2%
Science	4	3%
Transfer	23	14%
No Response	42	26%
Total	160	100%

General education Skills

My studies at TMCC helped me to:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to evaluate	No Response	Total
write clearly, concisely and grammatically correct	48 30%	85 53%	17 11%	1 1%	2 1%	3 2%	3 2%	159 100%
communicate my ideas with confidence and clarity	49 31%	89 56%	15 9%	1 1%	2 1%	1 1%	3 2%	160 100%
reason mathematically	40 25%	75 47%	27 17%	4 3%	1 1%	9 6%	4 3%	160 100%
understand scientific research methods	52 33%	69 43%	20 13%	3 2%	6 4%	7 4%	3 2%	160 100%
critically analyze written and oral arguments	46 29%	82 51%	22 14%	2 1%	0 0%	5 3%	3 2%	160 100%
broaden my intellectual interests	71 45%	65 41%	14 9%	2 1%	2 1%	3 2%	3 2%	160 101%

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General Education Skills, Continued

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Unable to evaluate</i>	<i>No Response</i>	<i>Total</i>
acquire new computer skills	58 36%	52 33%	31 19%	6 4%	3 2%	6 4%	4 3%	160 101%
appreciate other cultures	61 38%	62 39%	23 14%	4 3%	2 1%	4 3%	4 3%	160 101%
cope with conflict	40 25%	72 45%	32 20%	4 3%	3 2%	3 2%	6 4%	160 101%
work cooperatively in a group	52 33%	81 51%	18 11%	2 1%	1 1%	3 2%	3 2%	160 101%
appreciate fine arts (e.g., music, drama, etc.)	49 31%	54 34%	39 25%	4 3%	3 2%	7 4%	4 3%	160 101%

Learning Environment

Throughout my studies at TMCC:

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Unable to evaluate</i>	<i>No Response</i>	<i>Total</i>
I was generally satisfied with the variety of courses offered.	67 42%	72 45%	13 8%	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	3 2%	160 101%
In general, I found the courses to be intellectually	49 31%	89 56%	15 9%	1 1%	1 1%	0 0%	5 3%	160 101%
I could always sign up for the classes requiring my major.	52 33%	61 38%	21 13%	16 10%	5 3%	1 1%	4 3%	160 101%
I had the opportunity to interact with faculty outside of class.	39 25%	67 42%	35 22%	6 4%	4 3%	7 4%	2 1%	160 101%
I was generally satisfied with the equality of instruction in my classes.	51 32%	85 53%	15 9%	5 3%	1 1%	0 0%	3 2%	160 101%

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Services

While attending TMCC:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to evaluate	No Response	Total
Orientation provided me with helpful information about the college.	33 21%	41 26%	36 23%	2 1%	3 2%	38 24%	7 4%	160 101%
The advising that I received was reliable and helped me in achieving my educational goals.	45 28%	57 36%	30 19%	9 6%	4 3%	9 6%	6 4%	160 101%
My financial aid questions were adequately addressed.	39 24%	38 24%	33 21%	5 3%	4 3%	34 21%	7 4%	160 100%
I was satisfied with the overall service provided by admissions and records.	56 35%	69 43%	22 14%	4 3%	2 1%	3 2%	4 3%	160 100%
I found the Tutoring Center to be helpful in my studies.	48 30%	45 28%	27 17%	2 1%	1 1%	31 19%	6 4%	160 100%
I always had catalog and class schedules available to me.	87 54%	58 36%	9 6%	1 1%	1 1%	1 1%	3 2%	160 100%
I found the computer lab facilities to be adequate.	65 41%	51 32%	17 11%	3 2%	1 1%	16 10%	7 4%	160 100%
I was satisfied with library materials (books, periodicals, professional journals, etc.) and services.	59 37%	69 43%	18 11%	3 2%	2 1%	4 3%	5 3%	160 100%
I participated in campus socials and cultural activities.	21 13%	40 25%	42 26%	8 5%	8 5%	35 22%	6 4%	160 100%
I was satisfied with campus food service.	42 26%	46 29%	37 23%	4 3%	3 2%	23 14%	5 3%	160 100%

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Overall Satisfaction

	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Neutral</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Unable to evaluate</i>	<i>No Response</i>	<i>Total</i>
TMCC has helped me meet the goals I expected to	62 39%	81 51%	8 5%	1 1%	1 1%	0 0%	7 4%	160 100%
My experiences here have equipped me to deal with possible career changes.	48 30%	80 50%	12 8%	4 3%	0 0%	6 4%	10 6%	160 100%
TMCC prepared me well to further my education.	61 38%	73 46%	12 8%	4 3%	1 1%	2 1%	7 4%	160 100%
TMCC prepared me well for a future career.	48 30%	72 45%	29 18%	1 1%	1 1%	2 1%	7 4%	160 100%
TMCC is equally supportive of men and women.	65 41%	75 47%	8 5%	1 1%	2 1%	2 1%	7 4%	160 100%
TMCC is equally supportive of all racial/ethnic groups.	55 34%	67 42%	13 8%	1 1%	1 1%	12 8%	11 7%	160 100%
TMCC welcomes and uses feedback for students to improve the college.	42 26%	60 38%	27 17%	5 3%	4 3%	12 8%	10 6%	160 100%
I am proud of my accomplishments at TMCC.	74 46%	68 43%	8 5%	1 1%	1 1%	0 0%	8 5%	160 100%
I feel safe on the TMCC campus.	73 46%	73 46%	4 3%	0 0%	1 1%	1 1%	8 5%	160 100%

Demographics

<u>Gender</u>		<u>Age</u>	
Male	52 33%	Under 24	66 41%
Female	105 66%	25 - 34	49 31%
No Response	3 2%	35 - 49	33 21%
Total	160 100%	50 or over	6 4%
		No Response	6 4%
		Total	160 100%

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Racial/Ethnic background		
Asian/Pacific Islander	29	18%
African American/Black	3	2%
Hispanic/Latino	11	7%
Native American	4	3%
White	101	63%
Other	5	3%
No Response	7	4%
Total	160	100%

First generation college Student		
Yes	65	41%
No	90	56%
Don't know	2	1%
No response	3	2%
Total	160	100%

Employment status while attending TMCC		
Full-time	81	51%
Part-time	51	32%
Didn't work	22	14%
No Response	6	4%
Total	160	100%

Annual Income		
Under \$10,000	55	34%
\$10,000 - 19,000	37	23%
\$20,000 - 29,999	27	17%
\$30,000 - 39,999	14	9%
\$40,000 - 49,999	5	3%
\$50,000 or more	16	10%
No Response	6	4%
Total	160	100%

Employment status upon graduation		
Same job as prior to starting TMCC	54	34%
Job advancement since starting TMCC	36	23%
New job expected after graduation related to training received	24	15%
Unemployed	42	26%
No response	4	3%
Total	160	100%

Years to degree completion		
1 - 2 yrs	36	23%
3 - 4 yrs	73	46%
5 - 6 yrs	16	10%
6+ yrs	32	20%
No response	3	2%
Total	160	100%

New Survey Questions (Asked of only 81 respondents)

Graduation		
Expect income to increase	38	47%
Don't expect income to increase	19	23%
Don't know	22	27%
No response	2	2%
Total	81	100%

Post-graduation plans		
Work full-time	50	62%
Work part-time	16	20%
Don't expect to work	14	17%
No response	1	1%
Total	81	100%