

Occupational Graduate
Survey Summary:
2018 Cohort

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Employment Status

- In FY19, 21% (n=68) of occupational graduates responded to the online survey.
- The proportion enrolled in further studies was 28%.
- 71% were employed full time and 18% were employed part time. 80% of those employed were employed in a field directly related to their program of study.
- The median full time hourly wage was \$17.50.
- 47% reported being “Very Satisfied” with their job. About ½ started their job after completing their program of study, and about ½ were employed within the Kishwaukee College district.

Program & General Coursework Satisfaction

- There were marginal declines in overall satisfaction of most areas. “Very Satisfied” ratings ranged from 40% to 75%. “Job Placement Assistance” showed the lowest satisfaction, and “Content of Courses” showed the highest. “Job Preparation” under general coursework showed the lowest satisfaction.

Offices and Services Satisfaction

- Satisfaction with Financial Aid and Academic Advising improved in the most recent cohort. Most other areas were relatively stable; however, representation of some figures was low (Personal Counsel/Tutoring).

Best and Most Needed Improvement Input

- Comments were collapsed based on area of emphasis. Faculty, Campus Appearance (Improvements), Cost Effectiveness, Friendly Staff, and Personal Connections were the top for “Best Aspects of Kishwaukee College.” Advisors CTE Knowledge, Expand Bus System, AMT Funding, and Expand Library Hours were the top areas for “Most Needed Improvements at Kishwaukee College.”

2018 OCCUPATIONAL GRADUATE SUMMARY

		2016	2017	2018	C
Return Rate %:		25	24	21	-
% Main Objective:	Intended to Obtain Skills	63	65	63	-
	Intended to Improve Skills	8	6	3	-
	Intended to Transfer	7	9	18	+
% Education Status:	Currently Enrolled	23	33	28	-
% Present Employment Status:	Employed Full-Time	77	62	71	+
	Employed Part-Time	11	28	18	-
	Unemployed Seeking Employment	9	6	7	+
<i>Of % Employed: Career Related to program</i>		76	80	80	
<i>Median Full-Time Employed: Hourly Wage</i>		15.00	16.75	17.50	+
Job Satisfaction:	Very Satisfied with Present Job	42	49	47	-
	Dissatisfied With Present Job	18	22	12	-
% Started Present Job After Leaving College		52	64	49	-
% Current Job in KC District		45	49	52	+

SATISFACTION WITH MAJOR PROGRAM

Content of Courses	Very Satisfied	71	77	75	-
	Dissatisfied	3	1	3	+
Lectures and Labs	Very Satisfied	61	67	63	-
	Dissatisfied	7	6	6	
Equipment, Facilities & Materials	Very Satisfied	72	67	67	
	Dissatisfied	10	3	6	+
Job Preparation	Very Satisfied	60	61	62	+
	Dissatisfied	8	11	8	-
Prep For Further Education	Very Satisfied	62	64	64	
	Dissatisfied	9	5	10	+
Current Employment Information	Very Satisfied	51	59	57	-
	Dissatisfied	20	18	13	-
Quality of Instruction	Very Satisfied	57	65	62	-
	Dissatisfied	13	4	6	+
Job Placement Assistance	Very Satisfied	36	47	40	-
	Dissatisfied	28	28	21	-

SATISFACTION WITH GENERAL EDUCATION

Content of Courses	Very Satisfied	62	55	57	+
	Dissatisfied	12	6	2	-
Lectures and Labs	Very Satisfied	60	55	57	+
	Dissatisfied	12	5	6	+
Equipment, Facilities & Materials	Very Satisfied	58	63	66	+
	Dissatisfied	9	5	4	-
Job Preparation	Very Satisfied	40	35	50	+
	Dissatisfied	17	15	21	+
Prep For Further Education	Very Satisfied	59	48	54	+
	Dissatisfied	12	12	9	-

SATISFACTION WITH OFFICES AND SERVICES

FAO – Information/Instructions	Very Satisfied	60	57	63	+
	Dissatisfied	15	16	15	-
FAO – Courtesy/Responsiveness	Very Satisfied	50	55	63	+
	Dissatisfied	19	20	17	-
FAO – Timeliness of Service	Very Satisfied	45	55	69	+
	Dissatisfied	15	18	11	-
FAO – Overall	Very Satisfied	53	59	65	+
	Dissatisfied	15	20*	11	-
Academic Advising – Availability	Very Satisfied	42	58	64*	+
	Dissatisfied	21	19	7	-
Academic Advising – Quality of Advisement	Very Satisfied	44	58	59	+
	Dissatisfied	23	22	15	-
Academic Advising – Overall	Very Satisfied	40	58	63*	+
	Dissatisfied	19	20	8	-
Career Planning	Very Satisfied	37	64	58	-
	Dissatisfied	30	11	6*	-
College Transfer Planning	Very Satisfied	30*	53	55	+
	Dissatisfied	25	18	15	-
Counseling – Personal Issue	Very Satisfied	50	52	67	+
	Dissatisfied	25	26	20	-
Tutoring/LSC	Very Satisfied	67	82*	57	-
	Dissatisfied	4	9	13	+
Library	Very Satisfied	78*	83*	69	-
	Dissatisfied	4	2	2	
Student Activities	Very Satisfied	64	62	69	+
	Dissatisfied	0	6	8	+
Media Services	Very Satisfied	70	71	61	-
	Dissatisfied	3	0	6	+
Computer Labs	Very Satisfied	68	78*	75	-
	Dissatisfied	5	2	4	+

*statistical variation noted

Employers of 2017-2018 Occupational Graduates

Advance Auto Parts	Marengo Auto Body and Glass
Advocate Sherman Hospital	Menards Distribution Center
Alden Park Strathmoor	Mercyhealth Rockford
Apple Blossom Landscape Concepts, Inc.	Mo-Par City
Armin Industries	Motorworks
Arndt Automotive	Mullis Construction
Bethany Healthcare	Northern Illinois University - Computer Sciences
Bingham Farms	Northern Illinois University - Police and Public Safety
BioLife Plasma Services	Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital
Blain's Farm & Fleet	Norwegian American Hospital
Bright Star Care	Oak Crest Retirement Center
Casey's General store	Onsite Woodwork
Central Illinois Truck, Inc.	Opportunity House
CGH Medical Center	O'Rorke Construction Services, Inc.
City of DeKalb	OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center
DaVita Medical Group	Prairie Crossing Rehab and Nursing
Dawn Equipment Co.	Ralph's Car Wash & Detail Center
DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center	Rochelle Community Hospital
Distinctive Gardens	Rosecrance
Fastenal	Ryder System, Inc.
Flanagan State Bank	Sauber Manufacturing
Flowers, Etc.	Schaefer Greenhouses, Inc.
Fox Valley Orthopedics	Suburban Lawn
Graphic Arts Express, Inc.	Superior Diesel, Inc.
Independance Pork, LLC	Swedish American Hospital
JX Peterbilt-Rockford	Sycamore Integrated Health
Kishwaukee College	TCI Manufacturing
Maplehurst Farms, Inc.	Trinity Lutheran Church

Best aspect of Kishwaukee College	Count	%	Improvement needed with Kishwaukee College	Count	%
Faculty (Support, Experience, Available)	17	40.5	Advisors CTE Knowledge	3	10.3
Campus Appearance	3	7.1	Expand Bus System	3	10.3
Cost Effective	3	7.1	AMT Funding	2	6.9
Friendly Staff	3	7.1	Expand Library Hours	2	6.9
Personal Connections	3	7.1	BSN Option	1	3.4
Faculty Nursing	2	4.8	Campus Navigation	1	3.4
Job Preparation	2	4.8	CT Equipment	1	3.4
Close to Home	1	2.4	CT Funding/Treatment	1	3.4
Early Childcare Center	1	2.4	Expand CIS-Cybersecurity	1	3.4
Faculty Diesel	1	2.4	Faculty Nursing	1	3.4
Faculty EMS	1	2.4	Financial Aid Friendliness	1	3.4
Faculty Horticulture	1	2.4	Having to Check out Books	1	3.4
Online Course Availability	1	2.4	Job Placement Services	1	3.4
Sense of Community	1	2.4	Library Open on Weekends	1	3.4
Student Support Services	1	2.4	More Effective Marketing of CT programs	1	3.4
TRiO Program	1	2.4	More Hands-on EMS	1	3.4
Total	42	100.0	More Internships	1	3.4
			More Parking	1	3.4
			More Structure to Health Programs	1	3.4
			More Student Club Options	1	3.4
			Social Alerts Text Signup	1	3.4
			Tutoring Hours and Kid Friendly	1	3.4
			Tutoring Options	1	3.4
			Total	29	100.0