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ABSTRACT

Since 1990, California's College of the Canyons (CoC) has conducted annual surveys of graduates from its Registered Nursing (RN) program. Between 1990 and 1994, surveys were sent to 193 RN graduates, with completed questionnaires received from 124 alumni. An analysis of responses for each year revealed the following: (1) 91.7% of the respondents from 1994 indicated that CoC was their first choice, compared to 95.5% in 1992 and only 84% in 1991; (2) 66.7% of the 1994 respondents indicated they had chosen CoC for its location, up from 37.5% in 1990, while 16.7% of the 1994 respondents chose it for the quality of the RN program, the lowest percentage of the 5 years (3) 95.9% of the 1994 graduates said that they were satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of instruction in the program, the highest percentage of the 5 years; (4) 62.5% of the 1994 graduates had a final grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0, compared to 42.9% of the 1993 graduates and 31.8% of the 1992 graduates; (5) 79.2% of the 1994 respondents were currently employed, 4.2% were continuing their education, 8.3% were caring for home or family, and 8.3% were unemployed; and (6) 100% of the 1994 graduates were satisfied or very satisfied with their working conditions, while 12% of the 1991 were dissatisfied. Comments to open-ended questions from 1994 respondents are included. The survey instrument is appended. (HAA)



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Registered Nursing Alumni Survey, 1990 - 1994

In 1990, the Nursing Department at College of the Canyons, working with the Office of Institutional Development, developed an alumni survey for Registered Nursing Program graduates. A copy of the survey is enclosed in the Appendix. The survey has been administered annually to each of the R.N. classes five months after their graduation from the program. R.N. classes graduate in December and an alumni survey is sent to each graduate in May of the following year.

In five years, the survey has been sent to 193 R.N. graduates. Completed surveys have been received from 124 alumni, for a 64.2 percent overall response rate. The response rate for each of the five classes follows:

Date <u>Graduated</u>	Number <u>Sent</u>	Number of Respondents	Response Rate
1990	35	25	71.4%
1991	36	25	69.4%
1992	44	22	50.0%
1993	45	28	62.2%
1994	33	24	72.7%
Total	193	124	64.2%

The report which follows provides annual comparisons of the responses to each of the survey items.

New Curriculum

It should be noted that the 1994 class was the first class to graduate from the revised R.N. program curriculum.



Date	Age Groups							
Graduated	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 and above	N			
1990	32.0%	40.0%	24.0%	4.0%	25			
1991	36.0%	44.0%	20.0%	0.0%	25			
1992	22.7%	45.5%	31.8%	0.0%	22			
1993	40.7%	37.0%	14.8%	7.4%	27			
1994	41.7%	29.2%	25.0%	4.2%	24			

*	Racial/Ethnic Group						
Date Graduated	Afro- American	White	Mexican- American	Asian- American	Other	N	
1990	12.0%	84.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25	
1991	0.0%	92.0%	4.0%	4.0%	0.0%	25	
1992	0.0%	90.9%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	22	
1993	3.7%	88.9%	0.0%	3.7%	3.7%	27	
1994	0.0%	70.8%	4.2%	12.5%	12.5%	24	



Date	Sex							
Graduated	Female	Male	N					
1990	100.0%	0.0%	25					
1991	88.0%	12.0%	25					
1992	86.4%	13.6%	22					
1993	85.7%	14.3%	28					
1994	87.5%	12.5%	24					

	How Long Attended COC						
Date Graduated	One Year	Two Years	Three Years	Four Years	More than four years	N .	
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1990	24.0%	8.0%	24.0%	16.0%	28.0%	25	
1991	12.0%	32.0%	28.0%	12.0%	16.0%	25	
1992	9.1%	27.3%	31.8%	22.7%	9.1%	22	
1993	7.4%	37.0%	33.3%	14:8%	7.4%	27	
1994	12.5%	33.3%	37.5%	0.0%	16.7%	24	



Date Graduated	Primary Full-time Student	Enrollment Statu Part-time Student	ns Prior to Acceptan Not Enrolled at COC	N	
1990	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	22	
1991	36.4%	63.6%	0.0%	22	
1992	42.9%	57.1%	0.0%	21	
1993	32.1%	50.0%	17.9%	28	
1994	37.5%	41.7%	20.8%	24	

	Prior Status							
Date	Nursing			None of				
Graduated	Assistant	LVN	EMT	the above	N			
1990	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	96.0%	25			
1991	12.0%	0.0%	0.0%	88.0%	25			
1992	22.7%	0.0%	0.0%	77.3%	22			
1993	7.1%	21.4%	7.1%	64.3%	28			
1994	4.3%	34.8%	8.7%	52.2%	23			



		Where trained							
Date Graduated	ROP	Hospital	Community College	Private School	Nursing Home	Other	N		
1990	20.0%	20.0%	40.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.0%	5		
1991	40.0%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5		
1992	14.3%	57.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	28.6%	7		
1993	25.0%	16.7%	25.0%	0.0%	8.3%	25.0%	12		
1994	27.2%	27.2%	18.2%	18.2%	0.0%	9.1%	11		

Date Graduated	R First Choice	N		
1990	92.0%	8.0%	0.0%	25
1991	84.0%	8.0%	8.0%	25
1992	95.5%	4.5%	0.0%	22
1993	88.9%	11.1%	0.0%	27
1994	91.7%	8.3%	0.0%	24



	Primary Reason for Attending COC								
Date Graduated	Location	Reputation	Low Cost	Quality of Program	Other	N			
1990	37.5%	25.0%	4.2%	33.3%	0.0%	24			
1991	52.0%	12.0%	4.0%	32.0%	0.0%	25			
1992	54.5%	18.2%	0.0%	18.2%	9.1%	22			
1993	57.1%	14.3%	3.6%	21.4%	3.6%	28			
1994	66.7%	12.5%	0.0%	16.7%	4.2%	24			

	Quality of COC Compared to Other Colleges							
Date	1	About		Unable				
Graduated	Better	the same	Worse	to judge	N			
1990	66.7%	20.8%	0.0%	12.5%	24			
1991	40.0%	36.0%	4.0%	20.0%	25			
1992	59.1%	13.6%	4.5%	22.7%	22			
1993	21.4%	53.6%	0.0%	25.0%	28			
1994	29.2%	41.7%	0.0%	29.2%	24			



Date Graduated	Woul Definitely Yes	ld you select Probably Yes	Nursing Majo Uncertain	or if starting o Probably No	ver? Definitely No	N
1990	50.0%	45.8%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	24
1991	64.0%	20.0%	16.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25
1992	59.1%	31.8%	4.5%	4.5%	0.0%	22
1993	53.6%	28.6%	14.3%	0.0%	3.6%	28
1994	58.3%	33.3%	4.2%	4.2%	0.0%	24

		Quality of Instruction in Nursing area								
Date	Does not	Very]	Very				
Graduated	Apply	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Satisfied	N			
1990	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	41.7%	45.8%	24			
1991	0.0%	0.0%	8.0%	8.0%	52.0%	32.0%	25			
1992	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.8%	61.9%	33.3%	21			
1993	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	7.1%	57.1%	32.1%	28			
1994	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	66.7%	29.2%	24			



		Out-of-class Availability of Nursing Faculty								
Date Graduated	Does not Apply	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N			
1990	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%	24			
1991	4.0%	0.0%	12.0%	36.0%	40.0%	8.0%	25			
1992	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	22.7%	50.0%	18.2%	22			
1993	3.6%	0.0%	7.1%	25.0%	50.0%	14.3%	28			
1994	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	33.3%	41.7%	24			

		Help/support Provided by Nursing Faculty							
Date	Does not	Very	[<u>.</u> .]			Very			
Graduated	Apply	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Satisfied	N		
1990	0.0%	4.2%	4.2%	29.2%	29.2%	33.3%	24		
1991	0.0%	4.0%	12.0%	28.0%	40.0%	16.0%	25		
1992	0.0%	0.0%	4.5%	18.2%	36.4%	40.9%	22		
1993	0.0%	0.0%	7.4%	14.8%	44.4%	33.3%	27		
1994	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	8.3%	45.8%	41.7%	24		



		P	reparation Re	ceived for B	oard Exam		
Date Graduated	Does not Apply	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
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1990	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%	45.8%	33.3%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.0%	64.0%	24.0%	25
1992	0.0%	0.0%	13.6%	13.6%	59.1%	13.6%	22
1993	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	28.6%	39.3%	25.0%	28
1994	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	25.0%	37.5%	29.2%	24

		Preparation for Future Nursing Position									
Date Graduated	Does not Apply	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N				
1990	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	8.3%	54.2%	33.3%	24				
1991	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	44.0%	36.0%	25				
1992	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.9%	45.5%	13.6%	22				
1993	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	28.6%	50.0%	21.4%	28				
1994	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%	20.8%	24				



	_	Availability of Nursing Courses Wanted									
Date	Does not	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N				
Graduated	Apply	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutrai	Saustieu	Saustieu					
1990	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	50.0%	41.7%	24				
1991	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.0%	44.0%	40.0%	25				
1992	0.0%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	50.0%	45.5%	22				
1993	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.7%	42.9%	46.4%	28				
1994	0.0%_	0.0%	8.3%	12.5%	45.8%	33.3%	_24				

		Help/support by Nonteaching Staff							
Date	Does not	Very	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N		
Graduated	Apply	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutrai	Saustieu	Saustieu	11		
1990	4.2%	0.0%	4.2%	20.8%	33.3%	37.5%	24		
1991	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	36.0%	40.0%	16.0%	25		
1992	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	13.6%	59.1%	27.3%	22		
1993	3.6%	0.0%	3.6%	14.3%	50.0%	28.6%	28		
1994	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	37.5%	41.7%	24		



Date Graduated	1 - 3 Hours	We 4 - 10 Hours	ekly Study Tii 11 - 15 Hours	ne 16 - 20 Hours	More than 20 Hours	N
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1990	4.2%	37.5%	37.5%	16.7%	4.2%	24
1991	4.0%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%	25
1992	0.0%	52.4%	38.1%	4.8%	4.8%	21
1993	7.1%	39.3%	35.7%	7.1%	10.7%	28
1994	17.4%	52.2%	17.4%	13.0%	0.0%	23

Date	Final G.P.A.							
Graduated	4.0 - 3.5	3.4 - 3.0	2.9 - 2.5	N .				
1990	34.8%	56.5%	8.7%	23				
1991	36.0%	64.0%	0.0%	25				
1992	31.8%	59.1%	9.1%	22	İ			
1993	42.9%	46.4%	10.7%	28				
1994	62.5%	33.3%	4.2%	24				



Date	What Currently Doing? Continuing Caring for								
Graduated	Employed	Education	home/family	Unemployed	N				
1990	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	24				
1991	96.0%	4.0%	0.0%	0.0%	25				
1992	95.5%	4.5%	0.0%	0.0%	22				
1993	78.6%	14.3%	7.1%	0.0%	28				
1994	79.2%	4.2%	8.3%	8.3%	24				

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Date Graduated	Had Job	Obtained Prior	Less than 1 month	1 - 3 months	4 - 6 months	N
1990	70.8%	8.3%	4.2%	16.7%	0.0%	24
1991	60.0%	16.0%	12.0%	4.0%	8.0%	25
1992	65.0%	5.0%	5.0%	20.0%	5.0%	20
1993	41.7%	4.2%	8.3%	33.3%	12.5%	24
1994	47.1%	5.9%	11.8%	23.5%	11.8%	17



Date Graduated	Current Employment Status Full-time Part-time Other N					
1990	83.3%	12.5%	4.2%	24		
1991	84.0%	12.0%	4.0%	25		
1992	85.0%	15.0%	0.0%	20		
1993	72.0%	16.0%	12.0%	25		
1994	82.4%	11.8%	5.9%	17		

Date	Annual Income (full-time employees) \$1 to \$20,000 to \$30,000 to \$40,000							
Graduated	\$19,999	\$29,999	\$39,999	or more	N			
1990	15.0%	20.0%	50.0%	15.0%	20			
1991	4.8%	14.3%	66.7%	14.3%	21			
1992	12.5%	6.2%	50.0%	31.3%	16			
1993	5.5%	16.7%	50.0%	27.8%	18			
1994	23.6%	23.6%	29.4%	23.5%	17			



	Preparation for Job								
Date Graduated	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Not Applicable	N				
1990	50.0%	37.5%	12.5%	0.0%	24				
1991	16.0%	64.0%	20.0%	0.0%	25				
1992	10.0%	65.0%	25.0%	0.0%	20				
1993	36.0%	40.0%	24.0%	0.0%	25				
1994	33.3%	27.8%	27.8%	11.1%	18				

	Clinical Skills - extent used						
Date	Very	 	Quite	Very	1		
Graduated	little	Some	a bit	much	N		
1990	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	75.0%	24		
1991	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	80.0%	25		
1992	5.0%	0.0%	30.0%	65.0%	20		
1993	8.3%	8.3%	25.0%	58.3%	24		
1994	5.9%	0.0%	23.5%	70.6%	17		



	Communication Skills - extent used						
Date Graduated	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	N		
1990	0.0%	0.0%	25.0%	75.0%	24		
1991	0.0%	16.0%	20.0%	64.0%	25		
1992	0.0%	10.5%	15.8%	73.7%	19		
1993	0.0%	12.5%	33.3%	54.2%	24		
1994	0.0%	5.9%	35.3%	58.8%	17		

	Leadership Skills - extent used						
Date Graduated	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	N		
1990	0.0%	4.2%	45.8%	50.0%	24		
1991	4.0%	12.0%	44.0%	40.0%	25		
1992	5.0%	15.0%	35.0%	45.0%	20		
1993	4.2%	25.0%	33.3%	37.5%	24		
1994	5.9%	17.6%	41.2%	35.3%	17		



	Nursing Diagnosis - extent used						
Date	Very		Quite	Very			
Graduated	<u>little</u>	Some	a bit	much	N		
1990	12.5%	16.7%	16.7%	54.2%	24		
1991	0.0%	24.0%	52.0%	24.0%	25		
1992	0.0%	25.0%	50.0%	25.0%	20		
1993	12.5%	25.0%	29.2%	33.3%	24		
1994	17.6%	11.8%	35.3%	35.3%	17		

	Nursing Process - extent used						
Date Graduated	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	N		
1990	12.5%	12.5%	25.0%	50.0%	24		
1991	0.0%	12.0%	36.0%	52.0%	25		
1992	5.3%	15.8%	47.4%	31.6%	19		
1993	12.5%	25.0%	29.2%	33.3%	24		
1994	_11.8%	11.8%	41.2%	35.3 <u>%</u>	17		



	1990 - 1993: Roy Model - extent used 1994: Orem Model							
Date Graduated	Very little	Some	Quite a bit	Very much	N			
1990	54.2%	16.7%	20.8%	8.3%	24			
1991	52.0%	32.0%	8.0%	8.0%	25			
1992	68.4%	31.6%	0.0%	0.0%	19			
1993	75.0%	16.7%	0.0%	8.3%	24			
1994	29.4%	41.2%	23.5%	5.9%	17			

	Satisfaction with: Challenge						
Date Graduated	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N	
1990	4.2%	0.0%	12.5%	37.5%	45.8%	24	
1991	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	40.0%	56.0%	25	
1992	0.0%	5.3%	10.5%	36.8%	47.4%	19	
1993	4.3%	4.3%	8.7%	34.8%	47.8%	23	
1994	5.9%	0.0%	11.8%	29.4%	52.9%	17	



	Satisfaction with: Location						
Date Graduated	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N	
1990	4.2%	0.0%	16.7%	29.2%	50.0%	24	
1991	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	32.0%	68.0%	25	
1992	5.3%	0.0%	15.8%	10.5%	68.4%	19	
1993	0.0%	0.0%	30.4%	8.7%	60.9%	23	
1994	5.9%	0.0%	11.8%	23.5%	58.8%	17	

	Satisfaction with: Salary and Benefits						
Date Graduated	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N	
1990	4.2%	4.2%	29.2%	37.5%	25.0%	24	
1991	0.0%	12.0%	28.0%	32.0%	28.0%	25	
1992	0.0%	5.3%	21.1%	21.1%	52.6%	19	
1993	4.3%	8.7%	21.7%	26.1%	39.1%	23	
1994	5.9%	0.0%	29.4%	29.4%	35.3%	17	



	Satisfaction with: Advancement Potential							
Date Graduated	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N		
1990	4.2%	0.0%	16.7%	54.2%	25.0%	24		
1991	0.0%	0.0%	16.0%	52.0%	32.0%	25		
1992	5.3%	0.0%	15.8%	36.8%	42.1%	19		
1993	8.7%	8.7%	17.4%	34.8%	30.4%	23		
1994	0.0%	5.9%	29.4%	29.4%	35.3%	. 17		

	Satisfaction with: Working Conditions					
Date Graduated	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	4.2%	8.3%	37.5%	37.5%	12.5%	24
1991	0.0%	12.0%	24.0%	44.0%	20.0%	25
1992	5.3%	0.0%	5.3%	47.4%	42.1%	19
1993	0.0%	4.3%	13.0%	52.2%	30.4%	23
1994	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	70.6%	29.4%	17



	Satisfaction with: Career Potential					
Date Graduated	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N
1990	0.0%	8.3%	25.0%	41.7%	25.0%	24
1991	0.0%	0.0%	36.0%	24.0%	40.0%	25
1992	0.0%	10.5%	10.5%	21.1%	57.9%	19
1993	8.7%	8.7%	13.0%	39.1%	30.4%	23
1994	0.0%	0.0%	11.8%	47.1%	41.2%	17

Date	Current Employed in Nursing			
Graduated	Yes	No	N	
1990	100.0%	0.0%	24	
1991	100.0%	0.0%	25	
1992	100.0%	0.0%	20	
1993	92.0%	8.0%	25	
1994	83.3%	16.7%	18	



Date		Shift			
Graduated	Day	Evening	Night	N	
1990	34.8%	21.7%	43.5%	23	
1991	32.0%	32.0%	36.0%	25	
1992	20.0%	25.0%	55.0%	20	
1993	54.2%	8.3%	37.5%	24	
1994	46.7%	6.7%	46.7%	15	_

Date	Enrolled at another Educational Institution?		
Graduated	Yes	No	N
1990	12.0%	88.0%	25
1991	25.0%	75.0%	24
1992	13.6%	86.4%	22
1993	12.0%	88.0%	25
1994	21.7%	78.3%	23



Date Graduated	Job Requirements	Major reaso Increase Earning	on for Continuin Obtain License/Cert.	g Education Self- Improvement	N
1990	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%	3
1991	50.0%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6
1992	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	3
1993	66.7%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	3
1994	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	6

Date	COC Preparation for Continuing Education More than				
Graduated	Exceptionally	adequately	Adequately	N	_
1990	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	3	
1991	16.7%	33.3%	50.0%	6	
1992	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	3	
1993	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	3	
1994	0.0%	25.0%	75.0%	4	



Date		New G.P.A.	_
Graduated	4.0 - 3.5	3.4 - 3.0	N
1990	0.0%	100.0%	2
1991	100.0%	0.0%	1
1992	0.0%	100.0%	2
1993	-	-	0
1994	100.0%	0.0%	1

Date	Highest degree Planning to Obtain					
Graduated	Associate	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other	N
1990	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3
1991	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	16.7%	16.7%	6
1992	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3
1993	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	0.0%	3
1994	0.0%	14.3%	85.7%	0.0%	0.0%	7



Responses to Open-Ended Questions - 1994 R.N. Graduates

Two survey items asked alumni to write out responses to an item. Question 16 asked alumni to indicate why they were "Very Dissatisfied" or "Dissatisfied" with any of the items in the previous question about various aspects of the Nursing Program. If students had checked "Very Satisfied," "Satisfied," "Neutral" or "Does Not Apply" to all seven of the previous questions they would have skipped over this item. The open-ended responses to this item follow:

Psych. clinic was like a "sink or swim" event. The end evaluation was far too critical and demanding for the time spent on the hospital unit. I disliked the technique used by certain instructors in the clinical setting. Their critical words and sharp looks served only to create more anxiety and awkwardness in me. I was not a "seasoned nurse" and could not perform like on. I appreciated the instructors who were patient and true teachers. (111)

I feel there should be more individual career counseling and job placement. (112)

I did not feel the COC program prepared me for the board exam. The class availability did not necessarily provide "choices". (120)

Board exam focus was not emphasized during final year course study. (123)

Question 19 asked all students to indicate whether there were some things in the Registered Nursing Program that they felt could have been improved. The open-ended responses follow:

Yes - more pharmacology. (108)

I am very satisfied with the training I received. There is no need for improvement. (109)

Need more emphasis on judgement calls and when to contact physicians. (110)

I was ready for a preceptorship in my last semester. (111)(

The fourth semester should be largely clinical - 3 to 4 full-time days teamleading. (112)

More clinical time each week with a stronger emphasis on knowledge of medication. (113) More rotation areas. (116)

1) Bridge class; 2) more night classes needed; 3) pharmacology and OB for bridge. (117)

Lecture time could have been used better - less A&P, more assessment and disorders. (118)

More clinical/skills for 4 or more patients per day. Consistent patient care everyday. (119)

Encouragement toward taking on more of a patient load would have been really beneficial. (120)

I think it was an excellent program. It prepared me well to be able to function as an R.N. in any setting. (122)

More on: How to prioritize, and organize in the Clinical setting would have been helpful. (123)



Appendix



College of the Canyons REGISTERED NURSING ALUMNI SURVEY

DIRECTIONS: The information you supply in this questionnaire will be kept completely confidential. Your Social Security number is requested for research purposes only and will not be listed in any report. If any item requests information that you do not wish to provide, please feel free to omit it. Thank you for your participation.

A.	BACKGROUND INFORMATION	7.	, , ,
1.	What is your Social Security number?	1	Nursing program at College of the Canyons?
	,	1	19
	<u> </u>	1	
2.	Age: 19 or under 20 or 21 22 or 23	8.	What was your primary enrollment status at College of the Canyons prior to your acceptance into the Nursing Program?
	24 or 25 26 to 29		Full-time Student (12 or more units per term)
	30 to 39	1	Part-time Student
	40 to 49	1	Not enrolled at college prior to acceptance
	50 to 59 50 to 59	1	Other, specify
	50 to 59 60 or Over	1	
	60 01 OVel	B.	EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES
3.	Racial/Ethnic Group:	9.	When you entered the Registered Nursing program at College of the Canyons, were you any of the
	Afro-American/Black	1	following?
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	1	,
	Caucasian-American/White	1	Nursing Assistant
	Mexican-American/Chicano	1	Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN)
	Asian-American, Oriental, or Pacific	1	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)
	Islander	1	Surgical Technician
	Puerto Rican, Cuban or Other	1	None of the above. Skip to Question 11.
	Hispanic Origin	1	
	Other Prefer Not to Respond	10.	If you checked any of the first four items under
	Prefer Not to Hespona	1	question 9, where did you receive your training?
4.	Sex: Female	1	Check as many as apply.
• •	Male	1	Regional Occupational Program (ROP)
		1	Hospital
5 .	How long did you attend College of the Canyons?	1	Community college
		4	Private school
	One term	1	Nursing home
	One Year	1	Other, specify
	Two Years	4	· /
	Three Years	11.	Indicate your rating of College of the Canyons
	Four Year	1	when you first enrolled.
	More than four years	1	-
•	san to a success as a fled of College of the Con	1	It was my first choice
6.	While you were enrolled at College of the Can-,	ı	It was my second choice
	yons, what was your zip code?	i	It was my third choice
	I .	i	It was my fourth choice or lower



12.	Indicate the primary reason you chose to attend College of the Canyons. Location Reputation of College Low Cost Quality of Nursing Program Other, specify	16.	If you circled number "1 - Very Dissatisfied" or "2 - Dissatisfied: for any of the items in the previous question, please indicate why you were dissatisfied.
13. 14.	How would you compare the quality of education provided at College of the Canyons with that of other colleges? BetterAbout the SameWorseUnable to Judge If you could start college over, would you select a	17.	About how many hours a week did you usually spend studying or preparing for your classes? 1 to 3 hours 4 to 10 hours 11 to 15 hours 16 to 20 hours More than 20 hours
15.	Nursing major? Definitely Yes Probably Yes Uncertain Probably No Definitely No Please CIRCLE the number indicating your level of satisfaction with each of the following aspects of the Nursing Program at College of the Canyons. 5 - Very Satisfied 4 - Satisfied 3 - Neutral 2 - Dissatisfied 1 - Very Dissatisfied 0 - Does Not Apply	18. C. 19.	What was your FINAL grade point average at College of the Canyons? (4.0 = A; 3.0 = B; 2.0 = C) 4.0 to 3.5 3.4 to 3.0 2.9 to 2.5 2.4 to 2.0 Below 2.0 EMPLOYMENT HISTORY In thinking about the training you received in the Registered Nursing program, were there some things that you felt could have been improved?
5 4 3 5 4 3 5 4 3 5 4 3	 3 2 1 0 Quality of Instruction in Nursing Area 3 2 1 0 Out-of-Class Availability of Nursing Faculty 3 2 1 0 Help/Support provided by Nursing Faculty 3 2 1 0 Preparation you received for the Board Exam 3 2 1 0 Preparation you received for your future 3 2 1 0 Preparation you received for your future 3 2 1 0 Availability of Nursing Courses You 3 2 1 0 Help/Support provided by College Nonteach ing Staff to Nursing Students 	2 0.	Which of the following BEST describes what you are currently doing? Employed (Including Full-time, Part-time and Self-Employment) Continuing My Education (College, Vocational School) Serving in the Armed Forces Caring for a Home/Family Unemployed Retired Other



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COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY IF YOU HAVE HELD A JOB SINCE LEAVING COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS. OTHERWISE, SKIP TO QUESTION 31.	25. In thinking about the Nursing courses you took at College of the Canyons, please CIRCLE the number indicating to what extent you use each of the follow- ing in your current position.
21. How long did it take you to obtain your first job after leaving College of the Canyons? — Had a job which I continued after I completed my program — Obtained a job just prior to leaving — College of the Canyons — Less than 1 month — 1 to 3 months — 4 to 6 months	4 - Very Much 3 - Quite A Bit 2 - Some 1 - Very Little 4 3 2 1 Clinical Skills 4 3 2 1 Communication Skills 4 3 2 1 Leadership Skills 4 3 2 1 Nursing Diagnosis 4 3 2 1 Nursing Process 4 3 2 1 Orem Model
22. I am currently employed: Full-time Part-time Other	26. Please CIRCLE the number indicating your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of your present job.
23. What is your annual salary/income in your current job?	5 - Very Satisfied 4 - Satisfied 3 - Neutral 2 - Dissatisfied 1 - Very Dissatisfied
Less than \$10,000 \$10,000 to \$14,999 \$15,000 to \$19,999 \$20,000 to \$24,999 \$25,000 to \$29,999 \$30,000 to \$34,999 \$35,000 to \$39,999 \$40,000 or more	5 4 3 2 1 Challenge 5 4 3 2 1 Location 5 4 3 2 1 Salary and Benefits 5 4 3 2 1 Advancement Potential 5 4 3 2 1 Working Conditions 5 4 3 2 1 Career Potential
24. How well did College of the Canyons prepare you for your current job? Excellent preparation Good preparation Adequate preparation Replace explain	27. Are you currently employed in the field of Nursing? ——Yes ——No. If not, please indicate why not ————————————————————————————————————
Inadequate preparation. Please explainNot applicable	28. What is your current employment title? Staff Nurse Charge Nurse Head Nurse Supervisor of Nursing Other
	29. I am currently working on the: Day Shift Evening Shift Night Shift

30.	In what area of medicine are you working? Critical Care	35.	How well did College of the Canyons prepare you for continuing your education?			
	Critical CareD.O.UEmergencyMedical-SurgicalObstetricsPediatricsSkilled Nursing Facility/TCUOther	36.	Exceptionally Well More Than Adequately Adequately Less Than Adequately Very Poorly What grade point average have you achieved at the new institution? (4.0 = A; 3.0 = B; 2.0 = C)			
D. 31.	CONTINUING EDUCATION Since completing your program at College of the Canyons, have you enrolled at another educational institution? Yes No. IF NO, SKIP TO QUESTION 38. Please write in the name of the institution.	37.	4.0 to 3.53.4 to 3.02.9 to 2.52.4 to 2.0Below 2.0 What is the highest degree or certificate you eventually plan to obtain?I do not plan to obtain another Degree or CertificateTechnical Program Certificate or DiplomaAssociate Degree			
33. 34.	Please write in your intended major or area of study. What is the MAJOR reason you continued your		Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree Doctor's Degree (Ph.D., Ed.D.) Professional Degree (MD, JD or DDS) Other			
	education? Check only one. To Satisfy Job/Career Requirements To Learn a New Occupation To Increase Earning Power To Obtain or Maintain a License or Certification For General Self-Improvement					
	Thank you for com	pletin	g this survey.			
38.	38. We would like to maintain contact with the Nursing Graduates from College of the Canyons. Please print your current name and address on the enclosed postcard and drop it in the mail so that we might make the necessary corrections in the mailing list. Thank you.					
	Please return this questionnai	re in ti	ne envelope provided to:			
	Office of Career Education					

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