

CAREER AND PROFESSIONAL ASPIRATIONS SURVEY
2010 Student Affairs' Student Voice Survey Results
Student Voice Survey Report #6



Student Affairs periodically conducts surveys about issues which impact students. In April 2010 Student Affairs conducted four surveys utilizing Student Voice, an entity which develops surveys in partnership with national experts. The surveys assess students' perceptions and experience, providing comparative data with national respondents. Every currently registered Evergreen student was randomly selected to participate in one of the four surveys, and upon completion of one survey they were invited to participate in another survey. Total response rate across all surveys was 38%. Overall, the respondents were similar to the Evergreen student population, with females and upper-class students responding at a higher rate. Participation was voluntary and all responses were completely confidential; the resulting data is reported only in the aggregate.

This report highlights some results from the **Career and Professional Aspirations Survey related to use of services**. The survey had 397 respondents for a response rate of 33%.

We welcome questions or comments. Please direct them to [Michael Sledge](#) or [Wendy Endress](#), Co-Chairs of the Student Affairs Assessment Initiative.

	TESC	National
Visited Career Services at least once/quarter during my time at Evergreen	12%	20%
Of those using some services:		
Used individual counseling at least once/year	51%	58%
Used resume writing assistance at least once/year	49%	63%
Used job search assistance at least once/year	42%	60%
Online resume and job listing system	14%	21%

*Career Services reported 19% of students visited Career Services in 2010-11

Percent of students who used the following services while enrolled at Evergreen once a year or more who found the service or program to be somewhat or very helpful

	TESC	National
Resume writing/reviewing assistance	86%	87%
Practice interview sessions	80%	83%
Career skills testing and career assessments	73%	72%
Graduate school information assistance	67%	74%
Internship/Co-op search assistance	67%	67%
Individual career counseling	66%	77%
Career or employment workshops	57%	75%
On-campus job fairs	47%	66%
Job search assistance	47%	62%
Career Services online resume and job listing delivery system	14%	24%

*Respondents indicating they used the identified service



Top Reasons for Not Using Career Services-related Resources

	TESC	National
I was not aware of the services	34%	33%
I am not ready to utilize services	32%	39%
I am too busy	31%	34%
I already have a job	30%	23%

Received career information/advice/mentoring once a year or more from the following sources:

	TESC %who received advice	TESC %of those who found it to be somewhat or very helpful	National %who received advice	National %of those who found it to be somewhat or very helpful
Friends/peers	80%	70%	82%	72%
Parents/other family members	75%	61%	79%	69%
Faculty members	75%	76%	68%	67%
Professional in the field in which I am interested	53%	58%	59%	62%
Academic advisor	47%	50%	75%	67%
Alumni from my college	26%	34%	26%	30%
Online social networking sites	24%	17%	29%	22%
Career Services staff at my college	17%	22%	25%	30%
Online social networking sites	24%	17%	29%	22%

*All respondents

Percent of students who somewhat or strongly agree that as a result of the career advice/counseling/information I have received since enrolling at my college

	TESC	National
I have gained skills/abilities that I will use after college	66%	72%
My critical thinking/problem solving skills have improved	60%	60%
I am better able to articulate my values, attitudes, and beliefs	60%	60%
I am more likely to complete my degree at this college	59%	64%
I feel better prepared to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds	58%	59%
I am better able to articulate my life goals	58%	57%
My satisfaction with my collegiate experience has improved	57%	59%
My understanding of diverse perspectives has changed	57%	58%
I am more aware of careers that relate to my area of interest	55%	63%
I am more likely to seek career advice/counseling/information on campus, if needed, in the future	51%	58%
I feel more confident in my ability to create a resume that showcases my skills and talents	45%	52%
I feel confident in my ability to land a job in my chosen field upon graduation	41%	56%
I feel better prepared to interview for jobs	38%	45%

*All respondents