

# *Institutional Evaluation*

**2001-2002 THROUGH 2005-2006  
EMPLOYER QUESTIONNAIRE  
RESULTS FOR THE COLLEGE**

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**2005-2006 SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING  
TRI-COUNTY TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
FROM EMPLOYERS  
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## **Executive Summary**

### **Overview**

From January through June 2006, employers of diploma and associate degree graduates obtaining degrees from 7/1/04 through 6/30/05 were surveyed by the Institutional Research and Evaluation Department. The survey consisted of two mailings. Only the supervisors of graduates employed in the field were surveyed.

### **Results**

The survey asked direct supervisors of the graduates the following question: What additional programs or services could Tri-County Technical College provide to better meet your needs? A total of 236 employers were surveyed. Of the 236 employers surveyed, 21 or 9% provided suggestions. The suggestions from highest to lowest frequency of response were (1) program specific requests (6%), (2) various other requests (2%), and (3) more hands-on training (1%).

### **Implications**

There were a limited number of suggestions. However, one suggestion, “more partnerships with area businesses”, emerged from several different programs.

## **Business and Public Services Employers**

### **Accounting - 4 Employers Surveyed**

- No responses.

### **Computer Technology - 10 Employers Surveyed**

- No responses.

### **Criminal Justice Technology - 10 Employers Surveyed**

- Train in the area of practical problems.

### **Early Childhood Development - 18 Employers Surveyed**

- Collaborate with area child care facilities to offer a series of classes on ITERS, ECERS. This is the best opportunity to change the face of our preschools in South Carolina. Politically support our pre-schools' work as opposed to putting our 3 and 4 year olds inside the public school environment. As an owner, I am only one voice.
- Training classes that meet DSS requirements each year for our staff.
- I would like to have a partnership with your agency to effectively recruit your graduates.
- Better guidance and discipline skills.

### **Management - 15 Employers Surveyed**

- Tri-County Technical College does an excellent job.
- Offer bachelor degrees.

### **Office Systems Technology/Automated Office - 12 Employers Surveyed**

- Offer a program to help teacher's aides.
- This graduate is an excellent employee and has excellent office skills. She has had a lot of office experience that added to her overall exceptional skills.

### **Radio and Television Broadcasting - 7 Employers Surveyed**

- No responses.

## **Health Education Employers**

### **Associate Degree Nursing - 35 Employers Surveyed**

- Professionalism.

### **Expanded Duty Dental Assisting - 13 Employers Surveyed**

- No responses.

### **Medical Assisting - 9 Employers Surveyed**

- No responses.

### **Medical Laboratory Technology - 5 Employers Surveyed**

- Offer a histology technician program.

### **Practical Nursing - 21 Employers Surveyed**

- More concentration in geriatrics.
- Inform the area director of nursing of upcoming senior class so we can make contact and recruit.
- Please call me, Donna Robinson, RNC, DON at NHC in Anderson (226-8356).

### **Respiratory Care - 7 Employers Surveyed**

- No responses.

### **Surgical Technology - 9 Employers Surveyed**

- You need an x-ray technician program, it is in high demand.

### **Veterinary Technology - 15 Employers Surveyed**

- More exposure to oncology and chemotherapy agents.

## **Industrial and Engineering Technology Employers**

### **Electronics Engineering Technology - 3 Employers Surveyed**

- No responses.

### **Engineering Graphics Technology - 2 Employers Surveyed**

- Architectural engineering.

### **General Engineering Technology - 3 Employers Surveyed**

- Work with Tim Pickerd at our corporate headquarters in Spartanburg for some additional classes, instrumentation and variable speed driver.

### **Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Technology/Industrial Maintenance - 4 Employers Surveyed**

- No responses.

### **Industrial Electronics Technology - 17 Employers Surveyed**

- Do you provide a day for companies to come and interview soon-to-be graduates? If not, you should consider this. If so, I have not received information on it.

### **Machine Tool Technology - 8 Employers Surveyed**

- More cutting tool knowledge.

### **Quality Assurance - 1 Employer Surveyed**

- No responses.

### **Textile Management - 4 Employers Surveyed**

- No responses.

### **Welding Technology - 4 Employers Surveyed**

- Maybe some on-the-job training.