

Northeast Alabama Community College

**2015 Alumni Survey
of 2013-2014 Degree and Certificate Recipients**

Report



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The mission of Northeast Alabama Community College is to provide accessible quality educational opportunities, promote economic growth, and enhance the quality of life for the people of Alabama.

Each year during the summer term, graduates and certificate achievers of the previous academic year are surveyed to gather information about their experiences at NACC and their status/accomplishments in the year following completion of their NACC studies. In order to review the college's accomplishments as well as areas in need of improvement as we strive to fulfill the NACC mission, we ask the alumni to provide their perceptions of their educational experiences at both NACC and transfer institutions and/or the impact of their NACC experience on their status in the workforce.

The Office of Institutional Planning and Assessment mailed the 2015 Alumni Survey notices to the 408 AA, AS, and AAS graduates and the Practical Nursing certificate completers of the 2013-2014 academic year. In a continuing effort to increase response to the survey, this year we again offered a special gift – an NACC drink coolie – to each respondent and entered all participants in a drawing for a \$100 gift card to Amazon.com. In addition to reminder phone calls, a follow-up letter was mailed in an effort to increase survey submissions. The result was a 17.2% response rate (70 alumni), a 2% increase over the previous year.

Almost 50 percent of the respondents received AA and AS degrees, and just over 50 percent of respondents received either AAS degrees or Practical Nursing certificates. Please note that some of the 70 alumni received more than one type of degree.

Overall, the respondents indicated satisfaction with their experiences at NACC. In fact, 95.6% rated their overall perception of NACC as either *positive* or *very positive*, and the same percentage of respondents stated that they would recommend the college to friends and family. The full report provides a detailed tabulation of each survey item. Summary highlights include the following:

- 95.7% of respondents indicated that they achieved their educational goals that were set upon enrollment in NACC.
- 75.0% of alumni who are enrolled at another institution felt that they were more than adequately prepared for continued education.
- Of the alumni responding to the survey, 77% are currently employed in Northeast Alabama.

In the survey, students were asked if they had taken distance education courses at NACC. Based on this information, results can be disaggregated based on mode of course delivery for each student. Of the alumni responding to the survey who were distance education students, 95.2% indicated that they achieved their educational goals, compared to 95.9% for traditional students. In addition, 90% of distance education alumni rated their overall perception of Northeast as very positive or positive, while 96% of alumni who took traditional courses rated their overall perception as very positive or positive.

It should be noted that responses are based upon student experiences of at least one to two years ago and that some, especially among students who attended part time, may be based upon experiences prior to that. When reviewing this report, readers should take note of the number of respondents for each item and understand that some items received responses which may prove insufficient for a valid assessment. Overall, the survey does provide an adequate picture of the perceptions of alumni concerning their experiences at NACC as well as information about their status since completing their degrees or certificates.

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Respondent Information

Total Number of Respondents: 70[†]

Degree/Certificate*	Respondents
AA	5
AS	28
AAS, Business Management & Supervision	2
AAS, Child Development	3
AAS, Criminal Justice	1
AAS, Drafting and Design Technology	1
AAS, Engineering Technology	1
AAS, Industrial Electronics Technology	1
AAS, Industrial Systems Technology	7
AAS, Medical Assistant	2
AAS, Office Administration	8
AAS, Nursing	6
AAS, Salon and Spa Management	2

*Three students degree/certificate earned could not be determined due to the anonymity of this survey.

Gender	Respondents	Percent
Male	20	29.0%
Female	49	71.0%
Total	69	100.0%

Current age	Respondents	Percent
Under 18	1	1.4%
18-20	4	5.8%
21-25	28	40.6%
26-30	5	7.2%
31-40	9	13.0%
41-50	8	11.6%
51-60	9	13.0%
Over 60	5	7.2%
Total	69	100.0%

Racial/ethnic group	Respondents	Percent
African American/Black	1	1.4%
Asian/Pacific Islander	–	–
Hispanic/Latino	2	2.9%
Native American	3	4.3%
White	63	91.3%
Other	–	–
Total	69	100.0%

[†]Some respondents chose not to answer all survey items.

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1. Did you achieve the educational goals you set when you entered NACC?

Response	Respondents	Percent
Yes	67	95.7%
No	3	4.3%
Total	70	100.0%

Continued Education

2. What is your current status in regard to further education?

Status	Respondents	Percent
Enrolled in a senior institution	26	37.1%
Enrolled at NACC for further coursework	–	–
Enrolled in another two-year institution	2	2.9%
Working, not in college, but considering further education in the future	22	31.4%
Working, no plans to continue education	11	15.7%
Not working, not in college, but considering further education in the future	3	4.3%
Not working, no plans to continue education	6	8.6%
Total	70	100.0%

3. Have you taken classes at any other college or university since you left NACC?

Response	Respondents	Percent
Yes	28	40.0%
No	42	60.0%
Still enrolled at NACC, not taking classes at another institution	–	–
Total	70	100.0%

Items 4-11 are based on the responses of students who indicated enrollment at another college or university since leaving NACC.

4. If you are enrolled in a senior institution or in another two-year institution, what is the name of the institution?

Institution	Respondents
Athens State University	3
Auburn University	1
Jacksonville State University	6
Snead State Community College	1
Troy State University	1
University of Alabama	1
University of Alabama at Birmingham	1
University of Alabama at Huntsville	5
University of Montevallo	1
University of North Alabama	2
Total	22

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5. What is your expected completion date?

Year	Respondents
2015	2
2016	12
2017	6
2018	2
Total	22

6. How well did NACC prepare you for continued education?

NACC preparation for continued education	Respondents	Percent
Exceptionally well	14	50.0%
More than adequately	7	25.0%
Adequately	4	14.3%
Not well	3	10.7%
Total	28	100.0%

7. What was your cumulative GPA when you graduated from NACC?

Cumulative GPA at NACC	Respondents	Percent
3.5 - 4.0	21	75.0%
3.0 - 3.49	5	17.9%
2.5 - 2.99	2	7.1%
Below 2.5	–	–
Total	28	100.0%

8. What is your cumulative GPA at your transfer institution (even if not currently enrolled)?

Cumulative GPA at transfer institution	Respondents	Percent
3.5 - 4.0	18	64.3%
3.0 - 3.49	7	25.0%
2.5 - 2.99	2	7.1%
Below 2.5	1	3.6%
Total	28	100.0%

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9. Did you consult the STARS guide for your major and transfer institution while attending NACC?

Response	Respondents	Percent
Yes	20	71.4%
No*	6	21.4%
Neither of the above	2	7.1%
Total	28	100.0%

*Complete response: "No, I consulted the catalog or website of my transfer institution instead."

10. Did all of your NACC courses transfer?

Response	Respondents	Percent
Yes	22	78.6%
No	6	21.4%
Total	28	100.0%

11. If all of your NACC courses did not transfer, please indicate the problem area(s). Mark all that apply.

Response	No. of Responses
Some courses were not accepted because I changed my major.	3
Some courses were not accepted because they did not apply to my major.	3
Some courses were not accepted because I had an excessive number of hours.	2
Some courses were not accepted because the course content was challenged.	3

General Education Outcomes

12. Please rate the quality of your NACC experiences in contributing to your growth in the following areas:

	Respondents	Excellent	Good	Average	Unsatisfactory
Ability to write effectively	68	47.1%	41.2%	8.8%	2.9%
Ability to speak effectively	68	45.6%	50.0%	4.4%	–
Ability to use analytical thinking skills to solve mathematical problems	68	48.5%	38.2%	10.3%	2.9%
Ability to use current computer technology	68	50.0%	39.7%	5.9%	4.4%
Ability to research and retrieve information	68	63.2%	35.3%	–	1.5%

Employment

13. If you are currently employed, please indicate the location of your job. If not employed, do not respond.

Current job location	Respondents	Percent
Cherokee County	1	1.9%
DeKalb County	18	34.0%
Etowah County	1	1.9%
Jackson County	13	24.5%
Madison County	5	9.4%
Marshall County	4	7.6%
In another Alabama county	6	11.3%
Out of state	6	11.3%
Total Respondents*	53	100.0%

*One respondent indicated that he or she worked in two counties.

14. If you are currently employed, what is your salary range?

Current job location	Respondents	Percent
Less than \$10,000	16	30.2%
\$10,000 to \$19,999	12	22.6%
\$20,000 to \$29,999	11	20.8%
\$30,000 to \$39,999	8	15.1%
\$40,000 to \$49,999	4	7.5%
\$50,000 or above	2	3.8%
Total	53	100.0%

Overall Perceptions of NACC

15. Indicate your overall perception of the following services that you experienced at NACC. Do not rate services for which you had no experience.

Services	Respondents	Very		Dissatisfied	Very	
		Satisfied	Satisfied		Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied
Quality of instruction	68	67.6%	26.5%	2.9%	2.9%	
Relationship with faculty	68	75.0%	22.1%	1.5%	1.5%	
Academic advising	67	65.7%	25.4%	7.5%	1.5%	
Tutorial services	46	50.0%	43.5%	6.5%	–	
Programs of study offered	69	59.4%	34.8%	4.3%	1.4%	
Career counseling	53	43.4%	47.2%	5.7%	3.8%	
Registrar services (transcripts, etc.)	63	74.6%	23.8%	–	1.6%	
Student disability services	27	52.0%	48.0%	–	–	
Student activities (intramural sports, clubs, honor societies, special events, etc.)	47	44.7%	44.7%	6.4%	4.3%	
Technology training opportunities/services	46	43.5%	50.0%	6.5%	–	
Financial aid services	62	69.4%	24.2%	4.8%	1.6%	
Veterans services	29	44.8%	55.2%	–	–	
Library services	67	67.2%	32.8%	–	–	
Bookstore services and products	67	56.7%	34.3%	9.0%	–	
Business office (cashier) services	57	59.6%	40.4%	–	–	
Security services	55	60.0%	40.0%	–	–	

16. Please rate your overall perception of NACC.

Overall perception of NACC	Respondents	Percent
Very Positive	51	73.9%
Positive	15	21.7%
Negative	1	1.4%
Very Negative	2	2.9%
Total	69	100.0%

17. Would you recommend NACC to your friends and family?

Response	Respondents	Percent
Yes	66	95.7%
No	3	4.3%
Total	69	100.0%

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18. Since completing your program, have you attended any event on the NACC campus?

Response	Respondents	Percent
Yes	18	25.7%
No	52	74.3%
Total	70	100.0%

Events Attended by Alumni
50 th Anniversary Celebration
Latino Festival
Math Challenge
Miss Northeast
Theatre Performance
Veterans Ceremony

Items Specific to AAS and Certificate* Program Completers

19. What is your current status?

Current status	Respondents	Percent
Employed full or part time in a job related to training at NACC	13	52.0%
Employed full or part time in a job not related to training at NACC	6	24.0%
Employed full or part time in a job not related to training, but seeking employment in field	2	8.0%
Unemployed, seeking employment	–	–
Unemployed, not seeking employment	3	12.0%
Full-time student and not currently employed	1	4.0%
Total	25	100.0%

20. How has your coursework at NACC assisted you in your current or more recently held jobs?

NACC coursework assistance	Respondents	Percent
Helped me to obtain the job; degree or certificate was required	9	40.9%
Helped me to obtain the job, but the degree or certificate was not required	5	22.7%
Helped me improve my job performance on the job I already held	3	13.6%
Helped me advance on the job I already held	–	–
Coursework was unrelated to the job I already held	4	18.2%
Coursework was related to my job, but did not improve my performance	1	4.5%
Total	22	100.0%

21. Has completion of your program resulted in an increase in your wage level?

Response	Respondents	Percent
Yes	10	43.5%
No	13	56.5%
Total	23	100.0%

*Practical Nurse certificate completers only.

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22. If you are now employed or have been employed in a job related to your training at NACC since completion of your program, please indicate how well your program at NACC prepared you for your work.

Work preparation	Respondents	Percent
Very well	7	38.9%
Adequately	8	44.4%
Not well	–	–
Not at all	3	16.7%
Total	18	100.0%

23. If you requested guidance in choosing an occupation, please rate the assistance you received at NACC.

Career guidance	Respondents	Percent
Excellent	6	46.2%
Above Average	4	30.8%
Average	2	15.4%
Below Average	1	7.7%
Total	13	100.0%

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Items 24-28 contain only the responses of those indicating that they had completed a degree or certificate in the noted program.

24. Cosmetology (Certificate) Majors: If you have taken the National Interstate Council of State Board of Cosmetology exam, please rate how well the NACC cosmetology program prepared you for this exam:

Preparation for National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology exam	Respondents	Percent
Very well	2	100.0%
Adequately	–	–
Not well	–	–
Not at all	–	–
Total	2	100.0%

25. Practical Nurse Majors: If you have taken the NCLEX-PN exam, please rate how well the NACC nursing program prepared you for this exam:

Preparation for NCLEX-PN exam	Respondents	Percent
Very well	1	100.0%
Adequately	–	–
Not well	–	–
Not at all	–	–
Total	1	100.0%

26. AAS Nursing Majors: If you have taken the NCLEX-RN exam, please rate how well the NACC nursing program prepared you for this exam:

Preparation for NCLEX-RN exam	Respondents	Percent
Very well	2	50.0%
Adequately	2	50.0%
Not well	–	–
Not at all	–	–
Total	4	100.0%

27. AAS ILT Majors: If you have taken the Electronics Technicians Association, International certification exam, please rate how well the NACC ILT program prepared you for this exam:

Preparation for the Electronics Technicians Association, International Certification exam	Respondents	Percent
Very well	2	50.0%
Adequately	2	50.0%
Not well	–	–
Not at all	–	–
Total	4	100.0%

28. AAS Medical Assistant Majors: If you have taken the Registered Medical Assistant exam, please rate how well the NACC Medical Assistant program prepared you for this exam:

Registered Medical Assistant exam	Respondents	Percent
Very well	1	50.0%
Adequately	–	–
Not well	–	–
Not at all	1	50.0%
Total	2	100.0%

Comments*

Please briefly describe an outstanding activity, course, event, or person you encountered or experienced at NACC.

- All student services employed nice, helpful, and genuine people who were competent and helpful.
- Café was a cool hang out, and Don Reeves was amazing.
- Hugo Deangelis and Bruce Bachelor
- I could ALWAYS rely on Susan Webb if I ever needed ANYTHING!!
- I learned a lot in my computer classes.
- I took some classes under Keith Andrews. He was very informative with a great personality.
- Julise Clements over the Salon Institute. A very outgoing and positive teacher.
- Kevin Holt, Rodney Land, Misty Chapman
- Mr. Land was an exceptional teacher and advisor.
- Mr. Woodall was an exemplary instructor.
- Ms. Gilliland is an amazing teacher and mentor. I thoroughly enjoyed having her as an instructor.
- Ms. Pace was a wonderful teacher. Mr. McBride made learning accounting fun! That's hard to do!
- Ms. Whitten and Ms. Dalton were wonderful. Always so very helpful.
- Ms. Chapman inspired me to become a biology major. She really believed in me and cared.
- NACC Nursing program activities within the community
- NACC Theater; Sharon Totten; Ms. Wright
- PTK!!!!
- The chemistry department was very interesting, and I learned a lot.
- While at NACC, I had many great instructors. Ms. Pace was by far the best!
- Ms. Reeves. I met her my first semester at NACC and signed up for her classes every semester I attended NACC (excluding one). She encouraged me to join SGA and SKD and to actively participate around campus. She is one of the most influential people I have ever met and I am so thankful that she is in my life. I still keep in close contact with her.
- I was very impressed with Ms. Haley Johnson. She not only helped me with scheduling and counseling but she was also an instructor in three of my classes.
- Ms. Reeves was very knowledgeable about what I needed to do to transfer to 4-year school. She also helped my daughter decide on her career path, and she wasn't her advisor. Always willing to help.
- Janet Gardner is an outstanding instructor that will take the time and effort to help in anyway needed.
- An outstanding event that I encountered was the Miss Northeast pageant. It was such a blast to be a part of. Also, Dr. Campbell, Ms. Webb, Ms. Wildman, Ms. Okwu, Ms. Rice, and all the others in the Pendley Administration building became like family to me! They are a great group of people.
- The Mu Alpha Theta honor society provided me with numerous opportunities. The faculty members: Mr. Millican, Ms. Breland and Mr. Niblett were especially supportive.
- Ms. Yolanda Chandler, Ms. Janet Gardner, Ms. Jane Hopson, Ms. Donna Bruce, and Dr. Williamson were excellent instructors that helped me with any issue I had!
- Every faculty member and teacher I encountered at NACC was nothing short of outstanding. I especially admire all faculty of the biology department including Coach Dwight Griffith, Dr. Eugene Miller, Ms. Denise Patterson and Mr. Rodney Land. When I had a conflict with my schedule to take Gen. Chem. 1, Mr. Land generously offered to teach me the class 1-on-1 if I could not get things worked out to take it in class. I could not believe he offered to do this for me. Thankfully I was able to take it in class. All teachers I had at NACC had the same passion he did, and that is what I loved about NACC.
- Mrs. Debra O'Neal was my counselor. I also had her for an Instructor in several of my classes. She made me want to work harder and excel in all my endeavors. I was impressed with her energy.

*Some comments have been edited for correction of spelling, punctuation, grammatical, or mechanical errors, or for clarification. The intent of these comments has not been altered.

Please briefly describe an outstanding activity, course, event, or person you encountered or experienced at NACC. (continued)

- While I attended NACC, I had the opportunity to take Theater Appreciation with Mr. Webb. I absolutely loved his class and him as a teacher. He taught everyday and was always in class. Mr. Webb was an amazing teacher, as well as advisor.
- During my last semester, I had the opportunity to participate in the Office Administration office co-op, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I believe that it is a very beneficial part of the program as it gives you real hands-on experience.
- My advisor at NACC was Ms. O'Neal. She was extremely helpful. I contacted Ms. White during my transfer to Athens, and she was very helpful also.
- All of my nursing instructors were brilliant. They were always there when I had any type of problem or question.
- An outstanding person I met was Dr. Totten. I hate math, but she helped me understand it, helped me when the MyMathLab messed up, and made class enjoyable.
- Although I had very little math knowledge, the tutors and professors helped me to gain a better understanding and help me pass what was a very difficult time in math courses!
- Mr. McBride hands down was my outstanding person. He was a great teacher, very knowledgeable in his field and was willing to go over and above for all his students.
- I think Dr. Totten was quite outstanding. Quite an amazing teacher. Helped me out quite a lot.
- The welding program was more hands on getting the experience needed and not just sitting in the classroom.
- Will Roberts, Barry Wigley, & Mark Johnson - all are instructors that care about their students and are willing to go above and beyond to help them.
- Taking speech was an exceptional course for me. I have always wanted to be able to talk in front of a crowd.
- I absolutely love Misty Chapman. She is the best instructor I have ever had at NACC. She is hard but knows how to teach. She makes you work hard, she doesn't just give you a grade you have to work for it and quite frankly it should be that way. Because of her I am excelling in nursing school.
- Psychology class was a wonderful experience. The teacher, I can't think of his name. He gave me a new outlook on life.
- Britney in the math lab was very thoughtful and helpful during my time at NACC. I also enjoyed Mr. Simpson's math class. He made sure that we all learned and never felt uncomfortable.
- I really enjoyed Skills U.S.A. It is an outstanding program. Also, Ms. Hairston, Mr. Woodall, and all of the library staff made my experience at Northeast amazing.
- Paul Higdon had such a positive impact on my time at NACC. I took his ACC 1 class and learned so much! We related together very well. I am extremely disappointed he's not teaching ACC 2 this summer.
- Mr. Adam Niblett was the best math instructor I ever had. Mr. Greg Millican was extremely helpful. Ms. Joan Tucker was the best English instructor. I loved having her class. My advisor was excellent.
- Deni Adkins was a phenomenal teacher and advisor. She, more than any other teacher I encountered, did everything she could to help myself and the other students I was in class with.
- Mr. Millican is an awesome advisor and instructor. His math jokes were a little on the corny side but they made my day! Easy way to wake me up for class each morning. I also don't think I could have got through Chemistry without Mr. Land. Chem was so hard for me even though I love math and science. He made it relatable and fun. No one could forget art class with Mr. Stevenson. I don't think I've ever seen someone as passionate at what they do. Truthfully I hold all of my teachers at NACC in high regard. They love what they do, so much so that you can tell each day when class begins. They know their stuff and they do their best each and every day to help students succeed. Sorry this wasn't so brief, ha.
- I especially like attending theater productions because the quality of the theater program at NACC is outstanding, and there isn't any other theater like it in northern Alabama. I also really enjoyed the resume writing workshop I attended.
- An outstanding event at NACC would be the Latino Festival. I love it when everybody comes together regardless of race or color to understand and celebrate a culture.

What did you like best about NACC?

- All my instructors were so willing to help and were very patient with all students.
 - Close to home and affordability.
 - Excellent nursing program.
 - Convenient.
 - Cost.
 - Definitely the teachers. I had an outstanding relationship with all of them.
 - Faculty was outstanding.
 - Fellowship of students.
 - Friendly attitude of everyone on campus.
 - Having a choice to take online courses.
 - I felt safe on campus when I was alone. You do not get that feeling at _____.
 - I like the casual atmosphere of the college.
 - I liked everything.
 - I liked the proximity to my home.
 - I love that NACC is affordable!
 - I loved the atmosphere and excellent staff.
 - I really enjoyed attending theatre events.
 - Instructors and class sizes.
 - It gave me time to learn some life lessons and gave me time to mature.
 - It has a small-town feel and the student teacher ratio is fairly low.
 - It was close to my home.
 - Location.
 - Small and helpful environment.
 - The biology teachers.
 - The campus, faculty, and students were what I liked best. The courses were not bad either.
 - The convenience of close to home.
 - The faculty is fair, and everyone at NACC was so helpful anytime I had a question.
 - The faculty.
 - The family atmosphere.
 - The investment by the teachers toward each student.
 - The overall willingness of everyone to help students succeed.
 - The small classes and friendly teachers and the fact that I met my husband there.
 - The staff was very helpful in assisting with my work.
 - The teachers.
 - The teachers really care about you achieving your education.
 - The teachers' willingness to help and friendliness.
 - There was no best. The whole experience was as good as it gets.
 - Friendly staff and campus.
 - The willingness to be advised and/or helped by teachers when difficulties would arise in subjects, especially in the English Dept.
 - I liked the instructors the best. They were always so willing to help, and you could tell that they held a big passion for their subjects.
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What did you like best about NACC? (continued)

- I absolutely loved the kindness and willingness I received from the staff and faculty at NACC. When speaking to people about my college experience, I always mention that I wish NACC was a four year university. It's such a great place to go to college. I was very blessed to have all the opportunities as I did at NACC.
 - It was nice to be able to use not only things on campus but the online classes too. Being an older student, it was refreshing to be not only encouraged by my professors, but to interact with the other students.
 - I love that every employee tries everything they can to help each student reach their goals in any way they can.
 - I really enjoyed the organizations I was a part of and the people I met. I loved going on the SKD trip to Savannah and bonding with some of my fellow students. Also, the campus was always kept beautiful.
 - I am a family man and work. That makes scheduling classes difficult. The NACC maintenance is excellent at balancing schedule needs with solid instruction. Special thanks to DENI, WILL, AND DENNIS!
 - I enjoyed 100% of my experience with NACC. The campus is peaceful and aesthetically pleasing. The rooms and restrooms were always clean. The professors were always on time. My online classes were perfect for my needs also. The financial aid office was spot on with their help. Everything was great.
 - Classes that worked with my lifestyle. Very varied and flexible to be able to work a job on top of 16 hours of classes.
 - I loved how laid back the atmosphere was. It is great to feel like you belong, especially when it comes to education.
 - I like NACC's studying areas. There are many places to study such as the library's upper and lower floors, the study zone area besides the admission office, and the new building of science and math. I never get bored studying at NACC. Studying at different places helps me concentrate which results excellent grades in my classes. Of course, I cannot forget about my adviser. My adviser tremendously guided me to the right path to understand and achieve my career goals. I'm pretty sure every adviser at NACC is great, but my adviser made me feel secure about my future education.
 - The academics and the atmosphere at NACC are both excellent. I feel I was treated very well by everyone on campus.
 - The thing I liked best about NACC is that it is a small community college. You get to have a one-on-one relationship with the faculty and I really appreciated that.
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List any improvements you would suggest for NACC.

- Announce group events.
 - Better advising.
 - Better facilities more like the new STEM building.
 - Better job placement.
 - I believe that NACC should offer more engineering and technology courses.
 - I would like to see a HVAC course offered.
 - I would suggest that NACC offer more scholarship opportunities to returning students.
 - I'd love for the college to continue to grow in size and students.
 - Improve myself in dealing with people.
 - Maybe onsite childcare
 - Sports.
 - More intermural sports, such as soccer, volleyball, etc.
 - More medical degree plans such as Radiology or Physical Therapy.
 - More night classes or on line classes offered for working people.
 - More summer teachers.
 - Offer evening nursing classes as well.
 - Offer degrees like a university.
 - I would love to see NACC transition into a four year university. I'd be back in a heartbeat. I know many other students would be interested as well. NACC excels at the student experience. I'd love to see graduate degrees in zoology or animal biology.
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- Computers were always dusty/dirty. Thought they needed cleaned more regular.
 - A different approach to tutoring for the technical courses would be a great start. I felt the need for an interactive resource available during school and later in the work force that addressed real life problems you would run into while working in the field of my study. (multi-craft maintenance)
 - I would like to suggest adding more clubs for minorities such Hispanic clubs, etc. I know the Latino festival is a great way to meet other Hispanics, but it is also important to build deeper relationships between minorities within NACC. I also would like to suggest adding a tutoring group for writing. For example, students can come together in one room to help each other in writing whether it is essays, grammar, writing, etc. I think this tutoring study group would improve writing skills and grammar. I would also like to suggest adding more foreign languages into the college's courses such as Japanese, Korean, German, etc. I know NACC has Spanish and French, but what about other few popular languages. If NACC would add these languages, especially Japanese (but it has to be on-campus class not online), I would definitely come to NACC and take a foreign language class. Finally another suggestion for the future students at NACC - add a studying area that has windows that would give sunlight into the building. It's better for students to concentrate well when natural light is shown through the windows of study area. Anyways, hopefully you all staff members that works for NACC to make it into better college for students to achieve higher education would take my suggestions or get an idea on how improve NACC.
 - An option to have online students be able to order their books online and have them shipped directly to them.
 - Since graduating NACC, I have moved to UAB which is a biology and chemistry concentrated school. I am enrolled in their Organic Chemistry sequence and just completed the first one. I have to say that it was much different than the way I had chemistry at NACC. Upon starting my lab credit I did not know how to write a formal lab report, which is also done in their general chemistry classes. I wish we were taught how to write these at NACC to become prepared at further institutions.
 - You cannot improve on perfection. NACC is a great institution in serving the community and the state.
 - I have been waiting to take a couple of classes that are not offered in the evening. I work during the day and would really like to get these under my belt.
 - Have admissions, financial aid, and all other offices in one location. Improve the student center.
 - Dining options, especially for night students, could be improved upon. Káhva and the cafeteria closes early, and night students are only left with vending machines.
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List any specific changes you would suggest to strengthen the program of study you followed at NACC.	
Comments	Program of Study
More biology classes	Biology Education
More course options	Business
There is so much more that I needed to be taught to get a higher paying job. Most PreKs are using the GOLD standard and require knowledge of OSR classrooms. I had no idea about any of this.	Child Development
Availability of courses during evening hours	Drafting Design Technology
Linear Algebra and Differential Equations were each offered only once a year. This made scheduling of these courses very difficult.	Mathematics
An "intro to engineering" course to help students decide which type of engineering they would enjoy.	Mechanical engineering.
More precepting hours; offer evening classes/clinicals	Nursing
I have went to several interviews. I feel that I was looked at as someone with no experience, and therefore wasn't even considered for hire. I think there should be some kind of hands on training. I would specifically like to add that you do not currently offer a certificate for Medical Coding. I would be extremely interested in this field. I know others that would as well. PLEASE consider this for your students. It offers a great opportunity to make more money in the Medical Office profession.	Office Administration
A change I would make is to do away with word for word study guides. Meaning what's on the study guide is exactly what is on the test. This does not help the student at all it just hurts them in the long run. I think that Medical Terminology should be a prerequisite. Being in the nursing program at UAH and taking Medical Terminology the first semester definitely added busy work that could have been avoided by adding it as a prerequisite.	Pre-Nursing (A.S)
To strengthen this program, I would suggest that NACC makes the courses more rigorous in order to better prepare students for universities.	Pre-Pharmacy (A.S.)

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