

Background

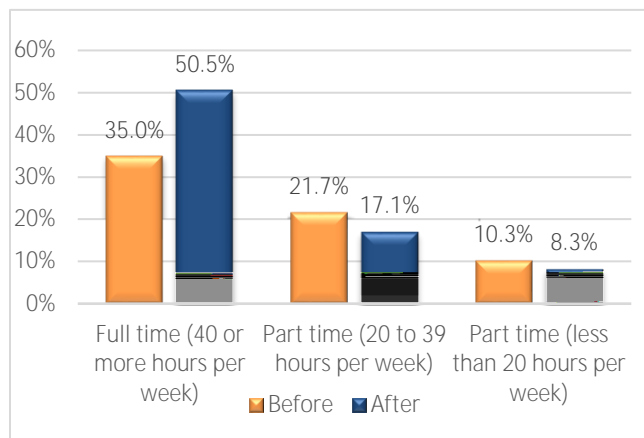
Skills-building students from all participating colleges were

- Respondents were asked, if currently employed, how closely related their job is to their field of study at Statewide. 45.2% indicated they are working in the same field as their studies and training, followed by 24.1% indicating they work in a field that is “close” to their studies and training, and 30.7% indicated their job is not related to their studies. When asked if they were actively seeking a job in another field, 77.1% of employed respondents said no.

- Of those respondents who engaged in a job search after finishing their studies, 79.8% reported finding a job and 20.2% were still looking. Of those with a successful job search, 81.7% found a job within six months (66.1% within three months).

- Of currently employed respondents, 17.0% had been employed at their current job less than six months, 17.0% between six months and one year, 23.5% between one and two years, 13.5% between two and three years and 28.1% had been employed at their current job for more than three years.

- Before their studies, 35.0% of respondents worked full time. After completing their studies, 50.5% work full time. Figure 3 shows the results.



- The hourly wage of all respondents increased 38.3% from their hourly wage before their studies

(\$18.03) to their hourly wage after completing their studies (\$24.94). Figure 4 shows the results.



- Respondents, including those who had transferred, were asked what impact their coursework had on their employment. Here are the responses, listed in rank order of frequency:

- No impact on my employment (9,106)
- Prepared me for a possible new job (7,792)
- Enabled me to learn skills that allowed me to get a job at a new organization (5,188)
- Enabled me to learn skills that allowed me to stay in my current job (2,349)
- Enabled me to learn skills that allowed me to get a promotion at my same organization (2,312)
- Enabled me to start my own business (1,432)

Summary and Conclusions

The results of the survey showed that completing CTE studies and training – whether or not a credential is earned, whether or not a student transfers – is related to positive employment outcomes. The preponderance of respondents are employed, are working in the same field as their studies or training, and are working full time. Respondents overall posted a 38.3% increase in their hourly wage after completing their studies at Statewide and the vast majority were satisfied with the education and training they received.