

Survey of Graduates

2010-2011 Report

Pearl River Community College

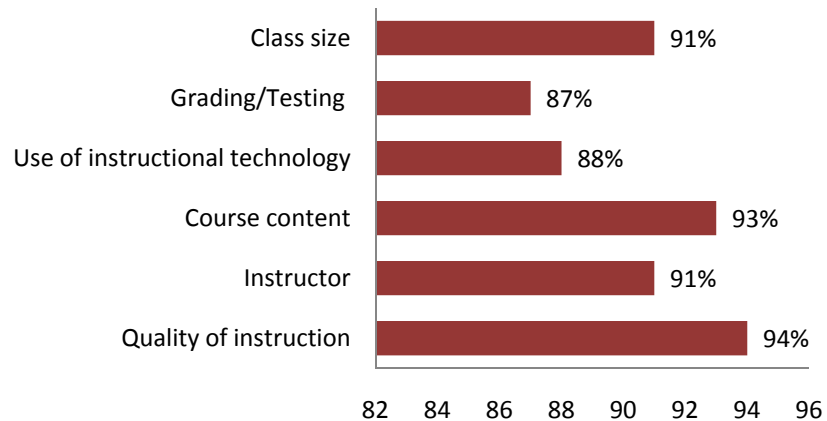
As a component of Pearl River Community College's commitment to excellence in providing a quality educational experience for all students, an exit survey is given to graduating students in order to obtain information concerning their educational experience at PRCC.

Data was collected by means of an online survey in December 2010 and April 2011 prior to graduation. The email link allowing access to the survey was sent to all students who had applied for graduation, and career-technical students were asked to complete the survey when reporting to computer labs for the CPAS examination. The response rate for 2010-2011 was 58 percent with 515 of 879 graduates responding to the survey. A summary of the results is provided below.

Survey results indicated the top three reasons for selecting PRCC were location, good reputation, and course offerings. While 96 percent of students completing the survey had established personal goals, 97 percent of those students indicated that they had met either all or most of their personal goals while attending PRCC.

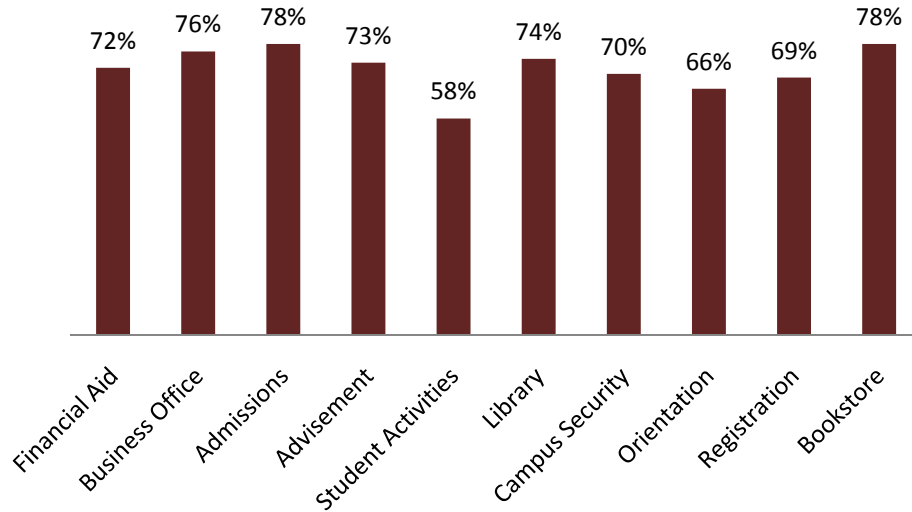
The majority of students surveyed (93 percent) thought that PRCC faculty members were concerned about the intellectual and personal development of their students. While 90 percent of students indicated that having access to faculty outside of class was important to them, 95 percent of graduating students surveyed indicated that faculty members were either mostly or always available for consultation during posted office hours.

The following illustration indicates the percentages of students who rated various aspects of instruction as **good** or **very good**.



Preparation for a technological world is important to PRCC students as indicated by 94 percent of students surveyed, and the majority (94 percent) of graduating students surveyed was satisfied with the technological preparation received while enrolled at PRCC.

The illustration below reflects level of student satisfaction as **satisfied** or **very satisfied** with college services provided while they were attending PRCC.



Ninety-seven percent (97 %) of graduating students indicated that their experience at PRCC had prepared them for either entering the workforce or continuing their education at an institution of higher learning. Of the students completing the survey, 65 percent were employed while attending and 38 percent of students surveyed indicated that they had worked between 16 and 39 hours while enrolled at PRCC.

While 67 percent of students surveyed indicated that they considered the opportunity to interact with students from diverse backgrounds an important aspect of their educational experience, 93 percent of students surveyed indicated that they were satisfied with the diversity experienced at PRCC. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of graduating students completing the survey indicated that feeling a sense of belonging at PRCC was important to them, and 94 percent of graduating students completing the survey indicated that they had felt a sense of belonging while attending PRCC. Of the graduating students surveyed, 82 percent indicated that they would choose PRCC if they could start college again.

Demographics of Survey Respondents

879 graduates

515 respondents

64% age 25 or under

60.5% Female/39.5% Male

72% White/24% Black/4% Other