

# Graduate Report

## Pearl River Community College

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As a component of Pearl River Community College's commitment to excellence in providing a quality educational experience for all students, an exit survey is given to graduating students. Graduating students' opinion and input is solicited concerning their educational experience at PRCC. The result of that survey is summarized as follows:

Students surveyed indicated that 37% planned to enter the workforce after graduation, while 57% planned to continue their education beyond the community college. The majority (75%) of students responded that they had been employed full-time or part-time while enrolled as a student at PRCC. Over half (51%) of students responding indicated that they plan to return to alumni functions at PRCC.

Regarding methods of advisement that they would have preferred, 57.7% of graduating students surveyed indicated that they would have preferred an advisor assigned to them based upon their selected major, 14.4% would have preferred to select their own advisor based upon their selected major, and 19% would have preferred meeting with a counselor for advisement. Approximately 55% of students surveyed thought mandatory advisement would be best before scheduling of classes, and 38.5% thought advisement should be optional.

The majority of students surveyed (84%) thought that faculty members were concerned or very concerned with the personal and intellectual development of their students. Ninety percent (90%) of graduating students surveyed indicated that faculty members were available for consultation during posted office hours. Faculty members are appropriately using instructional technology in courses offered at PRCC according to 85% of students surveyed. Almost half of students surveyed (47%) also revealed that faculty members were particularly helpful to them with their adjustment to campus life. The majority of students felt that access to faculty members outside of class was an extremely important component of campus life, and 90% of students surveyed were satisfied or extremely satisfied with access to PRCC faculty members outside of class.

With 90.1% of the graduating students surveyed believing that technological preparation as part of their studies was important, eighty-five percent (85%) of students indicated satisfaction with the technological preparation they received at PRCC and anticipated that this preparation had adequately prepared them to be successful in today's workforce.

Students (85%) indicated that it was important or extremely important to them that they feel a sense of belonging at PRCC's campus, and 84% apparently were satisfied or extremely satisfied with being a part of the PRCC student body.

Ninety-one percent (91%) of students surveyed reflected that the process of admission to PRCC was either satisfactory or very satisfactory. The majority of students surveyed (76%) were satisfied or very satisfied with the process of acquiring financial aid.

Of graduates surveyed, 81% indicated that PRCC had prepared them more than adequately or exceptionally well to either continue their education or enter the workforce. Of the graduating students surveyed, 87.5% indicated that they would choose PRCC if they could start college again.