

A Survey of Needs and Services for Postsecondary Nontraditional Students

Part I: A Survey of Postsecondary Nontraditional Students

*What is a nontraditional student? You have been asked to participate in this survey because you are enrolled in a program that is not traditional for your gender. This means that less than 25% of the people currently working in the career that you have chosen are of the same gender as you. This survey is designed to help your instructors and service providers at the college to discover your needs as a nontraditional student and to plan services that will help you to achieve your educational goals. Please answer all of the questions. Some questions allow for more than one answer. **This survey can be taken anonymously: you do not need to put your name on it.***

In what program are you currently enrolled ? _____

1. Gender (Sex):

- a) male
- b) female

2. Age:

- a) 19 or under
- b) 20-29
- c) 30-39
- d) 40+

3. High school diploma:

- a) high school graduate
- b) GED or certificate of completion
- c) hold a postsecondary degree

4. Postsecondary degree held:

- a) Certificate
- b) Associate's degree
- c) Bachelor's degree
- d) none of the above

5. Educational goal:

- a) Certificate
- b) Associate's degree
- c) transfer to 4-year school

6. I plan to work in my career field after I get my degree:

- a) yes
- b) no

7. Academic status:

- a) in a degree program full-time
- b) in a degree program part-time
- c) not in a degree program

8. I have been enrolled in this program for:

- a) one semester
- b) two semesters
- c) three semesters
- d) four semesters

9. The number of credits that I will have completed toward my degree by the end of this semester:

- a) under 10
- b) 12 - 25
- c) 25 - 35
- d) 35 - 45
- e) 45 - 65

10. Time of classes attended:

- a) attend day classes only
- b) attend night classes only
- c) attend weekend classes
- d) attend a mix of the above

11. Family status:

- a) single
- b) single parent
- c) married
- d) married with children
- e) displaced homemaker (have care of a family but no support and difficulty finding work)

12. Enrollment:

- a) enrolled in college right after high school
- b) attended another college and transferred
- c) delayed education for at least one year after high school

13. Employment status:

- a) work full -time
- b) work part-time
- c) unemployed but looking for work not planning to work while in school
- d) not planning to work while in school

14. Financial status:

- a) financially dependent on parents
- b) self-supporting or financially independent of parents
- c) self-supporting but have help from other sources

15. Funding sources:

- a) pay full tuition
- b) have college loans that pay the tuition
- c) have college loans that pay part of the tuition
- d) have scholarships that pay part or all of my tuition
- e) a combination of the above

16. Resident status:

- a) live off-campus and commute to school
- b) live on campus

17. Technology needs:

- a) have computer access at home
- b) own a laptop
- c) depend on the computers at school

18. I found out about the career path from _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) high school guidance counselor or career fair at my high school
- b) recruiter for this school
- c) alumni or someone who attends or works at the school
- d) the school website or another internet website
- f) none of the above

19. I found out about the career path from _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) open house and/or educational fair at the school
- b) online commercial website
- c) local print media, such as a magazine or newspaper
- d) direct mailing from the school
- e) none of the above

20. I found out about the career path from _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) personal friend or associate
- b) family member
- c) my employer
- d) none of the above

21. I chose this career path for the following reason(s): (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) personal fulfillment
- b) increased salary and benefits
- c) job availability
- d) job security
- e) none of the above

22. I chose this career path for the following reason(s): (Please select ALL answers that apply):
- a) chance for advancement
 - b) better employment conditions
 - c) fewer years of school or training required
 - d) none of the above
23. I chose this career path for the following reason(s): (Please select ALL answers that apply):
- a) adventure and challenges
 - b) flexible hours
 - c) well-suited for the career
 - d) career status or prestige
 - e) recommendation from someone
 - f) none of the above
24. If you selected "recommendation from someone", who recommended this career path to you:
- a) high school guidance counselor
 - b) personal associate, relative or friend
 - c) college recruiter/advisor
 - d) someone who attends or did attend this school
 - e) none of the above
25. Did you consider other schools before deciding to attend this one?
- a) yes
 - b) no
26. What type of school did you consider attending? (Please select ALL answers that apply):
- a) community college
 - b) 4-year college or university
 - c) commercial technical school
 - d) another two-year college
 - e) a trade school

27. The reason(s) why I chose to come to this school is/are _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) convenient school calendar
- b) offer online courses
- c) offered evening /weekend classes
- d) quality of the program
- e) none of the above

28. The reason(s) why I chose to come to this school is/are _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) affordable tuition
- b) scholarship or loan opportunity
- c) child care on campus
- d) campus safety
- e) none of the above

29. The reason(s) why I chose to come to this school is/are _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) job placement potential
- b) convenient location
- c) the reputation of the school
- d) tired of being on a program waiting list at another school
- e) none of the above

30. I have used the following facilities and services at the school. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) career services
- b) counseling services
- c) tutoring services
- d) student employment services
- e) none of the above

31. I have used the following facilities and services at the school. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) the library
- b) computers or laptops on campus
- c) child care services
- d) financial aid services
- e) none of the above

32. Services at the school that I have not used but would like to use are _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply).

- a) career counseling
- b) counseling services
- c) tutoring services
- d) student employment services
- e) none of the above

33. Services at the school that I have not used but would like to use are _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply).

- a) library
- b) computers on-campus
- c) child care services
- d) financial aid services
- e) none of the above

34. I would like the school to have _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply.)

- a) more summer and evening classes
- b) more online classes
- c) lower tuition or more help with tuition
- d) more academic support
- e) none of the above

35. I would like the school to have _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply.)

- a) more career counseling
- b) smaller classes
- c) more modern facilities
- d) more affordable child care on campus
- e) none of the above

36. Challenges that I face in completing this program are _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) caring for a family while in school
- b) lack of support from family and peers
- c) children (sickness, daycare)
- d) financial problems
- e) none of the above

37. Challenges that I face in completing this program are _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) the need to work while in school
- b) time constraints
- c) transportation to and from school
- d) the difficulty of the coursework
- e) none of the above

38. Challenges that I face in completing this program are _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) not enough online courses
- b) lack confidence in my own abilities
- c) an inconvenient class schedule
- d) an inconvenient academic calendar
- e) none of the above

39. Challenges that I face in completing this program are _____. (Please select ALL answers that

apply):

- a) the need for more study skills
- b) inadequate reading, English and math skills
- c) difficulty relating to my classmates
- e) none of the above

40. As a student on a career path that is nontraditional for my gender, at this school I have experienced _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) feeling of isolation because of my gender
- b) a lack of interaction with other students of my gender
- c) negative biases of students of the opposite sex
- d) sexual harassment
- e) biased attitudes of instructors toward students of my gender

41. As a student on a career path that is nontraditional for my gender, I would like _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) more instructors of my gender
- b) to do my clinical, internship, or service learning project under someone of my gender
- c) to have more study or social activities for students of my gender in this program

42. As a student on a career path that is nontraditional for my gender, I would like _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) more social interaction with others of my gender
- b) more information about the benefits of nontraditional career I have chosen
- c) more information about professional challenges that I might face on the job
- d) more information about gender issues, such as job discrimination, gender stereotyping, and cultural biases in the workplace
- e) more access to online sites and materials for nontraditional students with my major
- f) more classwork that deals with gender issues that I might face in my career

43. As a student on a career path that is nontraditional for my gender, I would be interested in _____. (Please select ALL answers that apply):

- a) meeting or connecting with more students of my gender who have chosen the same career path
- b) meeting people of my gender who are currently working in my field
- c) attending workshops on or off campus to learn more about the benefits and challenges of being nontraditional in this career path
- d) attending workshops to help me develop better job seeking skills, such as job search, interviewing, and resume' writing
- e) participating in counseling workshops that address nontraditional issues

What I like best about my program and/or the school is:

Areas where I think my program and/or school could improve are :

Thank you for your participation in this survey.

