

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

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 3 5 or more
 2 4

2. What are the ages of your children? (check all that apply)

- less than 1 year 6 to 8 years 18 and older
 1 to 2 years 9 to 11 years
 3 to 5 years 12 to 17 years

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?