

PELLISSIPPI STATE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Alumni Survey Spring 2005

Directions: In this questionnaire, you are asked to respond with regard to your experience at the Pellissippi State Technical Community College. Please select only one response from the choices given and circle the appropriate number on the survey form.

Q1 How satisfied are you with the educational experience you had at PSTCC?

0% *Very Dissatisfied* 44% *Satisfied*
1% *Dissatisfied* 55% *Very Satisfied*

Q2 If you could start college again, would you enroll at PSTCC?

2% *Definitely No* 39% *Probably Yes*
8% *Probably No* 49% *Definitely Yes*

Q3 How would you rate the following aspects of your PSTCC experience?

	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Your academic experience	0%	5%	44%	51%
Your social experience	1%	18%	56%	25%
Your cultural experience	0%	28%	56%	16%
Your overall experience	0%	4%	57%	38%

Q4 While attending PSTCC, how often would you say you did each of the following?

	<i>Never</i>	<i>Seldom</i>	<i>Occasionally</i>	<i>Often</i>
Used written reference materials	1%	16%	43%	40%
Completed a paper or project that integrated ideas from several sources	1%	3%	34%	62%
Applied a concept or technique you learned in class in another setting	0%	7%	32%	62%
Used on-line library databases (Infotrack, etc.)	5%	20%	31%	44%
Tried to explain a method or theory to another person	1%	17%	52%	31%
Used the internet in classroom assignments	3%	8%	26%	64%

Q5 Please indicate if you used any of the following services while at Pellissippi State Technical Community College, and rate your overall satisfaction with each. Please mark (N/A) if you did not use the service at all.

	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Library Facilities/Services	0%	5%	50%	42%	3%

Registration Services	0%	6%	57%	34%	3%
Financial Aid Services	3%	8%	31%	20%	38%
Computer Facilities/Services	1%	3%	49%	46%	1%
Advising Services	7%	20%	40%	32%	2%
Practicum/intern/service learning experience	1%	8%	21%	20%	51%

Q6 What was your major? Please choose one of the following by checking the box next to each response. If you had more than one major, please indicate your primary major only.

2% <i>Civil Engineering Technology</i>	0% <i>High Performance Computing</i>	2% <i>Photography</i>
3% <i>Communications Graphics Technology</i>	3% <i>Hospitality</i>	1% <i>Professional Studies</i>
3% <i>Computer Accounting</i>	3% <i>Interior Design Technology</i>	2% <i>Social Services</i>
3% <i>Computer Integrated Drafting and Design Technology</i>	0% <i>Local Area Network Operations/Mgt</i>	2% <i>Supervision</i>
4% <i>Computer Science and Information Technology</i>	4% <i>Management</i>	20% <i>University Parallel (AA)</i>
3% <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	3% <i>Mechanical Engineering Technology</i>	25% <i>University Parallel (AS)</i>
0% <i>E-Commerce/Marketing</i>	0% <i>Music Technology (inactive)</i>	3% <i>Video Production Technology</i>
3% <i>Electrical Engineering Technology</i>	0% <i>Networking and Communications Systems Technology</i>	0% <i>Web Development Technology</i>
4% <i>General Technology</i>	3% <i>Office Systems Technology</i>	
1% <i>Geographic Information Systems</i>	1% <i>Paralegal Studies (formerly Legal Assistant Technology)</i>	

Q7 In answering the questions below, please think of your overall experience at PSTCC. Please indicate the degree to which your education at PSTCC added to your abilities in each of the following skills areas.

	<i>Very Little</i>	<i>Somewhat</i>	<i>Very Much</i>
Practical skills necessary to obtain employment in your field	8%	51%	42%
Getting along with people of different races or ethnic groups	28%	41%	32%
Ability to grow and learn as a person	3%	38%	60%
Ability to lead or guide others	11%	46%	43%
Self-confidence in expressing your ideas	8%	32%	61%
Appreciation of different cultures	21%	48%	32%

Planning and carrying out projects	1%	40%	58%
Speaking effectively	8%	43%	48%
Writing effectively	5%	40%	55%
Understanding written information	5%	40%	55%
Understanding graphic information	9%	43%	48%
Ability to use information/computer technology	2%	33%	66%
Learning on your own	4%	34%	62%
Defining and solving problems	5%	38%	57%
Working cooperatively in a group	7%	33%	60%
Ability to understand mathematical concepts	13%	43%	45%
Understanding global environmental concerns	38%	38%	24%
Understanding/appreciation of the arts	31%	41%	28%
Understanding/applying scientific principles and methods	19%	41%	39%

Q8 The following questions relate to your major. Thinking about your major, please rate the quality of each item below.

	<i>Poor</i>	<i>Fair</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Excellent</i>
Availability of your faculty advisor	8%	13%	31%	44%
Quality of information provided by your advisor	8%	16%	32%	39%
Clarity of degree requirements in the major	4%	10%	38%	43%
Clarity of objectives for courses in the major	5%	13%	36%	42%
Opportunities for student evaluation of instruction	6%	13%	28%	48%
Availability of faculty to help students outside of class	3%	9%	37%	48%
Quality of courses to prepare you for employment	1%	14%	39%	42%
Quality of instruction in the major	2%	9%	38%	46%
Opportunities to express ideas in				

writing in the major	4%	17%	47%	28%
Usefulness of information learned in class in day-to-day activities.	2%	14%	38%	42%
Q9 While at PSTCC, with how many faculty members did you develop a close relationship (such that you feel you could ask them for a letter of recommendation)?				
9% None	24% Two			
17% One	46% Three			
Q10 If you could choose your major again, would you select the same major?				
5% Definitely No	40% Probably Yes			
16% Probably No	35% Definitely Yes			
Q11 Overall, how satisfied were you with the climate of diversity at PSTCC?				
0% Very Dissatisfied	59% Satisfied			
3% Dissatisfied	34% Very Satisfied			
Q12 How would you characterize the preparation you received at PSTCC for further study at another college or university?				
3% Poor	35% Good			
10% Fair	48% Excellent			

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The series of questions below are related to a variety of basic demographic areas that are needed in order to better serve Pellissippi State Technical Community College. PSTCC assures you that all of the material provided is anonymous and will remain confidential.

Q13 What is your gender?				
57% Female	38% Male			
Q14 How old were you when you first began at PSTCC?				
56% Under 22	19% 31 to 45			
8% 22 to 24	5% 46 to 60			
8% 25 to 30	0% Over 60			
Q15 What is your present age?				
2% Under 22	26% 31 to 45			
36% 22 to 24	12% 46 to 60			
21% 25 to 30	0% Over 60			
Q32 What is your race/ethnic group?				
1% Asian-American/Pacific Islander	89% Caucasian			
0% Native American/American Indian	1% Hispanic/Latino			
3% African American	2% Other			
Q16 For the most part, were you a part-time or full-time student?				
29% Part-time	67% Full-time			
Q17 While attending Pellissippi State Technical Community College, about how many hours did you work per week?				
11% Did not work	24% 20 - 29			
2% Less than 10	28% 30 - 40			
21% 10 - 19	13% More than 40			
Q19 Are you employed in the field in which you were educated? If not, why (choose best response)				
42% I am employed in my major field	4% The jobs in my field did not pay well			
13% I could not find a job in my field	1% The jobs in my field did not offer opportunities for advancement			
18% I developed new career interests after leaving college	18% I am a full-time student/not presently employed			
Q20 How did you become aware of the opening that became your first job after graduating from college?				
33% I was already working in the job	8% College placement office			
4% Cooperative education project/faculty contact/service learning	14% Contact through friend or relative			
1% Employment/placement agency	18% Other			
8% Newspaper advertisement				
Q21 What is your current annual salary?				
31% Less than \$20,000	2% \$50,000 - \$64,999			
38% \$20,000 - \$34,999	3% \$65,000 or more			
11% \$35,000 - \$49,999	12% Not applicable			

Q18 Which of the following best describes your present employment situation?

57% <i>Working full-time (not self employed)</i>	15% <i>Working part-time (not self employed)</i>
7% <i>Self employed</i>	7% <i>Unemployed, seeking employment</i>
1% <i>Unemployed, not seeking employment</i>	13% <i>Full-time student/not employed</i>

Q25 Are you presently enrolled in a college or university?

13% <i>Yes, part-time undergraduate</i>	3% <i>Yes, full-time graduate/professional student</i>
28% <i>Yes, full-time undergraduate</i>	49% <i>No</i>
4% <i>Yes, part-time graduate/professional student</i>	