

Graduating Student Survey Summary of Results for the 2011-2012 Class

Each year, a survey is given to all graduating students of Eastern WV Community and Technical College for the year's graduating classes. Of the 85 graduates during the 2011-2012 academic year, 46 responded. This translated to a 54% completion rate, which is a decrease from the 84% achieved the previous year. Over the survey's life, we have achieved a healthy completion rate of 72%. It is also important to note that the number of graduates increased from 50 in the previous year to 85 for the current year. This is an whopping increase of 70%. For all years of the survey, the number of graduates per year has increased from 32 in 2007-2008 to the current year's total of 85. This is a 165% increase in the number of graduates in only a few short years. The following is a summary of those results from the 2011-2012 graduate surveys along with a comparison to the prior year's results and the institution's average rating over all years of results.

THE RESULTS

1. What access center(s) have you attended?

Current Year

Of the 46 respondents, 21, 45.65%, had at some point attended an access center. Of those who had taken advantage of access centers, 47.62% had classes at South Branch Vocational Center, 14.28% have used the Hampshire Access Center, 14.28% had attended East Hardy High School, and 9.52% visited either the access center in Mineral County or the West Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind.

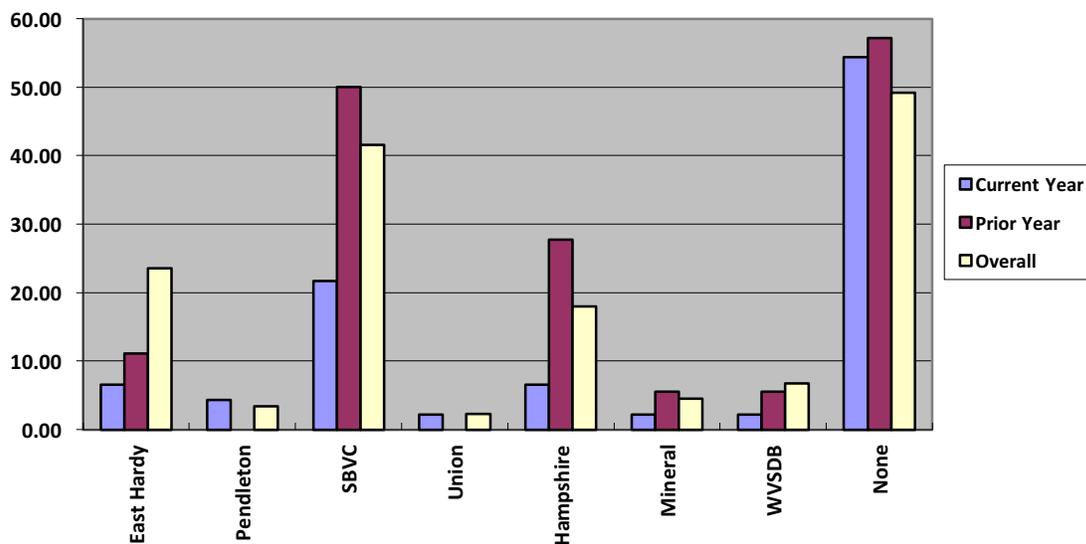
Comparison

Between the two graduating classes, usage of the access centers increased. Mineral and WV School for the Deaf and Blind (WVSDB) access centers had the same usage by graduates of the 2010-2011 year. South Branch Vocational Center (SBVC), East Hardy, Pendleton and Union increased in usage by graduates. Meanwhile, the Hampshire access center realized a decrease.

Overall

Over the four years of surveys, 50.86% of graduates have attended classes in at least one access center. SBVC saw the most students and was closely followed by East Hardy. Unused by students in any class were the centers in Tucker and Frankfort.

Access Centers Attended



2. What is your age?

Current Year

Of the 2011-2012 graduates, all but one age group was represented. There no graduates under the age of 19. Of the remaining groups 43.48% of them were between 19 and 29, 28.26% were in their thirties, 21.74% ranged between 40 and 49, and 6.52% were 50 or above in age.

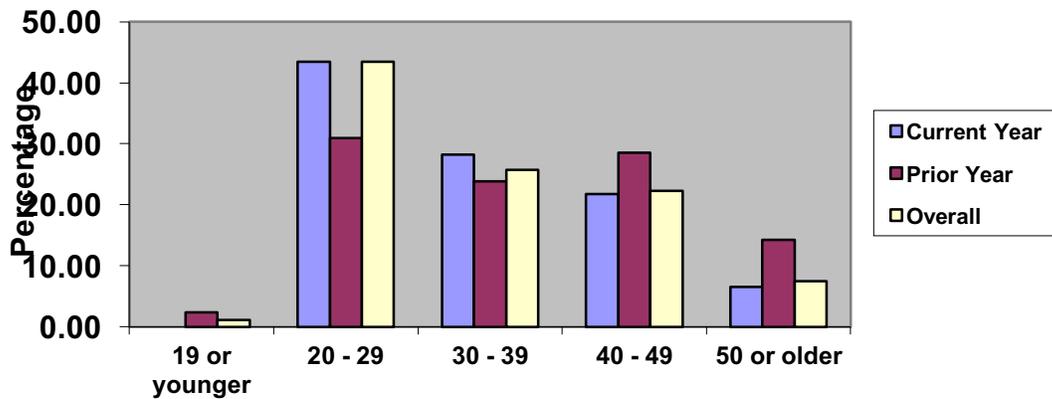
Comparison

Between the two graduating classes, the class of 2011-2012 is not as diverse in terms of age than the class before them. The 20 to 29 age group had the greatest increase followed by the 30 to 39 age group. The 40 and older age groups had decreases with the 50 and older age group with the greatest decrease.

Overall

Overall, most students fall into the 20-29 age group. 30-39 years of age is the next most popular range. Those in their 40's are next in number. Fewest of the graduates fall into the below 19 category.

Age of Graduates



3. What is your gender?

Current Year

78.26% of survey completers were female, while 21.74% male.

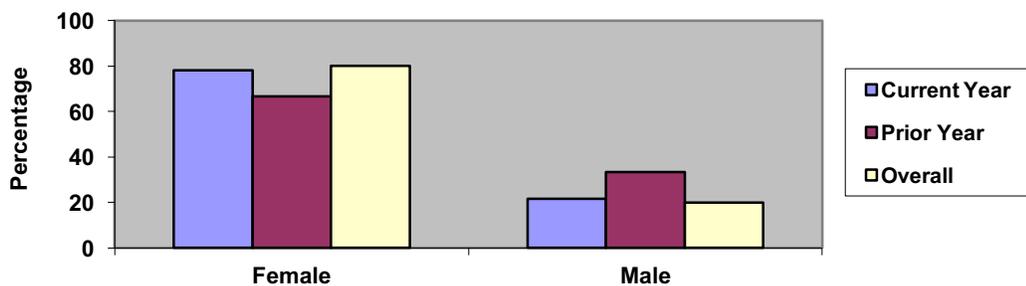
Comparison

The latest class of graduates saw the proportion of male students very close to 2009-2010 numbers, which means the proportion of male students decreased from the 2010-2011 year.

Overall

Men tend to be the minority by a large margin. They comprise a meager 20.00% of graduates, but each year is continuing to narrow that gap.

Gender of Graduates



4. What is your marital status?

Current Year

Of the respondents, 50.00% were married, 39.13% were single, and 10.87% were divorced. No survey takers were widowed.

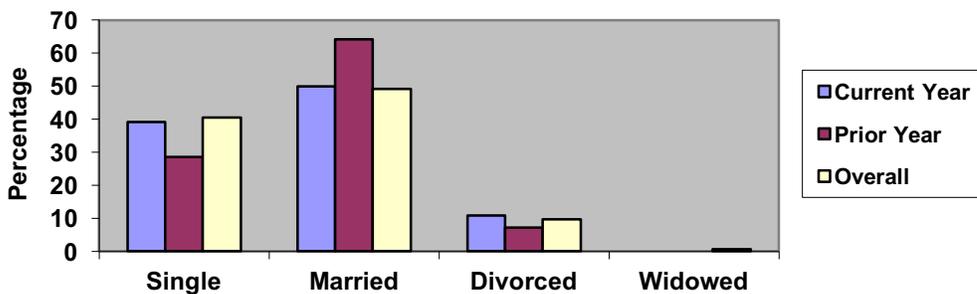
Comparison

Between the two survey years, the percentage of students single and divorced increased. Meanwhile, the percentage of married students dramatically decreased. None of these graduates were widowed.

Overall

The majority of Eastern graduates across years are married, but are followed closely in percentage by the single. 9.71% are divorcees and only 0.57% have lost a spouse.

Graduates' Marital Status



5. List the number of dependents under the age of 18 that live with you.

Current Year

Students with no dependents under 18 and students with 1 to 3 dependents under 18 share the same percentage which is 47.83%. 4.35% of all respondents have 4 or more dependents at home.

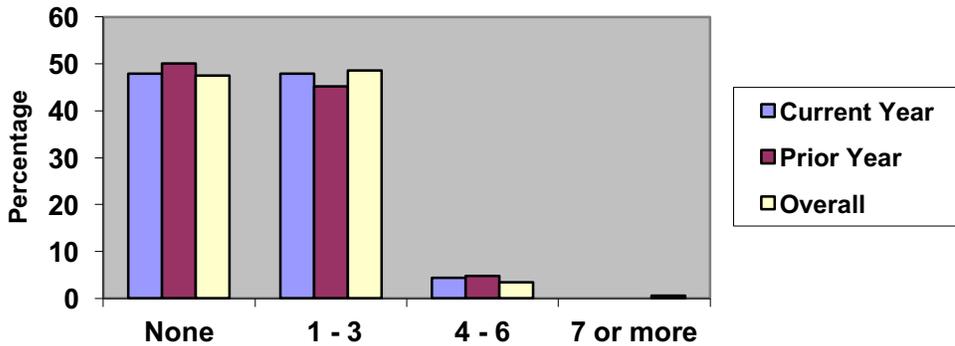
Comparison

The percentage of students with no children and 4 to 6 children saw decreases. The percentage of students with 1 to 3 children increased. There were no surveyed graduates who had 7 or more children, which was the same as last year.

Overall

The majority of graduates has between one and three children in the household, but is closely followed by none. Few graduates have more than four children and only 1 respondent has more than six.

Number of Children Under 18



6. While attending Eastern were you enrolled: full-time, part-time, or both?

Current Year

41.30% of the graduates attended on a full-time basis during their entire time at Eastern. The majority, 43.48%, were enrolled at a mixed status of full- and part-time, varying by semester. 15.22% of the students attended Eastern only at part-time status.

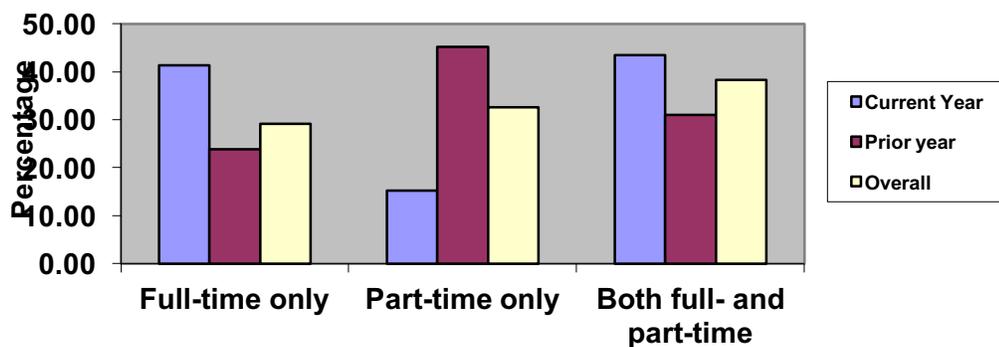
Comparison

The portion of graduates attending only on a part-time basis decreased significantly between the two graduating classes. Those attending on a wholly full-time or who varied their hours of enrollment each semester increased.

Overall

The majority of Eastern graduates have attended both full- and part-time enrollment level. However, that percentage is followed closely by those that attended solely part-time and then full-time.

Enrollment Status of Graduates



7. What degree have you completed?

Overall

Most students, 91.30%, graduated with an associate degree. 6.52% completed a certificate program. 6.52% graduated with any other type of degree. There were 3 graduates who earned more than 1 degree.

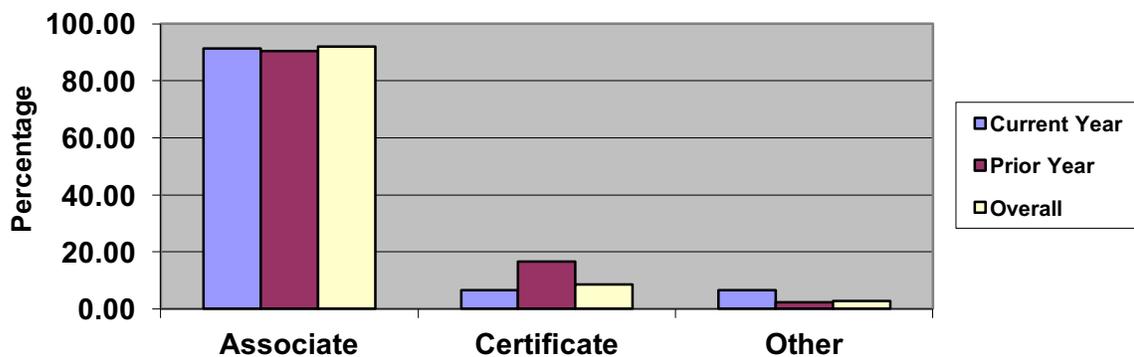
Comparison

The percentage receiving an associate or other non- associate increased with this class. Inversely, the percentage receiving a certificate decreased.

Overall

The majority of Eastern graduates, leave with an associate degree. A few graduates with a certificate or other type of completion.

Degrees Attained



8. What was your major?

Current Year

In the current year, the most popular majors were as follows:

1. Nursing – 38.29%
2. Associate of Arts (General, Pre-Nursing, Criminal Justice, Social) – 19.14%
3. Business Management – 14.89%
4. Associate of Science (General, Multi-Craft Tech) – 10.64%
5. Early Childhood Development – 6.38%, each
6. Wind Energy Technology – 4.25%, each
7. Board of Governors – 4.25%, each
8. Information Technology – 2.13%

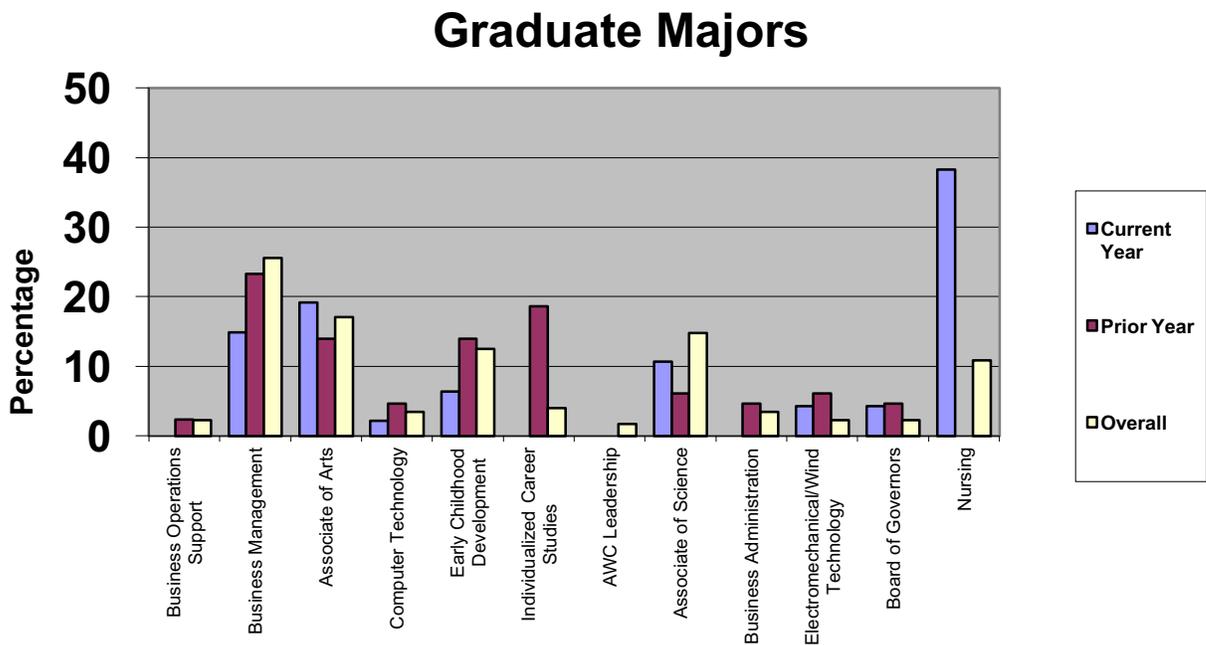
Comparison

The Nursing program had the most graduates. All other areas decreased.

Overall

On average, below is the ranking of majors among graduates.

1. Nursing
2. Associate of Arts
3. Business Management
4. Associate of Science
5. Early Childhood Development
6. Wind Energy Technology
7. Board of Governors
8. Information Technology



9. What was your approximate GPA?

Current Year

2.17% of the responding graduates reported a GPA of 2.0 to 2.5, while 13.04% reported having a 2.6 to 2.9. 56.52% maintained GPAs between 3.0 and 3.5. And the remaining 30.43% achieved GPAs of 3.6 to 4.0.

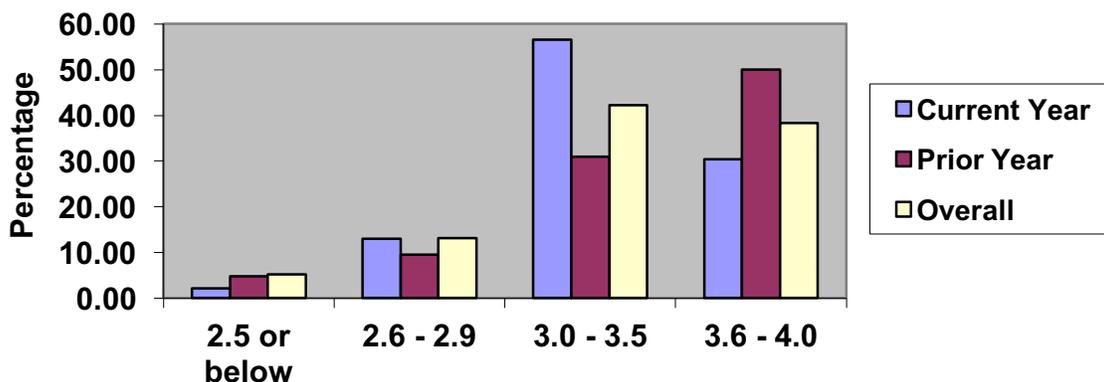
Comparison

The percentage of graduates who reported GPAs of lower than 3.6 increased to the prior year reports. The number of students who maintain GPAs in the range of 3.6 and above decreased, but the percentage of GPAs 2.5 and under also decreased.

Overall

Most students, overall, report GPAs in the 3.0 to 3.5 range, with those in the 3.6 to 4.0 range following closely behind. Those with average grades of below 2.9 were fewest.

Graduate GPAs



10. Please rate the courses in your **MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY** on a scale of 1 Through 5, with 5 being the highest rating.

Current Year

Respondents rated the “Quality of instruction” with a 3.96. “Grading and testing” received a 4.11. “Course content” was ranked 4.13. They gave “Instructional material” a 3.96. “Laboratory facilities and equipment” rated a 4.07 and “Preparation for future employment” received a 4.00. Overall, this area received a 4.04 rating for all questions.

Comparison

All areas received higher scores by the most recent graduates than by the prior class. The areas overall rating increased from 3.76 among the 2010-2011 graduates to 4.04 the following year.

Overall

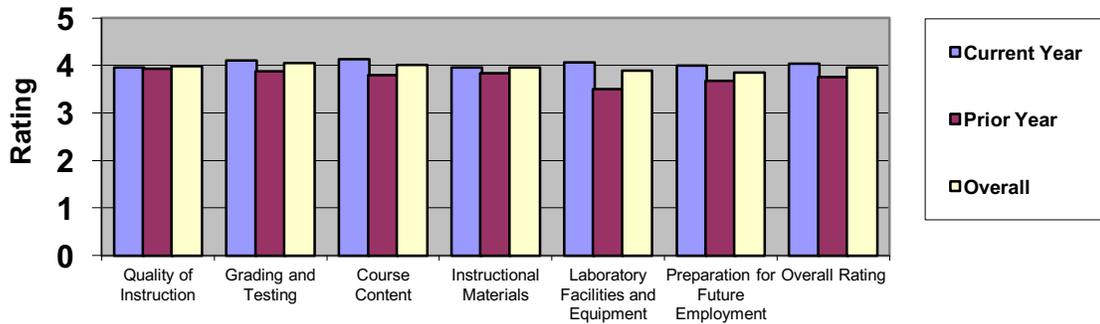
Among all respondents, the area received an average rating of 3.96.

Highest rating: “Grading and Testing” 4.05 (good to excellent)

Lowest rating: “Preparation for future employment” 3.86 (satisfactory to good)

Average rating: 3.96 (satisfactory to good)

Satisfaction: Major Field of Study



NEW QUESTION THIS YEAR!

11. Please read the following statements carefully and indicate the extent to which you agree. **While a student at Easter I...** on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest rating.

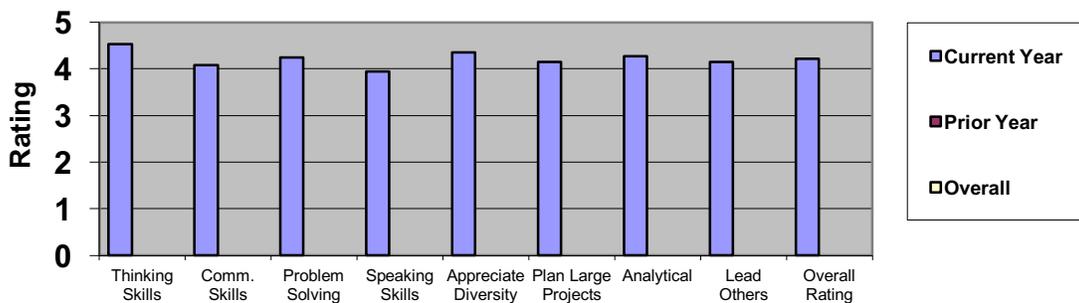
Current Year

Improved my “logical thinking skills” was rated highest as 4.53, followed by “ability to appreciate diversity” with a 4.35, “ability to be critical, evaluative and analytical” with a 4.28, “general problem solving skills” with a 4.25, “ability to guide/lead others” and “plan and implement large projects” both had 4.15. The two lowest rated categories are “written communication skills” with a 4.08 and “speaking/presentation skills” with a 3.95.

Comparison/Overall

This is the first year for this question.

Improvement: Skills



12. Please rate the following **ACADEMIC SERVICES/COURSES** on a scale of 1 through 5, with 5 being the highest rating.

Current Year

“Quality of instruction in general education courses” was rated by the respondents as 4.07. They gave “Availability of courses” a 3.82, “Accessibility of instructors” a 4.16, and “Variety of courses offered” a 3.62. Overall, these areas received a 3.92 rating.

Comparison

Ratings in all areas increased from those of the prior class.

Overall

Among all respondents the overall average rating for this section was 3.77.

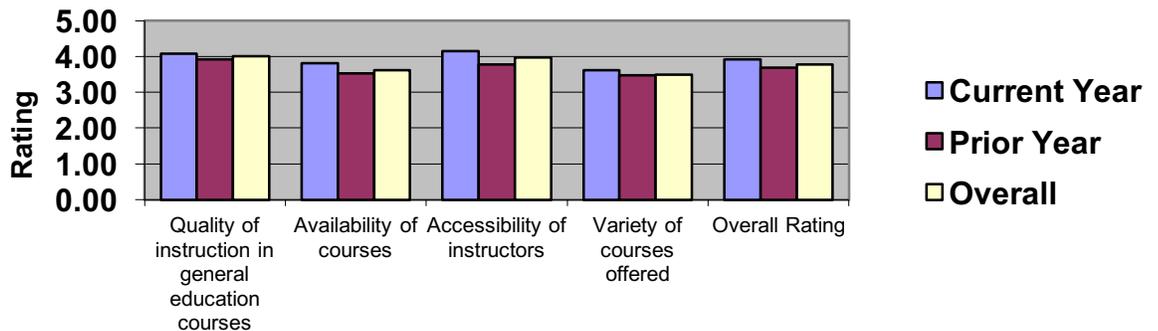
Highest rating: “Quality of instruction in general education courses” 4.07
(good to excellent)

Lowest rating: “Variety of courses offered” 3.50 (satisfactory to good)

Average rating: 3.77 (satisfactory to good)

This area received the lowest overall rating by the students, indicating that it should be reviewed for improvements. Of particular low rating, while still above satisfactory, was “Variety of courses offered”. This clearly shows that this is where the respondents would like to see the greatest change.

Satisfaction: Academic Services/Courses



12. Please rate your experience with the following services provided by the college.

Current Year

a. Admissions Services

97.78% of students have used these services and rated those 4.39. 2.22% stated that they had not used this service.

b. Orientation

80% have used the service and gave it a 4.44 rating. 20% said that they did not use this.

- c. Registration Services
97.789% did use this and rated it 4.45. 2.22% indicated that they did not use this service.
- d. Academic Advising
79.07% reported using this service and rated it at 4.38. 20.93% say they did not participate in this.
- e. Financial Aid Services
82.22% utilized these services and gave it a 3.68 rating. 17.78% did not use this office.
- f. Information for Transfer
56.82% requested this type of information and rated the service provided at 4.36. 40.91% never took part in this.
- g. Bookstore Services
82.61% took advantage of this and rated the service a 3.76. 17.39% never used the bookstore.
- h. Library Services
47.73% used the library and rated it at 4.05. 52.27% never used the service.
- i. Personal Counseling
29.55% took advantage of this service and rated it at 4.54. 65.91% did not use the service. 4.55% did not know this was offered.
- j. Career Counseling
27.91% used this service and rated it 4.25. 67.44% did not take advantage of the service. 4.65% did not know it was available.

Comparison

The use of all services increased between the two classes. Library services had the smallest increase.

Most areas increased the experience rating. Orientation was unchanged. And those decreasing were Registration, Financial Aid services, and Bookstore services.

Overall

Participation in these services can be ranked as follows:

1. Admissions Services and Registration Services
2. Bookstore Services
3. Financial Aid Services
4. Orientation
5. Academic Advising
6. Information for Transfer
7. Library Services
8. Personal Counseling
9. Career Counseling

Students responded that they did not know that several of these services were even available. The following is a ranking of those, with 1 being the known the least.

1. Career Counseling
2. Personal Counseling
3. Library Services
4. Information for Transfer
5. Orientation Services
6. Academic Advising
7. Financial Aid
8. Bookstore Services

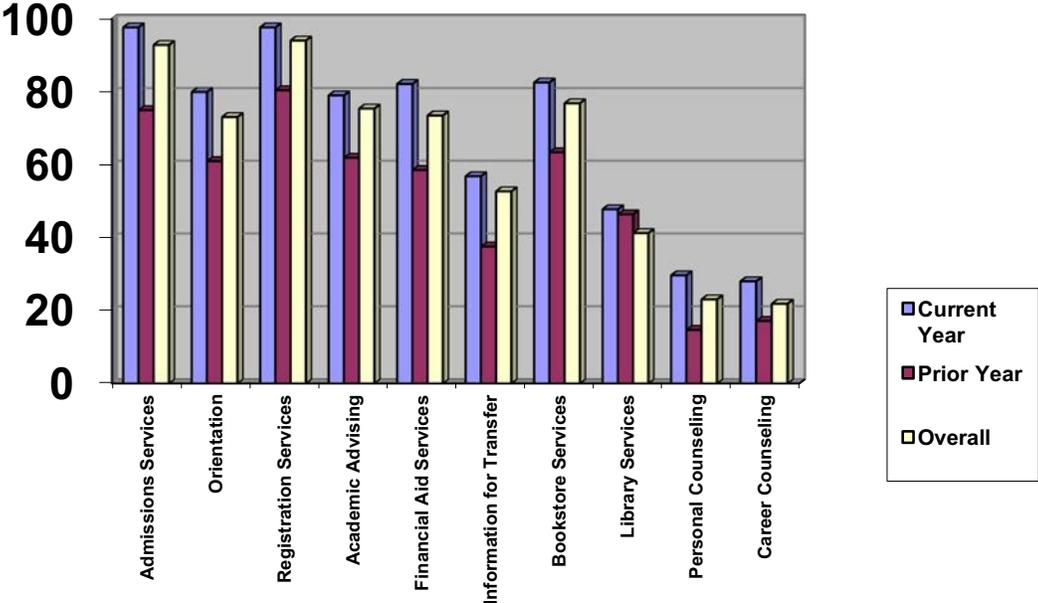
The College will have to make certain that students know all of these services are available. It is also important that students actually are able to identify that these services have been provided to them. All students of Eastern are given academic advising as a part of orientation and before registering for classes, so all students have received this at some point despite the results. Also Eastern does not offer an on-site bookstore, but does make one available on-line. It is likely that all or most students have used this service as well.

Highest score: Registration Services 4.43 (good to excellent)

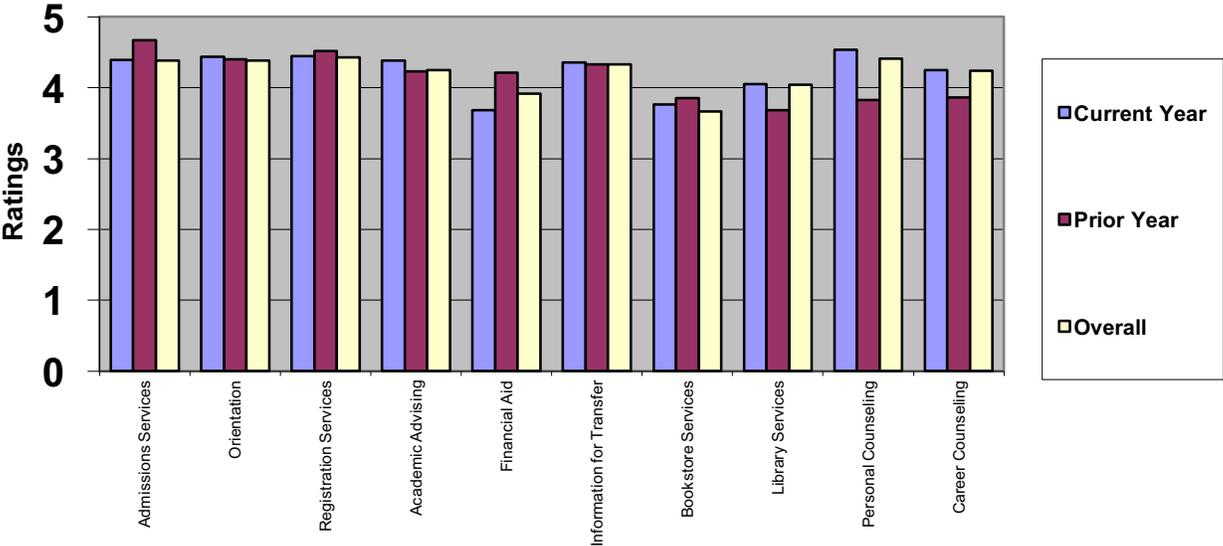
Lowest score: Bookstore Services 3.67 (satisfactory to good)

Average score: 4.21 (good to excellent)

Percentage of Students Using College Services



Student Experience Ratings



13. What was your primary reason for attending Eastern?

Current Year

63.04% of respondents indicated “Preparation for a specific job” was the reason for going back to school. While 8.70% listed “improvement of existing job skills” as being the main reason to attend Eastern. 10.87% answered “transfer credits earned at Eastern to a 4 year college”. 13.04%, responded with “personal development”. 2.17% responded with “other”, indicating that being closer to home was the reason.

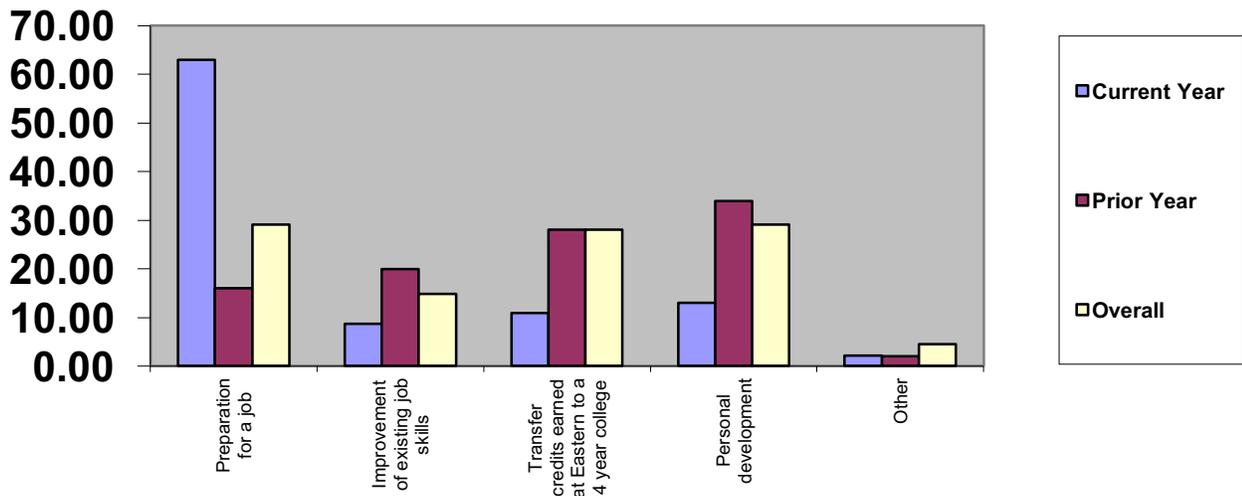
Comparison

“Preparation for specific job” made a major increase over the previous graduates. The rest of the categories decreased except for “Other” which only had a slight increase.

Overall

Overall, the main reasons that students select Eastern is for “Preparation for a specific job” and “Personal development”, but it is followed closely by “Transfer credits earned at Eastern to a 4 year college”.

Reasons to Attend Eastern



14. Are you currently employed?

Current Year

80.43% of students are currently employed. 19.57% are not employed.

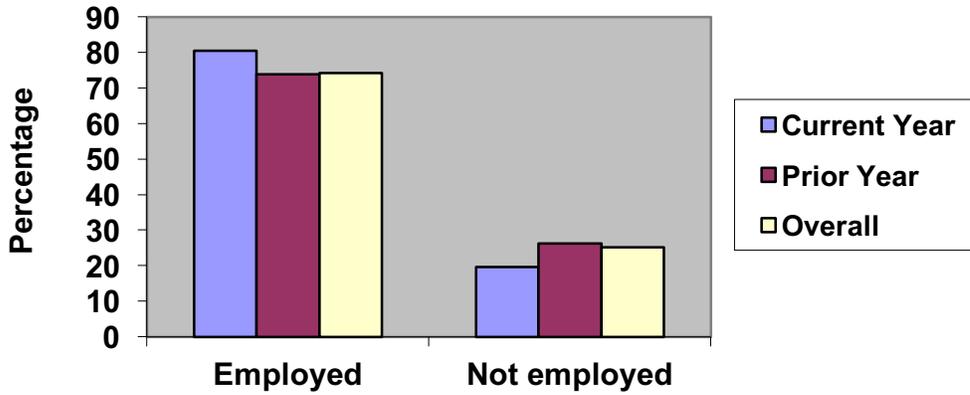
Comparison

More students from the 2011-2012 class are employed while at Eastern than those from the previous class.

Overall

Most, 80.43%, of Eastern graduates are employed while attending classes.

Employment Status



15. Is your current job related to your education at Eastern?

Current Year

Of those that are employed, 66.67% of their jobs are related to their education and 33.33% said no.

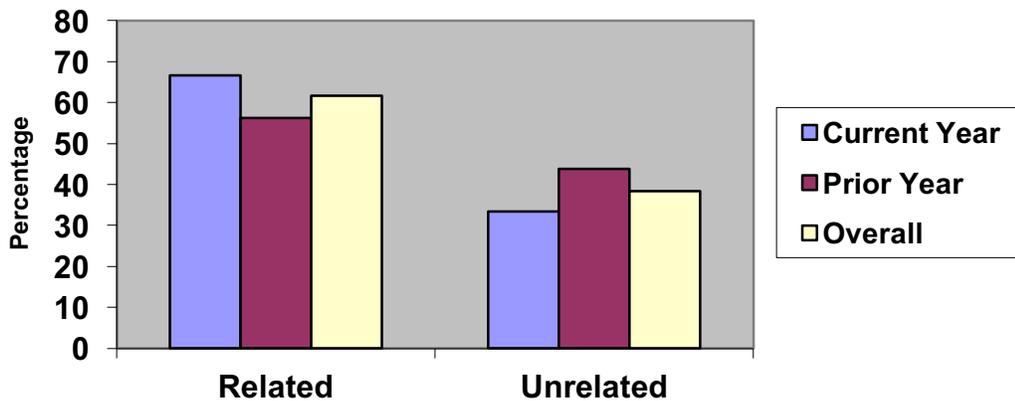
Comparison

More of the most recent graduates, who were working, have jobs that relate to their education when compared to the previous class.

Overall

Most working graduates of Eastern, have jobs that directly relate to their field of study.

Education Related Employment



16. How many hours per week are you employed?

Current Year

Of those that are employed, 38.10% work 37 to 40 hours per week. 11.90% work 31 to 36, 7.14% work 21 to 30 hours per week, 19.05% work 11 to 20 hours per week, 9.52% work 1 to 10 hours per week, and 14.29% work only occasionally.

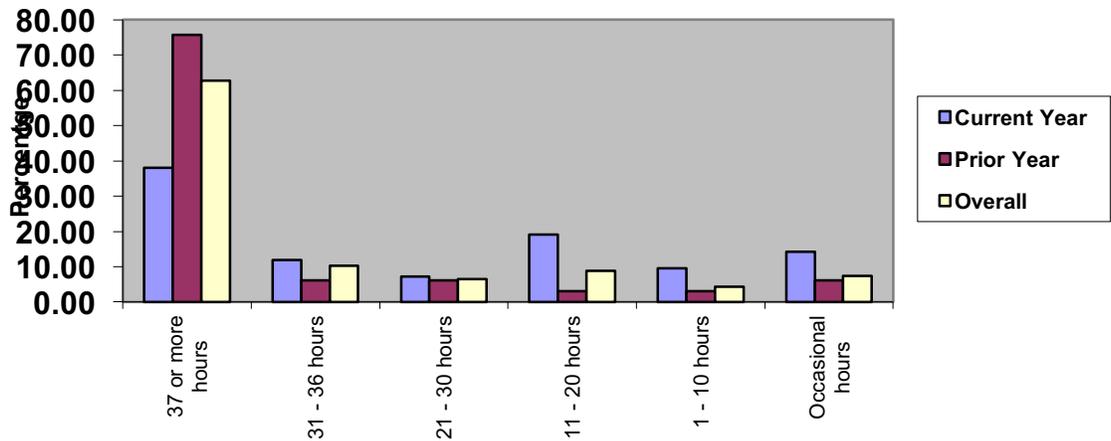
Comparison

The percentage of graduates working full-time decreased while the rest of the categories increased. The graduates working 11 to 20 hours had the most significant increase.

Overall

Most Eastern graduates are full-time employees working between 37 and 40 hours per week.

Hours Worked by Employed Graduates



17. What is your overall rating of Eastern?

Current Year

Students gave an overall rating of 4.35, which is good to excellent.

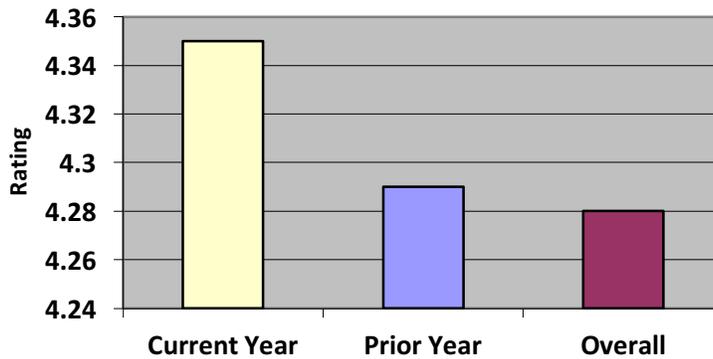
Comparison

The overall rating of Eastern graduates increased with the latest class.

Overall

Graduates across classes rate Eastern with a 4.28.

Overall Eastern Experience



18. Would you recommend Eastern to others?

Current Year

100% of respondents said that they would recommend Eastern to others.

Comparison

No Eastern graduates have reported that they would not recommend Eastern to others.

Overall

No Eastern graduates have reported that they would not recommend Eastern to others.

THE AVERAGE EASTERN GRADUATE

With all of this information, we are able to form a picture of the average graduate of Eastern WV Community & Technical College. That graduate would typically be a married woman between the ages of 20 and 29. She would have 0 to 3 dependents under 18 living with her. She has a job related to her course of study at Eastern, which would be Nursing, and would work 37 or more hours per week. This student attended both on a part-time and full-time basis and has not attended classes at our access centers. She came to Eastern for preparation for a specific job. When she graduated, she would earn an Associate's degree and would have maintained a GPA of 3.0 to 3.5. She rates her overall experience at Eastern as 4.29 on a 5 point scale and she would recommend the College to others.