

**Northwestern Connecticut Community College  
2006 Graduate Survey  
Executive Summary**

- In May 2006, a total of 129 students graduated from Northwestern Connecticut Community College. In November 2006, these students were surveyed to determine their level of satisfaction with NCCC services and programs as well as their current education and/or occupational status.
- A total of 27 surveys were returned, representing a return rate of approximately 21%. Response rates on this and other mail surveys have declined in recent years, mirroring a trend that has been noted at colleges and universities across the country. Overall, respondents closely resembled the graduating class. The majority were white (93%) and female (72%). Nearly 40% were 24 or younger at the time of graduation.
- Because not all graduates utilized all available services, the number of valid responses to individual questions varies. Responses marked “not applicable” have been removed from the analysis.
- The majority of respondents (73%) reported that they initially enrolled at Northwestern with the goal of earning an associate degree or certificate. More than one-fifth (27%) indicated an initial goal of earning credits for transfer to another institution. Nearly all (93%) indicated that they had achieved their goal(s) to some extent.
- The majority of respondents reported that they were satisfied or very satisfied with Northwestern’s programs and services. Respondents were less satisfied with bookstore prices and parking availability. In general, these responses reflect a consistency with information collected from previous years’ graduates.
- Most respondents (78%) were employed, either fulltime or part-time, at the time of the survey, while 19% reported unemployment. Nearly one-third (30%) indicated that their community college education had helped them obtain a new position, while over one-quarter (26%) reported a salary increase as a result of earning their degree or certificate. An additional 22% reported that their Northwestern education had helped them to maintain their current job.
- One-third(33%) of respondents were enrolled in a college or university at the time of the survey, and the majority (91%) of these indicated that their community college education had been excellent or good preparation for their current studies.