

Illinois Community College Board Frequently Asked Questions

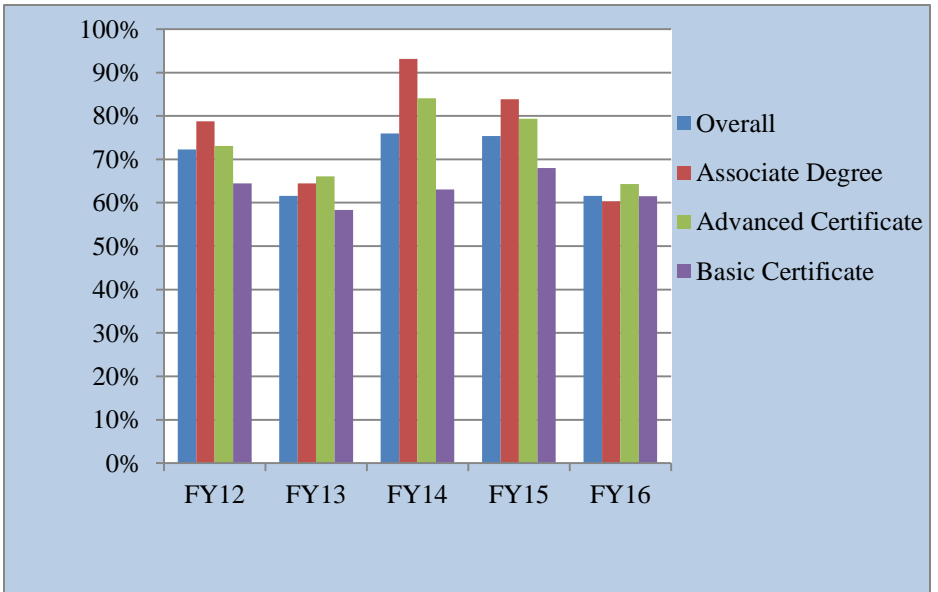
TO WHAT EXTENT ARE POSITIONS GRADUATES OBTAIN RELATED TO THEIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE MAJORS?

Illinois community college Career and Technical Education (CTE) program graduates from selected programs are surveyed during the March after graduation using a standardized questionnaire. For most graduates, this is about nine months after program completion. Graduates share their views about the programs they completed and their subsequent employment and educational experiences. CTE programs for the statewide analysis are surveyed on a five year cycle. Graduates from twenty percent of the CTE programs are included each year.

Table 1 Program Completers in Selected Career and Technical Education Programs in Related Employment Fiscal Years 2012-2016						
	FY 12	FY 13	FY14	FY15	FY16	5-Yr Average
Total	72.3%	61.6%	76.0%	75.4%	61.6%	71.4%
Associate Degree	78.7%	64.4%	93.1%	83.8%	60.4%	80.4%
Advanced Certificate (30 hours or more)	73.1%	66.1%	84.0%	79.3%	64.3%	74.1%
Basic Certificate (Less than 30 hours)	64.5%	58.3%	63.1%	68.0%	61.5%	63.5%
SOURCE OF DATA: Follow-Up Study of FY11-15 Career and Technical Education Program Completers						

Based on the latest available results, in March 2016 **nearly eight out of ten** (61.6 percent) of fiscal year 2015 graduates were **employed in positions related to the field in which they studied at the community college**. The five year average was higher with 71.4 percent of CTE graduates working in a field related to their community college studies.

Five year average statewide results show **more education and training was associated with higher rates of working in a related field**. The latest results from March 2016 show the proportion of graduates working in related fields for Associate degree graduates was 80.4 percent, compared to 74.1 percent for completers of Certificates of One Year or More and 63.5 percent for graduates with Certificates of Less Than One Year.



ICCB discontinued collection of the Career and Technical Education Follow-up Study in FY2016.

For more information, please see the Follow-up Study of Career and Technical Education Program Graduates, http://www.iccb.org/data/?page_id=47.

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