



Graduation Survey 2019

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Institutional Effectiveness and Research

Methodology

The annual Graduate survey was administered to graduates immediately prior to the graduation ceremony in the spring of 2019. The purpose of this survey was to evaluate ATC's services. A total of 198 out of 442 graduates responded to the survey for a response rate of 45%. Questions 1-6 ask for contact information and are not included in this report. Results of the Graduate Survey questions 7-26 are provided below.

Q7. What is your program of study?

	Count	Percent
Answered:	185	93%
Skipped:	13	7%
Total:	198	100%
Response:	Count	
Business Administration	1	
Health Sciences	5	
Accounting	4	
ADN	14	
Associate in Arts	23	
Associate in Science	8	
Computer Tech / in Programming	4	
Computer Tech / in Networking	4	
Criminal Justice	5	
Early Care & Education	8	
Early Childhood / Childhood Development	1	
Electronics Engineering Tech	1	
EMT - Paramedic	9	
Engineering Transfer	1	
Expanded Duty Dental Assist	8	
HVAC	1	
Industrial Maintenance Tech	10	
Management	15	
Marketing	3	
Medical Assistant	12	
Nuclear Fundamentals	3	
Patient Care Assistance	7	
Pharmacy Technician	5	
Radiation Protection & Control	6	
Radiologic Technology	10	
Surgical Technology	8	
Welding	9	

Q8. Please Indicate your level of satisfaction with the following:	VERY SATISFIED		SATISFIED		NEUTRAL		DISSATISFIED		VERY DISSATISFIED		Total	Weighted Average
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent		
Your major program of study	113	57.95%	69	35.38%	11	5.64%	2	1.03%	0	-	195	1.50
Instruction in your major program of study	105	53.85%	63	32.31%	22	11.28%	5	2.56%	0	-	195	1.63
Your general education program of study	104	53.33%	73	37.44%	18	9.23%	0	-	0	-	195	1.56
Instruction in your general education courses	101	51.79%	76	38.97%	17	8.72%	1	0.51%	0	-	195	1.58
Learning Spaces/Classrooms/Labs	103	53.37%	79	40.93%	11	5.70%	-	-	0	-	193	1.52
Overall quality of the college	91	46.91%	79	40.72%	23	11.86%	-	-	1	0.52%	194	1.66
Overall quality of Campus Security	113	57.95%	71	36.41%	11	5.64%	-	-	0	-	195	1.48
Campus Activities	79	40.51%	64	32.82%	48	24.62%	1	0.51%	3	1.54%	195	1.90

Q9. What was your main goal while attending ATC?		
	Count	Percent
To learn new skills that would help you get a job	149	78.01
To upgrade skills that would help you in your current job	63	32.98
To earn transfer credit toward a bachelor's degree	59	30.89
To learn new things for your personal development	54	28.27
Other	6	0.03
Other Responses:		
Earn ADN (Associate Degree Nursing)		
Finish early college with my A.I.A		
Get my degree in welding		
Graduate		
To get a degree		

Q10. Did you accomplish this goal?		
Response:	Count	Percent
Yes	195	98.48%
No	3	1.52%
Total	198	100.00%

Q11. Would you recommend Aiken Technical College to someone interested in your program of study?

Response:	Count	Percent
Yes	183	92%
No	15	8%
Total	198	100%

If no, why?

disorganized

Disorganized. Teachers don't teach well.

Financial Aid is more hard to deal with than needed

Instructors are terrible and program is disorganized

N/A

Program is not up to par

Program was very disorganized!

Several instructor changes during class; no communication; I received no instruction from 4th semester med surg instructor

The APN professors were unorganized & unable to teach me. I taught myself.

The program is not required to get the job and doesn't offer any extra money for the education. Disappointing people with no experience get hired at the same rate as one with a diploma in that field.

Too many classes required that are irrelevant

very disorganized

very disorganized. This program could be run much better!

very unorganized and you don't need it to get a job in the field

Zero organization Most instructors do not have it together

Q12. After graduating from ATC, do you plan to pursue another degree/credential?		
	Count	Percent
Answered:	133	67%
Skipped:	65	33%
Total:	198	100%

Q13. If yes, what college will you be attending?	Count
AAU	1
Aiken Tech Denmark Tech	3
ATC	18
Augusta Tech	3
Augusta University	10
Capella University	1
Citadel or USCA	1
Claflin	1
Clemson	1
Coastal Carolina University	1
Georgia Military	1
Georgia Southern University	1
GRU or Midlands Tech	1
HVAC	1
I plan to enlist in the Navy + they will be sending me to a college	1
Kennesaw University	1
Lander university	1
Limestone	3
Midlands Tech	1
Not sure or N/A	38
Palmetto College	1
Planning to get more certificates	1
South Carolina Fire Academy	1
South University	3
Strayer University	1
USC - various locations	32
Western Governor's University	4
Winthrop University	1

Q14. What will be your program of study? (Responses cont' on next page)

	Count	Percent
Answered:	132	67%
Skipped:	66	33%
Total:	198	100%
Response:	Count	
Accounting	3	
ADN	2	
Associates Degree	1	
BA of Science Minor TBD	1	
Bachelors Acc	1	
Bachelors in Biology	1	
Bachelors in Interdisciplinary Studies of Science	1	
Bachelors in Nuclear Medicine	1	
Bachelor's of Math	1	
Biochemistry	3	
BSB->MSN	1	
BSN	12	
Business	7	
chemistry	1	
Civil engineering	2	
Computers	4	
Criminal Justice	4	
Cryptology	1	
Dental Hygiene	7	
Education	2	
Electrical Engineering	1	
Emergency Management	2	
EMT Advanced, Paramedic	1	
Engineering	1	
English/Humanities	1	
Environmental Eng	1	
FEMA	1	
Fire Science	1	
Graphic Design	1	
Health Physics	1	
HVAC	1	
Management	3	
Marketing	3	
Masters in Physician Assistant	1	
Mechanical Engineering	2	
MRI	3	

Q14. What will be your program of study?

Response:	Count
MSN	1
Music	1
not sure or N/A	12
Nursing	24
Pre- PA/Health Science	1
Pre-engineering	1
Psychology	2
PTA	1
Public Health	1
Radiology	3
Refrigerator	1
Surgical Tech	2
Welding	2

Q15. What is your curent employment status?

	Count	Percent
Answered:	196	99%
Skipped:	2	1%
Total:	198	100%

	Count	Percent
Employed, full-time paid.	73	37.24%
Employed, part-time paid.	61	31.12%
Unemployed but seeking work	33	16.84%
Unavailable for employment	0	0.00%
Unemployed, continuing education	24	12.24%
Military Service	0	0.00%
Volunteer activity (e.g. Peace Corps)	0	0.00%
Other:	5	2.55%

Other Responses:

PRN

School full-time

student

Tech Scholar

unemployed but will be seeking work after September 1

Q16. If employed, is this job related to your program of study?

Response:	Count	Percent
Yes	78	39.39%
No	82	41.41%
Skipped	38	19.19%
Total	198	100.00%

Q17. If yes, where is your job located?

	Count	Percent
Answered:	84	42%
Skipped:	114	58%
Total:	198	100%
Response:	Count	
ACEMS	1	
Aiken	14	
Aiken Audiology	1	
Aiken Center for Dermatology	1	
Aiken County	1	
Aiken County EMS	2	
Aiken Professional Association	1	
Aiken Regional	6	
Amara	1	
ARMC ICU	1	
ATC	3	
AU Health	1	
Augusta	7	
Augusta University	4	
AUMC - ER	1	
BAE Systems	2	
Barnwell	1	
Bridgestone	4	
Columbia SC	1	
Doctors Hospital	3	
Estill, SC (DOJ. Federal Bureau of Prisons)	1	
Georgia	1	
Halocarbon	1	
Kimberly Clark	1	
Lexington Medical Center	1	
MTU	1	
N/A	5	
Neuroscience at Aiken Regional	1	
North Augusta	1	
PRC	1	
sorta it deals with child watch	1	
SRS	7	
Unique Expressions, Aiken SC	1	
University Hospital	2	
Walmart	2	
Waynesboro, GA	1	

Q18. What is your salary/pay?			
	Count	Percent	
Answered:	84	42%	
Skipped:	114	58%	
Total:	198	100%	
average hourly:	\$12.68		
average salary:	\$37,512.00		
Hourly	Hourly (cont')	Salary	Misc.
\$2.13	\$12.00	\$20,000.00	\$20 - \$50 an hour
\$7.25	\$12.00	\$20,000.00	\$3.54 per hour + tips
\$7.50	\$13.00	\$20,000.00	8.00 p/h + tips
\$8.00	\$13.00	\$20,800.00	commission
\$8.00	\$13.20	\$21,000.00	enough
\$8.00	\$13.50	\$23,000.00	min wage
\$8.25	\$14.00	\$24,000.00	N/A
\$8.75	\$14.61	\$25,000.00	N/A
\$9.00	\$14.82	\$25,000.00	N/A
\$9.50	\$15.00	\$30,000.00	N/A
\$9.65	\$15.00	\$31,500.00	n/a
\$9.75	\$15.00	\$32,000.00	n/a
\$10.00	\$15.00	\$32,000.00	N/A
\$10.00	\$15.00	\$35,000.00	N/A
\$10.00	\$15.00	\$37,000.00	N/A
\$10.00	\$15.00	\$37,000.00	NA
\$10.00	\$15.00	\$38,000.00	NA
\$10.28	\$15.00	\$42,000.00	Not your business.
\$10.38	\$15.38	\$45,000.00	unknown
\$11.00	\$16.00	\$50,000.00	-----
\$11.22	\$18.50	\$50,000.00	
\$11.22	\$19.75	\$62,500.00	
\$11.35	\$21.38	\$65,000.00	
\$11.50	\$21.38	\$67,000.00	
\$11.74	\$22.00	\$85,000.00	
	\$22.47		

Q19. If no, have you begun searching for a job related to your program of study?		
	Count	Percent
Answered:	129	65%
Skipped:	69	35%
Total:	198	100%
Response:	Count	Percent
Yes	63	31.82%
No	24	12.12%
Somewhat	42	21.21%
Skipped	69	34.85%
Total	198	100.00%

Q20. Do you expect to begin a job related to your program of study?		
	Count	Percent
Answered:	185	93%
Skipped:	13	7%
Total:	198	100%
Response:	Count	Percent
Yes	136	73.12%
No	50	26.88%
Total	186	100.00%

Q21. If yes, where is the job located?

	Count	Percent
Answered:	93	47%
Skipped:	87	44%
N/A or unknown	18	9%
Total:	198	100%

Response:	Count
ACEMS	1
ACSD	1
Aiken Center for Dermatology	1
Aiken County EMS	1
Aiken County Sheriff's department	1
Aiken Performing Arts Academy	1
Aiken Professional Association	1
Aiken Regional	5
Aiken, SC	15
Aiken, SC - Augusta, GA	4
ASU	1
ATC	1
Atlanta, GA	1
Augusta University	3
Augusta University Medical Center	4
Augusta, GA	10
Augusta, GA or Columbia, SC	1
AUMC	2
BAE Systems	2
Bridgestone	4
CMI	1
Columbia, SC	1
Comercial Pharmacy	1
CVS/Walmart	1
Doctors Hospital	2
Edgefield	1
Estill, SC (DOJ-Federal Bureau Of Prisons)	1
Hospital	2
Jackson, SC	1
Kimberly Clark	1
Lexington	1
MTU	1
neuroscience center	1
North Augusta, SC	2
SC	1
SRNL	2
SRNS/Fort Gordon	1
SRS	8
University Hospital	2
Utah	1
Williston	1

Q22. What is your expected salary/pay?

	Count	Percent
Answered:	95	48%
Skipped:	103	52%
Total:	198	100%
average hourly:	\$19.12	
average salary:	\$52,204.55	

Hourly	Hourly (cont')	Salary	Misc.
\$10.00	\$18.00	\$30,000.00	---
\$10.00	\$18.00	\$30,000.00	-----
\$11.00	\$18.00	\$38,000.00	commission
\$11.00	\$18.00	\$40,000.00	idk
\$11.00	\$19.75	\$40,000.00	more than enough
\$12.00	\$20.00	\$40,000.00	N/A
\$12.00	\$20.00	\$40,000.00	N/A
\$13.00	\$21.00	\$41,000.00	n/a
\$13.00	\$21.38	\$42,000.00	n/a
\$13.00	\$21.38	\$42,000.00	N/A
\$13.00	\$21.74	\$45,000.00	N/A
\$14.00	\$22.00	\$50,000.00	NA
\$14.00	\$22.00	\$50,000.00	NA
\$14.00	\$22.00	\$50,000.00	Not enough
\$14.65	\$23.00	\$50,000.00	Not your busines
\$15.00	\$24.50	\$60,000.00	unk.
\$15.00	\$25.00	\$60,000.00	unknown
\$15.00	\$25.00	\$62,500.00	unknown
\$15.00	\$28.65	\$70,000.00	unknown
\$15.00	\$30.00	\$75,000.00	unknown
\$15.00	\$30.00	\$95,000.00	unsure
\$16.00	\$30.00	\$98,000.00	
\$16.00	\$30.00		
\$16.50	\$33.00		
\$17.00	\$36.00		
\$17.50	\$37.22		

Q23. Place an (X) in the box that describes ATC's impact on your skill development in the following areas: (Responses cont' on next page)

	Count	Percent
Answered:	195	98%
Skipped:	3	2%
Total:	198	100%
	NOT HELPFUL	
	Count	Percent
Written Communication	2	1.03%
Oral Communication	2	1.03%
Problem Solving and Critical Thinking	1	0.53%
Formulate strategies to Identify, Collect, Analyze, Develop, and Evaluate information	2	1.03%
Quantitative (Math) skills and analysis	3	1.55%
Utilizing Computers	8	4.10%
Determining Personal and Career Goals	4	2.08%
Enhancing Self-Confidence	6	3.08%
Working Cooperatively With Others	2	1.03%
Learning Independently	1	0.51%
Understanding Different Philosophies and Cultures	3	1.54%
	SOMEWHAT HELPFUL	
	Count	Percent
Written Communication	27	13.85%
Oral Communication	23	11.86%
Problem Solving and Critical Thinking	17	8.95%
Formulate strategies to Identify, Collect, Analyze, Develop, and Evaluate information	22	11.28%
Quantitative (Math) skills and analysis	28	14.51%
Utilizing Computers	25	12.82%
Determining Personal and Career Goals	24	12.50%
Enhancing Self-Confidence	29	14.87%
Working Cooperatively With Others	21	10.82%
Learning Independently	23	11.79%
Understanding Different Philosophies and Cultures	29	14.87%

Q23. Place an (X) in the box that describes ATC's impact on your skill development

	HELPFUL	
	Count	Percent
Written Communication	86	44.10%
Oral Communication	81	41.75%
Problem Solving and Critical Thinking	84	44.21%
Formulate strategies to Identify, Collect, Analyze, Develop, and Evaluate information	83	42.56%
Quantitative (Math) skills and analysis	72	37.31%
Utilizing Computers	73	37.44%
Determining Personal and Career Goals	76	39.58%
Enhancing Self-Confidence	67	34.36%
Working Cooperatively With Others	74	38.14%
Learning Independently	68	34.87%
Understanding Different Philosophies and Cultures	79	40.51%
	VERY HELPFUL	
	Count	Percent
Written Communication	78	40.00%
Oral Communication	88	45.36%
Problem Solving and Critical Thinking	88	46.32%
Formulate strategies to Identify, Collect, Analyze, Develop, and Evaluate information	88	45.13%
Quantitative (Math) skills and analysis	88	45.60%
Utilizing Computers	84	43.08%
Determining Personal and Career Goals	84	43.75%
Enhancing Self-Confidence	90	46.15%
Working Cooperatively With Others	96	49.48%
Learning Independently	103	52.82%
Understanding Different Philosophies and Cultures	80	41.03%
	NOT APPLICABLE	
	Count	Percent
Written Communication	2	1.03%
Oral Communication	0	0.00%
Problem Solving and Critical Thinking	0	0.00%
Formulate strategies to Identify, Collect, Analyze, Develop, and Evaluate information	0	0.00%
Quantitative (Math) skills and analysis	2	1.04%
Utilizing Computers	5	2.56%
Determining Personal and Career Goals	4	2.08%
Enhancing Self-Confidence	3	1.54%
Working Cooperatively With Others	1	0.52%
Learning Independently	0	0.00%
Understanding Different Philosophies and Cultures	4	2.05%

Q24. Would you recommend Aiken Technical College to someone interested in attending college?

Response:	Count	Percent
Yes	188	97%
No	5	3%
Total	193	100%

If no, why?

Enrollment center is terrible; almost not worth the trouble
just not the nursing program

N/A

Not the Nursing Program

Pick your course of study wisely

Q25. In the space below, please add any comments in reference to your experience at Aiken Technical College.

	Count	Percent
Answered:	50	25%
Skipped:	148	75%
Total:	198	100%

Response:

ATC is a good place to gain skills. Although not having instructors for certain programs sometimes creates inefficiency in learning, its a good place to help you succeed in which ever field you choose to pursue. Staff and faculty are very helpful and try there best to make sure any issues are resolved.

Enjoyable experience

Enrollment center is unorganized and it make you not want to continue; they make thing really difficult; Financial Aid as well

Get more organized. Be better at answering the phone!

Good

good

Great college

Great Dual enrollment opportunity

Great place to start secondary education

Great professors

great school

I absolutely enjoyed my time @ Atc. They have helped me tremendously w/ all the skills I needed. Thank you.

I am very satisfied and will love to come back to ATC if I have the opportunity.

I did not appreciate when t_____ quit, waiting a year for a new program and having to retake

I enjoyed my experience at ATC and would recommend anyone to the school.

I had a great experience!

I had a wonderful experience at the school

I had an overall positive experience with ATC that's lead me to employment at SRS.

I just want to give a special thank you to Mr. White. He was the best professor and advisor without him I wouldn't be here.

I love bee in college

I loved it!

I really enjoyed the smaller class sizes.

I was made to feel that age is not a factor.

Intention plays a massive part in success- ATC provides the resources and instructors to push one's person to wherever desired -to force these is impossible but ATC does an amazing job compared to the resources of other students in other schools

It was great. Going to ATC this summer.

Mahvie was AMAZING!

-more dedicated instructors in the beginning of the program like Mr. Deal would've made a big difference. -Also \$757 for an "internship" class? That's a lot of money for one day for me to "present" material to my dean. unfair

Q25. (cont') In the space below, please add any comments in reference to your experience at Aiken Technical College.

Response:

My Accounting classes were very difficult and the teacher was always unprepared. Mr. White was an exceptional teacher. My public speaking teacher was inconsistent, it was hard to know exactly what he wanted.

My experience at Aiken Technical College was made more enjoyable by a specific professor, Mr. White. He honestly made classes fun and easy and I really appreciate what he taught me in every class. My experience was an eye opener into what adult life is like.

My experience was not bad buy due to lack of instructors in my program, i felt it could've been better.

My instructors were awesome! Everyone was very helpful and encouraging.

Needs more student activities; campus is dead outside of classrooms

nice and helpful professors

Not much college life since the basketball team.

Nursing instructor need a complete restruction

Overall, it's been nice.

pretty great college

The college as a whole is disorganized.

The instructors were very easy to work with and through this process, especially Dr. Agbor, Mrs. Thompson, and Mr. White.

The program was unorganized. I was mis advised and it took me an extra year to complete my the Radiation Protection dept needs work. give students factual info and don't change things up right before graduation. Students need to know exactly whats required of them when they start the program. too many unknowns.

This is a great school and a great experience.

Truly enjoyed my experience here

Try to get grades out earlier than the day before graduation

very excellent experience

Very good program

We had very few lab hours. That we paid for. Watching videos does not teach hands on!

went to school, its clean.

Would definitely recommend ST program to others

Q26. In the space below, please add any suggestions to enhance/improve services and activities offered through Aiken Technical College.

	Count	Percent
Answered:	26	13%
Skipped:	172	87%
Total:	198	100%

Response:

1. Bring Back Sports. 2. Calling Departments During Open Hours And No One Ever Picks Up Is Not Good. Something I could resolve over the phone, caused me to have to drive to the school cause no one ever picks up the phone. Bursar is good about that.

As far as activities please keep in mind that some people work throughout the day. It would be nice to have some things in the evenings.

ASC tutor's availability should be more accessible.

Better enrollment center, better snack machine that alternate snack. Financial Aid #1

Better enrollment service center (niceness, helpfulness, etc.)

encouraging people to participate in extracurricular (SGA, etc) -provide teacher incentives for students to do the nursing health sciences correctly to

Enrollment Services needs to be trained better and more informed; includes Financial Aid

Front desk needs help.

Get more extracurricular

Have more hands on things

Health Science Building needs better cleaning crew.

I believe the criminal justice program would thrive if promoted better

Improve on technical aspect

Maybe a little better communication.

more activities, more flexible times for class and a real cafeteria.

more hands on help & more understanding from instructors

More student activities

more student activities, possibly more food options outside of bookstore & vending machines

more teaching of the RPT related courses rather than reading us the slides

-more variety of classes

Thank you for everything ATC!

The fume extraction system in the welding lab is terribly under powered. Please upgrade it. Students and teachers health is harmed by welding fumes.

The school fitness area could be improved. If the locker room was available to students to use that could be helpful for busy adults trying to balance school, kids, jobs, fitness....

The school was great!

The services were all good to me