



## Graduation Survey Report Spring 2016

### Methodology

The annual Graduate survey was administered to graduates immediately prior to the graduation ceremony in the spring of 2016. The purpose of this survey was to evaluate ATC's services. A total of 162 out of 247 graduates responded to the survey. This report provides the results of the Graduate Survey.

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### Q2. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following:

Answer Options	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Response Count
MAJOR Program of Study	90	63	3	6	162
GENERAL EDUCATION program of study (non-major requirements)	74	77	4	1	156
OVERALL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE	79	76	4	1	160

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### Q3.a Please indicate your level of achievement in your educational objective:

Answer Options	Fully	Partially	Response Count
Did you achieve your education objective?	90	63	153

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### Q3.b Comments about level of achievement:

Comment Category	Response Count
Obtain a credential	31
Acquire new skills	13
To transfer to other Higher Education Institution	8

Q3.b Comments about level of achievement:	
Comment Category	Response Count
Required for Job	7
Personal achievement	6
To enter into other Program	6
Other	14

**Q4. What was your level of satisfaction with the services at Aiken Technical College?**

Answer Options	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not Applicable /No opinion	Response Count
Academic Success Center (tutoring)	61	50	2	0	47	160
Admissions	56	91	5	1	6	159
Advising	79	70	5	3	3	160
Bookstore	60	78	14	4	3	159
Career Development	59	60	3	1	36	159
Counseling Services	56	54	2	0	47	159
Distance Learning (online courses)	65	65	6	1	22	159
Financial Aid	74	63	3	4	14	158
Information Systems Management (help desk)	57	61	2	2	35	157
Library/Media Services	69	66	2	0	21	157
Student Life	48	63	2	3	41	157
Testing Center	60	64	7	3	22	156

**Q5. What was your level of satisfaction with the activities at Aiken Technical College?**

Answer Options	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not Applicable/ No opinion	Response Count
Campus Connections	42	35	3	1	72	153
Christian Life Club	34	34	4	1	80	153
Phi Theta Kappa	35	36	4	1	78	154
Student Government	32	34	3	1	83	153

**Q6. Read the statements below and mark all of the statements that apply.**

Answer Options	Yes	No	Response Count
I would recommend ATC to someone interested in attending college.	147	10	157
I would recommend ATC to someone interested in my program of study.	137	17	154

**Comment Section.**

Q2. Please provide a brief explanation of your educational objective while you have attended your program of study at ATC.
1. 3.0 GPA 2.6 GPA
2. AA Degree
3. Accounting program was excellent.
4. Achieving my 2 year degree.
5. ADM
6. As I attended ATC, I received an Associates of Arts Degree, where I will transfer to Clemson University, and major in English, where I will then further my education to becoming a lawyer.
7. Associate Degree in Nursing.
8. Awesome school; Awesome Nursing program.
9. Basically to complete coursed needed to be able to enter dental hygiene program.
10. Become a programmer that is confident in my abilities.
11. Business Management basics. Preparation for real world experiences.
12. Completed Rad Tech program!!

**Q2. Please provide a brief explanation of your educational objective while you have attended your program of study at ATC.**

13. earn a degree

14. Eventually work on BS

15. Everyone I have come across has gone above & beyond to help me achieve my goals. Thanks.

16. Gain an associates in Industrial Maintenance

17. get a degree to get a job

18. Get to a 4 yr. program

19. graduate

20. Graduate the nursing program.

21. Graduate w/ADN

22. graduation was my goal

23. Great experience, great education, and excited to be done.

24. I am graduating with a certificate in MA.

25. I am not completely finished with my program.

26. I attended this objective it study because teachers here were onboard.

27. I came to obtain a certification in the medical field.

28. I completed the business management program & received the degree I wanted.

29. I have learned a lot in this program. Ready to go to work.

30. I really enjoyed the learning experience

31. I really like Suvq.tech. Just wish it was more organized.

32. I started ATC to change careers and get a new job in that field and I accomplished both.

33. I started out wanted so much to be achieve an ADN in nursing and I was successful thanks to my instructors.

34. I wanted to acquire nursing knowledge and skills to be a great nurse. I did just that, with the help of such a great nursing instructors!

35. I wanted to advance in my area.

36. I wanted to get as much credits as possible out of the way before transferring.

37. I wanted to get my general studies degrees and find out what I wanted to do.

38. I was part of dual enrollment in the pre-engineering program, and wanted a firm foundation for my engineering career and ATC has helped me achieve this.

**Q2. Please provide a brief explanation of your educational objective while you have attended your program of study at ATC.**

39. I'm graduating with a MA certificate so I achieved my objective.

40. It was pretty challenging, but none the less enjoyable.

41. Japanese history.

42. Learn about computers.

43. learn basic business skills

44. Learn how to weld!

45. Learn more concepts in the bus. world.

46. Learned a lot of info that I will use in the future.

47. Learned to weld different processes.

48. Learning how to weld and fully grasp the implications that comes with this job.

49. My core classes were very accommodating; however, my program of study did not provide the required skills and knowledge. I had to study abroad to learn key skills and knowledge.

50. My educational objective was to gain more knowledge about business management. To learn what it takes to run a business.

51. My goal was to push myself academically and as a welder. I achieved that goal.

52. My initial educational objective has been met, but I decided to continue on to receive a second associates.

53. My objective was to obtain enough insight to successfully navigate the business world.

54. My objectives were to receive my AA in Early Childhood.

55. Needed to learn computer programming to enhance my skills at work.

56. No

57. Not finished; the grant continues for phlebotomy & EGC through August.

58. Nursing

59. Nursing program.

60. Obtain pre-requisites for admission into a BSN program.

61. PCA

62. Pre-req. for pharmD at USC

63. Radiology

64. Surgical Tech

**Q2. Please provide a brief explanation of your educational objective while you have attended your program of study at ATC.**

65. Teacher INSTRUCTOR NAME did not teach. Left out key paramedic skills. Curriculum not covered. (12 lead, drugs, drip rates)

66. To gain more knowledge in ecd field.

67. To get 2 degrees and did.

68. To get a degree and graduate.

69. To get an associate and further my employment

70. To graduate with an Associated Degree and enhance my education and skills.

71. To obtain a degree in Radiologic Sciences

72. To obtain a degree in Radiologic Technology

73. To obtain ADN

74. To obtain an Associates in Science-Major in Rad Tech, and leave w/a job

75. To receive a degree to change my career

76. To take up welding.

77. To take up welding.

78. To transfer to USCA and get my bachelors in biology

79. Transferring to complete my education goals. ATC was my starting point! Love it here!

80. Very good & helpful.

81. want a bachelors

82. Wanted to be in a medical program, took me years to get in.

83. We did not have an ECG teacher so we don't have an understanding of the course.

84. Will be attending ATC again for further education.

85. Will be coming back to further my education in the health field.

**Q7. If you indicated no for either question in #6, please explain.**

1. I liked ATC when I first started school. Then about my second semester, classes started getting dropped. It took three years of school for a two year program. Our lab hours in the 1800 building sucked. We had programs on a computer and the dean would kick us out because it's an "unsafe environment" for working on a computer trouble shooting a problem. It takes more than two hours to troubleshoot things. The school helped me get a job, but Aiken Tech is just not for me.

2. Incompetent paramedic instructor. Entire class agrees.
3. Rad program fell apart.
4. unorganized
5. Very unorganized.
6. You need to improve advising for scholarship.
7. The surgical technology program needs to be more organized.
8. Hours and amount of classes offer is very little, and doesn't offer you to work & go to school very well.
9. Financial aid was messed up three years in a row.
10. INSTRUCTOR LAST NAME didn't show up
11. Program needs more organization & structure
12. financial aid messed up mine for 3 years every semester
13. Multiple occurrences of not having classes when the majority of the group needed them, or classes starting multiple weeks late and having to learn a semester's worth of info in a few weeks.
14. I've already recommended ATC to friends interested in Nursing due to low cost per credit.
15. The PROGRAM REMOVED Instructor NAME REMOVED was not knowledgeable in her own program materials. She had to bring in outside sources to teach material. The class as a whole requested more lecture time in preparation for our National Exam. INSTRUCTOR NAME REMOVED advised she would bring in outside help after our graduation date. This is delaying our availability to reach the certification we're paid to obtain.
16. Even though the Expanded Duty Dental Assisting program accomplished everything that was said in the syllabus, I did not feel prepared for when it came to my board exams. I think that would make the course much better.

**Q8. In the space below, please add any comments in reference to your experience at Aiken Technical College and/or add any suggestions to enhance/improve services/activities offered through the College.**

1. The teachers put for a genuine effort to inform students.
2. My experience was great. The teachers are always there for me to answer my question and concerns. Being in the nurse was not an easy ride, but it was so worth it.
3. It has been a good experience.
4. I was very satisfied with my experience at ATC and the professors were outstanding such as McCord, Nolan, Cummings, Kronberg, who have helped me tremendously during my program studies.
5. The professors were very helpful and it made my time at ATC easier. However, more activates please, because there seemed to be less and less events within the last year.

6. For the past 3 years, my experience at ATC has been great. I enjoyed the college atmosphere and learned that my journey to a whole new world has just begun. My professors and advisors have been very helpful and resourceful.
7. Provide more activities for students on campus, ask them their opinions for what types of activities they want at ATC.
8. Better teaching communication
9. Better teacher communication!
10. Great school but need back-up teachers.
11. Great Experience, admissions is getting better.
12. I'm highly satisfied w/Aiken Tech.
13. Better Co-Op programs
14. Kronberg was great!
15. I just want to say Thank You to everyone @ ATC who made a difference in my life. I am more than happy, and grateful.
16. This was awesome especially once someone with a new sight and upto date information about the program came in. Old was good but old was over it.
17. I am very satisfied with my attendance throughout my time here at Aiken Tech.
18. Better instructor for Rad Tech Program
19. Very satisfied with instructors, ancillary staff, security, cleanliness. Consistently (over 3 years) dissatisfied by rude bookstore.
20. Bookstore needs to be a lot friendlier.
21. Bookstore is very uneasy to work around issues that inconvenience them.
22. I was not satisfied with Phi Theta Kappa. I didn't get any e-mails about meetings or events. Whomever was in charge needs to understand it's a school function, not just a job.
23. Loved it all! Will miss it!
24. I feel that the bookstore may need some new people and need to order right things.
25. Improve staffing in bookstore/enrollment center.
26. Less general ed, more major classes.
27. Great College!
28. May be split practice according to graduation time.
29. Need more online & classes offered.
30. Need better people in the financial aid office.
31. Computer Dept. was not my best.
32. good to start somewhere



33. do better with financial aid
34. I had a great advisor Mrs. Walker, she really kept me on track; always was available with quick feedback/response.
35. offer more hands on courses
36. Had multiple issues with INSTRUCTOR NAME REMOVED giving incorrect info or not giving any info at all. Had the chance to meet with ADMINISTRATIVE NAME REMOVED and she was very honest and helped as much as she could in several instances.
37. If there is one thing I would like to see is a day-care for these parents going back to school. In this day and time economically, it is hard to afford day care. I wish I would have seen this while I was on a medical program.
38. I truly love Aiken Technical College. Every instructor I've had was awesome, especially Dr. Walton. Awesome instructor.
39. Dr. Walton was the best teacher I have ever had. Her knowledge of nursing is terrific.
40. The only thing I can recommend is please fix the printer issues in the library!
41. The women in the testing center are rude and have been since my first day.
42. I felt like it was a good experience. The only issue was the women in the testing center were extremely rude since my 1st day at this school 3 years ago.
43. Awesome experience! The teachers in the Information Technology majors are very good at what they do.
44. I finished my requirements early and took my National test. I did not pass the test and requested class time to help learn the material. INSTRUCTOR NAME REMOVED denied the study time and the 48 hour refresher to test again. INSTRUCTOR NAME REMOVED is petty and brings outside problems into class and it affected our overall experience.
45. My suggestion would be to hire teachers before a semester starts for a class that you know needs one. It seemed like every semester the students in my program had to fight to keep classes from being canceled, even classes right before graduation. I was not a full time student for my last three semesters due to lack of classes!
46. The people here are great. Thank you for helping me in my program.

**Q9. Would you like a FREE DVD of today's graduation sent to the address above?**

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	81.2%	121
No	18.8%	28