

Survey of 1998 Graduates

Overview Report

**North Idaho College
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**NIC Alumni Survey
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As part of the College's outcomes assessment activities, an alumni survey was given to all NIC graduates from the fall 1997, spring 1998 and summer 1998 semesters. Of the 420 surveys that were mailed, 93 student responses were returned. The mailing was sent out July 18th to September 1st, 2000 with the results sent back to NIC in the fall of 2000.

The survey instrument used is a nationally recognized instrument published by the American College Testing (ACT) Service. It is designed to help 2-year institutions evaluate the impact of their programs, services and experiences on students by assessing the perceptions of its graduates along with providing a detailed employment and education history. Students were able to complete the 4-page survey in about 25 minutes.

ACT includes five different reports along with the original source data. These reports were based on the NIC data and included a Graphics Report, a Summary Report, a Statistical Comparison Report, a Normative Data Report, and a report which isolated the responses of several subgroups of NIC students (such as full-time and part-time students, male and female students, older and younger students, etc.)

College Impressions

MAJOR REASON FOR SELECTING NIC – Of the 93 students responding to the survey, the top three major reasons for selecting NIC were “convenient location”, “offered the courses I wanted” and “availability of scholarship or financial aid.”

WOULD STUDENTS CHOOSE NIC AGAIN - Of the 93 students responding to the survey, 89.2% indicated they would choose NIC again (47.3% definitely yes and 41.9% probably yes).

PREPARE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION - Of the 93 students responding to the survey, 95.6% indicated that NIC prepared them adequately or better. (35.8% exceptionally well, 29.9% more than adequately and 29.9% adequately)

COMPARISON OF QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT NIC WITH OTHER COLLEGES - Of the 93 students responding to the survey, 63.8% indicated that NIC provided better or about the same quality of education with that of other colleges. (28.6% better and 35.2% about the same)

College Experiences

Out of 15 areas for personal growth, the top five areas of highest growth due to educational experiences are NIC are shown below in order of greatest contribution.

Personal Growth Areas	Level of Satisfaction (3=very much, 2=somewhat, 1=very little)
1. Writing effectively	2.40
2. Speaking effectively	2.23
3. Understanding written information	2.23
4. Persisting at difficult tasks	2.20
5. Organizing your time effectively	2.16

Employment History

Current Annual Salary	NIC	National
Less than \$14,999	43.9%	33.6%
\$15,000 - \$26,999	42.4%	36.9%
\$27,000 - \$39,999	12.1%	21.3%
More than \$40,000	1.5%	8.0%

Current Annual Salary	NIC	National
Less than \$6,000	18.2%	8.6%
\$6,000 - \$8,999	10.6%	6.5%
\$9,000 - \$11,999	4.5%	8.1%
\$12,000 - \$14,999	10.6%	10.4%

Student Comments

Of the 93 students who completed the survey, 33 students or 35.5% of the respondents took time to add written comments to the survey form. The highest number of comments made by students indicated what a wonderful opportunity NIC provided.

The wealth of information in the survey reports is extensive. All survey data will be placed on reserve in the Molstead Library. If you have questions about the survey or its results, please contact Kathy Christie, Assistant Vice President for Planning and Assessment, at 769-3403.

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