

Graduate Survey 2004-2005
Truckee Meadows Community College

Responses from students graduating in Fall 04, Spring 05, and Summer 05.

Profile of All Degrees Granted in Fall 04, Spring 05, Summer 05

(n = 579)

Degree Type	N	%	Program Area	N	%
Associate of Arts	250	43%	Allied Health	102	18%
Associate of Science	35	6%	AIT	17	3%
Associate of Applied Science	203	35%	Architecture	12	2%
Associate of General Studies	56	10%	Business	35	6%
Certificate of Achievement	35	6%	Computer Technology	17	3%
Total	579	100%	Criminal Justice	14	2%
			Culinary Arts	6	1%
			Education	13	2%
			Fire Science	34	6%
			General Studies & Other	62	11%
			Graphic Communications&Drafting	12	2%
			Paralegal	1	0%
			Transfer	254	44%
			Total	579	100%

Degree Profile of Survey Respondents

(n = 287)

Degree Type	N	%	Major Field of Study, Continued	N	%
Associate of Arts	127	44%	Electronic Technology	3	1%
Associate of Science	33	11%	Engineering-Drafting	1	<1%
Associate of Applied Science	65	23%	Engineering, Pre-engineering	1	<1%
Associate of General Studies	30	10%	Film	1	<1%
Certificate of Achievement	15	5%	Fine Arts	3	1%
More than one degree ¹	7	2%	Fire Science/Fire Academy	13	5%
No Response	10	3%	General Studies	23	8%
Total	287	100%	Geography	1	<1%
			Graphic Communications	6	2%
Major Field of Study²	N	%	History	4	1%
Accounting	1	<1%	Interior Design	1	<1%
Administrative Assistant	1	<1%	LAN Administration	3	1%
Anthropology	2	<1%	Mental Health	1	<1%
Architecture	5	2%	Nursing	36	13%
Art	1	<1%	Nutrition	1	<1%
Aeronautical Technology	2	<1%	Paralegal	2	<1%
Biology	1	<1%	Paramedic	1	<1%
Bookkeeping	1	<1%	Political Science	1	<1%
Business	14	5%	Pre-law	1	<1%
CIT, Networking	1	<1%	Psychology	2	<1%
Computer Programming	3	1%	Radiologic Technology	2	<1%
Criminal Justice	9	3%	Social Work	1	<1%
Culinary Arts	4	1%	Special Education	2	<1%
Dental Assisting	8	3%	Substance Abuse	1	<1%
Dental Hygiene	8	3%	Transfer	6	2%
Education	13	5%	Zoology	1	<1%
			No Response	112	39%

1. Seven respondents indicated earning two degrees: 2 respondents reported AA and AAS degrees, 2 respondents reported AA and AS degrees, 2 respondents reported an AA degree and a certificate of achievement, and 1 respondent reported AA and AGS degrees.

2. Major Fields of Study are displayed as reported by respondents. Total will not sum to 100% because respondents were allowed to report two major fields of study.

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	94 33%	133 46%	47 16%	5 2%	0 0%	6 2%	2 1%	287 100%
communicate my ideas with confidence and clarity	96 33%	155 54%	29 10%	4 1%	0 0%	2 1%	1 0%	287 100%
reason mathematically	73 25%	134 47%	66 23%	4 1%	1 0%	7 2%	2 1%	287 100%
understand scientific research methods	76 26%	150 52%	52 18%	0 0%	1 0%	5 2%	3 1%	287 100%
critically analyze written and oral arguments	78 27%	149 52%	52 18%	2 1%	1 0%	2 1%	3 1%	287 100%
broaden my intellectual interests	123 43%	138 48%	24 8%	0 0%	1 0%	0 0%	1 0%	287 100%
acquire new computer skills	100 35%	102 36%	54 19%	12 4%	3 1%	15 5%	1 0%	287 100%
appreciate other cultures	111 39%	122 43%	41 14%	6 2%	1 0%	5 2%	1 0%	287 100%
cope with conflict	79 28%	108 38%	81 28%	4 1%	1 0%	13 5%	1 0%	287 100%
work cooperatively in a group	104 36%	141 49%	30 10%	4 1%	1 0%	5 2%	2 1%	287 100%
appreciate fine arts (e.g. music, drama, etc.)	78 27%	103 36%	81 28%	3 1%	3 1%	18 6%	1 0%	287 100%

Learning Environment

Throughout my studies at TMCC:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to evaluate	No Response	Total
I was generally satisfied with the variety of courses offered.	113 39%	146 51%	16 6%	11 4%	0 0%	0 0%	1 0%	287 100%
In general, I found the courses to be intellectually stimulating.	88 31%	174 61%	22 8%	2 1%	0 0%	0 0%	1 0%	287 100%
I could always sign up for the classes required in my major.	92 32%	114 40%	36 13%	40 14%	3 1%	1 0%	1 0%	287 100%
I had the opportunity to interact with faculty outside of class.	80 28%	119 41%	65 23%	14 5%	3 1%	5 2%	1 0%	287 100%
I was generally satisfied with the quality of instruction in my classes.	89 31%	164 57%	22 8%	9 3%	1 0%	1 0%	1 0%	287 100%

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.	62 22%	80 28%	77 27%	4 1%	1 0%	62 22%	1 0%	287 100%
The advising that I received was reliable and helped me in achieving my educational goals.	90 31%	110 38%	54 19%	16 6%	6 2%	10 3%	1 0%	287 100%
My financial aid questions were adequately addressed.	62 22%	97 34%	61 21%	11 4%	6 2%	50 17%	0 0%	287 100%
I was satisfied with the overall service provided by Admissions and Records.	93 32%	141 49%	36 13%	8 3%	6 2%	3 1%	0 0%	287 100%
I found the Tutoring Center to be helpful in my studies.	66 23%	77 27%	65 23%	7 2%	2 1%	70 24%	0 0%	287 100%
I always had catalog and class schedules available to me.	159 55%	112 39%	10 3%	0 0%	1 0%	5 2%	0 0%	287 100%
I found the computer lab facilities to be adequate.	126 44%	107 37%	28 10%	3 1%	0 0%	23 8%	0 0%	287 100%
I was satisfied with library materials and services.	113 39%	132 46%	24 8%	6 2%	0 0%	12 4%	0 0%	287 100%
I participated in campus socials and cultural activities.	41 14%	64 22%	80 28%	22 8%	5 2%	75 26%	0 0%	287 100%
I was satisfied with campus food service.	41 14%	84 29%	71 25%	20 7%	9 3%	60 21%	2 1%	287 100%

Overall Satisfaction

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Unable to evaluate	No Response	Total
TMCC has helped me meet the goals I expected to achieve.	117 41%	147 51%	16 6%	2 1%	2 1%	1 0%	2 1%	287 100%
My experiences here have equipped me to deal with possible career changes.	108 38%	130 45%	29 10%	6 2%	2 1%	10 3%	2 1%	287 100%
TMCC prepared me well to further my education.	125 44%	132 46%	22 8%	2 1%	1 0%	3 1%	2 1%	287 100%
TMCC prepared me well for a future career.	118 41%	120 42%	39 14%	2 1%	1 0%	5 2%	2 1%	287 100%
TMCC is equally supportive of men and women.	138 48%	125 44%	17 6%	0 0%	0 0%	5 2%	2 1%	287 100%
TMCC is equally supportive of all racial/ethnic groups.	131 46%	118 41%	20 7%	1 0%	0 0%	15 5%	2 1%	287 100%
TMCC welcomes and uses feedback for students to improve the college.	102 36%	118 41%	33 11%	7 2%	5 2%	20 7%	2 1%	287 100%
I am proud of my accomplishments at TMCC.	173 60%	98 34%	12 4%	1 0%	0 0%	0 0%	3 1%	287 100%
I feel safe on the TMCC campus.	172 60%	98 34%	11 4%	4 1%	0 0%	0 0%	2 1%	287 100%

Demographics

Gender

Male	102	36%
Female	184	64%
No Response	1	0%
Total	287	100%

Racial/Ethnic Background

African American	11	4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	33	11%
Hispanic/Latino	30	10%
Native American	8	3%
White	199	69%
Other	5	2%
No Response	1	0%
Total	287	100%

Employment Status While Attending TMCC

Full-time	147	51%
Part-time	105	37%
Didn't work	30	10%
No Response	5	2%
Total	287	100%

Post-Graduation Employment

Work full-time	199	69%
Work part-time	64	22%
Don't expect to work	17	6%
No response	7	2%
Total	287	100%

Post-Graduation Education Plans

Continue my education immediately	198	69%
Continue my education in the future	83	29%
Will not continue my education	4	1%
No response	2	1%
Total	287	100%

Age

Under 24	123	43%
25 - 34	90	31%
35 - 49	57	20%
50 or over	9	3%
No Response	8	3%
Total	287	100%

First Generation College Student

Yes	114	40%
No	169	59%
Don't know	2	1%
No response	2	1%
Total	287	100%

Annual Income

Under \$10,000	77	27%
\$10,000 - 19,000	77	27%
\$20,000 - 29,999	46	16%
\$30,000 - 39,999	30	10%
\$40,000 - 49,999	22	8%
\$50,000 or more	26	9%
No Response	9	3%
Total	287	100%

Years It Took to Complete Degree

1 - 2 yrs	59	21%
3 - 4 yrs	136	47%
5 - 6 yrs	35	12%
6+ yrs	47	16%
No response	10	3%
Total	287	100%

Expect an increase in income do to TMCC education

Yes	195	68%
No	42	15%
Don't Know	45	16%
No Response	5	2%
Total	287	100%

Demographics, Continued

After graduation I expect to work:

In a job related to my education	175	61%
In a job unrelated to my education	54	19%
Don't know	56	20%
No response	2	1%
Total	287	100%

Are you currently employed?

Yes	209	73%
No	75	26%
No response	3	1%
Total	287	100%

Do you have the same job as prior to starting TMCC?

Yes	96	33%
No	110	38%
No Response	6	2%
Not Employed	75	26%
Total	287	74%

Have you had a job promotion since starting TMCC?

Yes	95	33%
No	109	38%
No Response	8	3%
Not Employed	75	26%
Total	287	74%

Are you currently employed in your field of study?

Yes	92	32%
No	112	39%
No Response	8	3%
Not Employed	75	26%
Total	287	74%

If unemployed, are you currently seeking employment?

Yes	27	9%
No	32	11%
No Response	19	7%
Employed	209	73%
Total	287	27%