Community College Student Career Plans Survey
Nebraska Department of Education

(Note: this survey was online through Survey Monkey, and this print version approximates the layout of the online version)

I. Demographic Information

1. ID ____________________
2. Community College
   ______Central Community College       ______Northeast Community College
   ______Metropolitan Community College   ______Southeast Community College
   ______Mid-Plains Community College     ______Western Nebraska Community College

3. Age___ 4. gender ___Male ___Female

5. Race/Ethnicity Check all that apply:
   ___African American ___American Indian ___Asian ___ Hispanic ___ White
   ___other (please specify) ________________________________

II. HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

1. What, if any, elective career education courses did you take in high school?

2. What is the highest grade level you completed in high school?
   ___ 8th grade or less ___ 10th ___ 12th
   ___ 9th ___ 11th

3. Did you ever drop out of high school for a while? ___Yes ___No

4. Did you graduate from high school?
   ___Yes, in the U.S. ___Yes, in another country ___No
   5. If No: Did you earn a GED? ___Yes ___No ___Working on a GED ___Not applicable

6. Were you ever in an English as a Second Language (ESL) program in high school?
   ___Yes ___No

7. If Yes: How old were you when you began school in the U.S.? ______

III. FAMILY & HOUSING

1. Marital Status ___single ___married ___separated/divorced ___widowed

2. Do you live on campus? ___Yes ___No

3. Who lives with you in your household? Check all that apply:
   ___parent(s) ___spouse ___my child(ren) ___brother(s)/sister(s) ___grandparent(s)
   ___other relatives ___fiancée/girlfriend/boyfriend ___roommate ___other ________________
   ___I live by myself

4. Do you live in subsidized housing or get Section 8 rental assistance?
   ___Yes ___No
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5. Are you a parent/guardian of any children under the age of 18?  __Yes  ___No
[If you are NOT a parent/guardian of any children under age 18 living with you, skip to the
TRANSPORTATION section]

IV. CHILD CARE
1. How many children do you have under age 18?
   __1   __2   __3   __4   __5 or more

2. What are the ages of your children? (check all that apply)
   __less than 1 year   __1 to 2 years   __3 to 5 years
   __6 to 8 years   __9 to 11 years   __12 to 17 years
   __18 and older

3. What child care arrangements do you have when you are at work or school?
   Check all that apply:  __family member  __non family baby sitter  __family day care home
   __after school programs  __day care center  __preschool
   __not needed reason)_________________________________

4. What problems, if any, do you have with child care?
   __ no problems
   __ problems (please describe child care problems)

5. What do you believe could help relieve your child care problem(s)?

V. TRANSPORTATION
1. How do you usually travel between home and the college and/or work place?
   Check all that apply:  __I drive a car  __I drive a motorcycle  __someone gives me a ride
   __I’m in a car pool  __bus  __ walk  __ bicycle  __other ____________________________

2. What problems, if any, do you have with transportation?
   __ no problems
   __ problems (please describe transportation problems)

3. What do you believe could help relieve your transportation problem(s)?

VI. COMPUTER ACCESS
1. Where do you usually access a computer with internet service for your school work?
   Check all that apply:  __home  __college  __laptop with wireless  __work place
   __friend/family home  __library  __community center  __other ____________________________

2. What problems, if any, do you have with computer or internet access?
   __no problems
   __problems (please describe computer access problems)

3. What do you believe could help relieve your computer access problems (s)?
VII. FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND EMPLOYMENT
1. What types of financial support are you (and any children) receiving?  
   Check all that apply:  
   __ none of the following  __Pell grant  __student loan  __TRIO grant  __from my family  
   __child support  __scholarship(s)(specify)  __Employment First  __child care subsidy/assistance  

2. Please specify any other sources of financial support.

3. How many hours a week on average are you working for pay? _____

(If you do Not work for pay, skip to the POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION section)

4. What kind of work do you do at your job(s)? ________________________________

5. How much do you earn per hour on average? ________________

VIII. POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
1. What student support programs or services are you involved in at this college  
   Check all that apply:  __ESL  __ESL literacy lab  __Trio  __Upward Bound  
   __Veterans Upward Bound  __Student Support Services  __Single Parent Homemaker  __GED  
   __other student support services (specify) ________________________________

2. How many credit hours, if any, have you completed at the college level? ______

3. Are you currently enrolled in a program of study that will lead to a certificate, license, 
   diploma or degree?  __Yes  __No  

4. If YES, In what program are you enrolled? ________________________________

5. Are you taking courses for the purpose of transferring credit to another academic institution?  
   __Yes  __No

6. What is the highest level of education you think you will achieve one day?  
   Check only one:  __GED  __high school diploma  __vocational license/certificate  
   __2 year degree  __4 year degree  __Master’s degree or higher.

IX. CAREER PLANNING
1. Have you participated in any of the following activities to help you decide on possible career 
   options?  Check all that apply:  
   __ none  __interest assessment  __skills assessment  __career fair  __workplace field trip/job shadowing  
   __read career materials  __career exploration course/workshop/presentation  
   __specific career-related courses  __student career organization member (specify) __workstudy/apprentice/employment in career field  
   __college/university visit

2. Please specify any other type of career planning activities.

3. How well do you think your high school education prepared you to choose and plan for a 
   career?  Circle a number:  not well 1….2…..3…..4…..5…..6 very well
4. Which of the following considerations are important to you in your choice of a career?  
**Check all that apply:**  
___ interesting to me  ___ matches my skills  ___ pay/benefits  ___ work environment  
___ people I’d work with  ___ value to society  ___ my family’s support  ___ friends’ support  
___ education requirements  ___ scholarship availability  ___ cost of education  ___ job security  
___ opportunity to travel  ___ flexible schedule  ___ availability of jobs  ___ location of jobs  
___ other ____________________________________________________________________

X. CAREER PLANNING (continued)  
1. What is your occupation goal for the near future?  

2. What is your ultimate career goal?  

3. What are the steps you plan to take to pursue that career?  

4. Have any family members attended college?  
   ___ parent/guardian  ___ brother  ___ sister  ___ aunt  ___ uncle  
   ___ cousin (male)  ___ cousin (female)  ___ none of the above  ___ don’t know  

5. How encouraging are your family members for you to go to college?  
   ___ very supportive  ___ somewhat supportive  ___ not at all supportive  
   comments:__________________________________________________________________

XI. CAREER PLANNING (continued)  
1. Which of the following problems do you face in terms of going to college? **Check all that apply**  
   ___ cost of tuition and books  ___ cost of housing  ___ cost of food and other basic expenses  
   ___ lack of affordable transportation  ___ distance  ___ hours needed for work  ___ physical disabilities  
   ___ lack of interest  ___ poor grades  ___ academic skills  ___ lack of family support  ___ language  
   ___ discrimination  ___ don’t know what to study  ___ lack of information about college choices  
   ___ lack of information on financial aid  ___ lack of information on how to apply or register  
   ___ lack of information about programs  ___ child care access  ___ child care quality  ___ child care costs  
   ___ paying child support  ___ computer/internet access  
   other (specify)______________________________________________________________  
   ___ nothing

2. Who or what have been very helpful to you in identifying and pursuing education and/or career opportunities? **Check all that apply:**  
   ___ parent/guardian  ___ other family member  ___ high school guidance counselor  
   ___ high school teacher  ___ high school principal/administrator  ___ college recruiter  
   ___ college counselor  ___ college instructor  ___ college student support program  
   ___ community/religious organization program  ___ friend  
   ___ other (specify)__________________________________________________________________

3. What ideas do you have for ways to make it easier for you and others to identify career options and obtain the necessary education to pursue your goals?
XII. CAREER FIELD: INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

The following questions concern your attitudes about two different broad career fields: Industrial Technology and Business

Career Field: Industrial Technology, including Architecture, Construction, Manufacturing, Engineering and Transportation

1. Are you potentially interested in any following Industrial Technology career options for yourself? Check all that apply:
   ___ drafter   ___architect   ___building inspector   ___civil engineer   ___welder   ___electrician
   ___woodworker   ___carpenter   ___automobile mechanic   ___autobody repair
   ___ truck driver   ___ small engine mechanic   ___aircraft mechanic   ___heavy equipment operator
   ___other Industrial Technology careers _____________________________________

2. How much do you know about this career field?
   Circle a number:  nothing 1….2….3….4….5….6  a great deal

3. What people do you know working or studying in this career field? Check all that apply:
   ___ no one   ___ family member (male)   ___ family member (female)
   ___ friend (male)   ___ friend (female)   ___ other (male)   ___ other (female)

4. If you have little or no interest in the above Industrial Technology career options, what are your reasons?

XIII. CAREER FIELD: BUSINESS

Career Field: Business, including Management, Marketing, Finance, Human Resources, Business Analysis, Communications and Administrative/Information Support

1. Are you potentially interested in any of the following Business career options for yourself? Check all that apply:
   ___ general manager   ___ market research analyst   ___ sales manager   ___ accountant   ___ bookkeeper
   ___ financial analyst   ___ human resources manager   ___ insurance agent   ___ real estate broker
   ___ public relations specialist   ___ customer service representative   ___ public administrator
   ___ database manager   ___ web designer   ___ other Business careers ___________________________

2. How much do you know about this career field?
   Circle a number:  nothing 1….2….3….4….5….6  a great deal

3. What people do you know working or studying in this career field? Check all that apply:
   ___ no one   ___ family member (male)   ___ family member (female)
   ___ friend (male)   ___ friend (female)   ___ other (male)   ___ other (female)

4. If you have little or no interest in the above Business career options, what are your reasons?