Graduate survey results show success

Successful college graduates need more than a degree. They need to possess essential skills to get the job done and the confidence to step up to a wide range of career challenges. Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College prepares graduates for the real world by offering a technologically advanced college experience that is based on the latest theories, approaches, and industry standards.

Each year, WITC surveys its graduates to find out how well their degree or diploma prepared them for their career. The results reveal an impressive track record of academic excellence and valuable career perspective. The study of 2013 graduates included 1,560 graduates who completed associate degrees and technical diplomas at any of the WITC campuses, outreach centers and learning center. Out of that total, 1,307 graduates either responded to the mailed questionnaire, e-mail request, or a follow-up telephone contact, creating a response rate of 84 percent.

Ninety-one percent of the graduates were hired within just six months of graduating. Annual earnings of WITC graduates right after graduation are strong – averaging $35,072 annually for those working in careers related to their WITC education.

The most satisfying part of the survey reveals that a high percentage – 73 percent of those employed – were able to start their career in an occupation related to their training.

“These responses confirm that an education from WITC provides an excellent payback and outstanding job placement prospects,” said WITC President Bob Meyer. “Our graduates are leveraging their WITC training to launch exciting careers with impressive starting salaries that offer excellent future growth potential. These survey results also illustrate how WITC’s staff has made student learning and success our top priority.”

Ninety-seven percent of the graduates said they were satisfied with the training they received at WITC and 98 percent would recommend WITC to a friend or family member.

Eighty percent of graduates who are employed in a job related to their WITC education are working in Wisconsin and contributing to the state’s economic development.

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multiple campuses, WITC offers career-focused associate degree programs, technical diplomas, short-term certificates, customized business training, and a wide array of courses for personal or career enrichment. WITC is a member of Wisconsin Technical College System. For more information, call 800.243.WITC or visit witc.edu. WITC is an Equal Opportunity/Access Employer and Educator.