



GRADUATING STUDENT SURVEY (GSS) RESULTS REPORT 2016 & 2017

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Executive Summary

The Graduating Student Survey (GSS) was administered April 24th - May 12th 2017 to 266 Halifax Community College graduating students in curriculum programs seeking certificate, diploma, and/or associate degree credentials, excluding high school equivalency students and inmates. One-hundred fifty-nine out of 266 students completed the survey yielding a **response rate of 59.8%**. This rate represents a **three percentage-point increase** in comparison to the *spring 2016 response rate of 56.3% (180 of 320)*.

Spring 2017 graduating respondents reported an **overall level of satisfaction** with their **HCC experience at 95%** compared to *98.3% of 2016 respondents*. In addition to this high level of overall satisfaction, **94.3% of 2017 respondents** (151) stated that the **educational environment** at HCC **provided** them with **life skills** (2016 respondents (171) reported a 93.3% satisfaction level). **All 2017 respondents** (100%) were satisfied with their ability to communicate effectively in writing (98.9% in 2016). Upon graduating, 2016 and 2017 graduates reported high levels of satisfaction with their ability to demonstrate:

- *effective oral communication (2017 - 99.4%; 2016 – 98.9%),*
- *fundamental math skills (2017 - 97.4%; 2016 – 98.3%),*
- *non-technical skills applicable in the workplace (2017 - 98.7%; 2016 – 100%),*
- *competency in the basic use of computers (2017 - 98.7%; 2016 – 98.9%),*
- *specialized skills related to program of study (2017 – 99.4%; 2016 – 98.9%).*

The satisfaction rating by HCC graduating classes for **the College overall** is 96.8% (2017) and 98.3% (2016). Other areas with the **highest levels of satisfaction** (97 – 100% very satisfied/satisfied) include the following:

Facilities and Services(2017;2016)

Cashiers Office (99%; 100%)

Library (99%; 98%)

Technology Resources (98%; 99%)

Student Affairs(2017;2016)

Academic Advising (98%; 98%)

Admissions (97%; 97%)

CAE (98%; 100%)

Counseling (97%; 99%)

Financial Aid Office (98%; 98%)

Registration (97%; 99%)

Student Support Services (98%; 97%)

Instruction/Other(2017;2016)

Overall Quality of Academic Program (98%; 98%)

Quality of instruction in program (99%; 99%)

Quality of instruction in other courses (97%; 99%)

Purpose for Attending HCC and Employment

Of the 159 respondents (2017) **96.2%** attended HCC for the **purpose of earning an associate degree, diploma and/or certificate** (97.2% in 2016 – 180 respondents). In addition to seeking a credential, **45.3% (2017)** and 50% (2016) were **preparing for a new job; 28.9% (2017)** and 31.1% (2016) of graduates stated that they **planned to transfer to a four-year institution**.

At the time the survey was administered, **56.1% (2017)** and 53.3% (2016) of respondents were **employed**. Job conflict, new employment, financial hardship and medical issues were the most commonly cited reasons respondents did not fully accomplish their goal(s) for attending. However, **70.8% (2017)** and 50% (2016) cited “other” for not accomplishing their goal(s). In **2017** an additional cited reason emerged as **25% of respondents cited dissatisfaction with the quality of instruction** as a reason for “not or partially accomplishing their goal(s)” compared to 9.1% in 2016.

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Transfers

In 2016, 25 respondents indicated plans to transfer to a four-year college/university compared to **29** respondents in **2017**. **Schools of choice** included:

Chowan University	North Carolina Wesleyan College
Elizabeth City State University	St. Andrew's University
East Carolina University	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Fayetteville State University	University of North Carolina - Charlotte
George Mason University	University of North Carolina - Greensboro
Johnson & Wales University	University of North Carolina - Pembroke
Living Arts College	University of North Carolina - Wilmington
North Carolina A&T State University	Western Carolina University
North Carolina State University	Winston Salem State University
North Carolina Central University	

Suggestions/Concerns

- We had **to many online classes** the **teachers don't communicate well through E-mail**.
- The instructors did not teach me or **hold me to a higher level**.
- There is a lot of **racism** towards white people here.
- There **isn't much courses/programs to offer**.
- This college **needs** some **severe organization**.
- **RVEC students** were **never welcomed on the campus** as a regular student.
- I have dedicated the past three years to nursing school and I have been let down my last semester with the **lack of education**.
- It's **like pulling teeth** to get someone to **help you sign up for classes** or get **help in general**.
- **Professionalism is a problem** on this campus.
- More **student's affair**.
- **Internship programs** for the students.
- Would love to see **more activities** other than Spring Fling and Fall Fest. Need **more flowerscaping** on campus.
- I believe that **more online classes** need to be made available and the **registrar/cashiers office should stay open until 6 or 7** to accommodate people who may work until 5 PM.

- **More student clubs and organizations** should be constructed.
- Provide some type of service to **help students** upon completion of their degrees **obtain employment**.
- Some staff members **need to have better attitudes** and act like that actually like there job.
- The college **need more student activities** on campus.
- Work on **advisors and their knowledge of the programs**.
- THE DENTAL HYGIENE **CLINIC SHOULD BE ADVERTISED MORE**. A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY DON'T EVEN KNOW IT EXISTS.
- Help **provide transportation** for student **thru their PELL grant monies**.
- Improve on **cleanliness of bathrooms**, and area where the Micro-wave is located in **lunch room**.

1. What is your level of satisfaction with your ability to:	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
	Percent Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	Percent Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	
Communicate effectively in writing	98.9%	180	100.0%	158	1.1%
Communicate effectively in oral communications	98.9%	180	99.4%	157	0.5%
Demonstrate fundamental mathematical skills	98.3%	179	97.4%	154	-0.9%
Demonstrate positive non-technical skills applicable in the workplace	100.0%	179	98.7%	157	-1.3%
Demonstrate competency in the basic use of computers	98.9%	180	98.7%	157	-0.2%
Perform specialized skills related to program of study/career	98.9%	179	99.4%	159	0.5%

2. Please rate your satisfaction with the following:	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
	Percent Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	Percent Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	
Quality of instruction in program area courses	98.9%	178	98.7%	158	-0.2%
Quality of instruction in other courses	98.9%	177	96.8%	158	-2.1%
Overall quality of academic program of study (major)	98.3%	178	98.1%	158	-0.2%

3. Please rate your satisfaction with the overall quality of the following:	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
	Percent Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	Percent Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	
Academic Advising	97.7%	173	98.0%	149	0.3%
Center for Academic Excellence	100.0%	155	98.6%	138	-1.4%
Registration	98.9%	178	96.8%	157	-2.1%
Admissions	97.1%	175	96.8%	156	-0.3%
Student Activities	95.1%	163	92.4%	144	-2.7%
Campus Security	96.4%	167	96.1%	153	-0.3%
Library	97.7%	172	99.3%	152	1.6%
Bookstore	95.5%	179	96.8%	158	1.3%
Facilities (classrooms, labs)	98.3%	178	96.2%	159	-2.1%
ACA - College Success Course (111, 122)	96.7%	153	94.2%	138	-2.5%
Student Support Services	97.2%	144	98.4%	128	1.2%
Tutoring/Tutoring Lab	98.4%	128	97.6%	123	-0.8%
Counseling Services	99.2%	129	96.7%	120	-2.5%
Financial Aid Office	97.6%	164	97.9%	144	0.3%
Technology Resources	98.8%	168	98.0%	148	-0.8%

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Buildings & Grounds	97.2%	176	94.3%	158	-2.9%
Vending & Hot Food Services	92.4%	158	94.1%	135	1.7%
Cashier's Office	100.0%	176	99.4%	159	-0.6%
The College Overall	98.3%	179	96.8%	158	-1.5%

4. Please rate your satisfaction with the support for the learning environment:	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
	Percent Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	Percent Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	
Multi-cultural differences	90.0%	166	92.5%	154	-2.1%
Life skills needs and student interests	93.3%	171	94.3%	151	-0.2%

5. My goal(s) for attending HCC were to: (choose all that apply)	Choice	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
		*N	Percentage (%)	*N	Percentage (%)	
	Earn an Associate Degree, Diploma, or Certificate	175	97.2%	153	96.2%	-1.0%
	Prepare for a new job	90	50.0%	72	45.3%	-4.7%
	Improve existing job skills	50	27.8%	41	25.8%	-2.0%
	Transfer to a four year college/university	56	31.1%	46	28.9%	-2.2%
	Personal interest	28	15.6%	29	18.2%	2.7%
	Other	2	1.1%	0	0.0%	-1.1%

*Respondents (N) are duplicated. Percentages will not equal 100%

6. I earned a/an: (check all that apply)	Choice	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
		*N	Percentage (%)	*N	Percentage (%)	
	Associate Degree	129	71.7%	120	75.5%	3.8%
	Diploma	45	25.0%	40	25.2%	0.2%
	Certificate	85	47.2%	69	43.4%	-3.8%
	Other	4	2.2%	3	1.9%	-0.3%

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7. I accomplished my goal(s)	Yes, Completely	Percentage (%)	Yes, Partially	Percentage (%)
GSS2016	156	87.6%	22	12.4%
GSS2017	133	84.7%	24	15.3%
2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)		-2.9%		2.9%

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8. If you partially accomplished your goal while at HCC, which of the following best describes why you did not achieve your goal: (Choose all that apply)	Choice	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
		Selections	Percentage (%)	Selections	Percentage (%)	
	Job conflict	9	40.9%	10	41.7%	0.8%
	New employment	7	31.8%	10	41.7%	9.8%
	Financial hardship	14	63.6%	3	12.5%	-51.1%
	Family circumstances	3	13.6%	6	25.0%	11.4%
	Joined the military	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0.0%
	Lack of child-care	1	4.5%	0	0.0%	-4.5%
	Medical issues	5	22.7%	3	12.5%	-10.2%
	Moved to a new area	2	9.1%	2	8.3%	-0.8%
	Lack of interest in pursuing course of study	1	4.5%	2	8.3%	3.8%
	Dissatisfied with the services offered by the college	2	9.1%	3	12.5%	3.4%
	Dissatisfied with the quality of instruction	2	9.1%	6	25.0%	15.9%
	Other	11	50.0%	17	70.8%	20.8%

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9. If you were to begin again (if you had to start all over again) would you choose to attend HCC?	Yes	Percentage (%)	No	Percentage (%)	Not sure	Percentage (%)
GSS2016	156	86.7%	12	6.7%	12	6.7%
GSS2017	127	79.9%	15	9.4%	17	10.7%
2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)		-6.8%		2.8%		4.0%

10. If you are unsure or would not attend HCC (if you were to start over again), please state the reason(s) why.	GSS 2016	GSS2017
	The reason that I would not choose HCC is because I would choose a four year university to receive my Bachelors.	It would depend on if I were to move and financial obligations
	i will be back in the fall	I do not know I would have chosen to attend Roanoke Valley Early College. If I did not, I would have never experienced Halifax Community College.

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The school just didn't have the teachers or the support that student needs to learn. We had to have many online classes the teachers don't communicate well through E-mail. When you shorten classes from 16 weeks to 8 weeks you greatly reduce my chance to learn what I need to know in the working world.	I'd want to go to a university
Need more time for math. Job conflict, it would be better for me to take it on line.	I am hoping to transfer to a 4 year university and I would not have a reason to come back to a 2 year college.
The instructors did not teach me or hold me to a higher level than I was at. I feel there are other community college options that would have been better for me to meet and excel in my intellectual knowledge.	there is a lot of racism towards white people here, also my learning gets interrupted all the time due to other teachers popping in, and there are a bunch of other reasons.
There isn't much courses/programs to offer. Granted, it is understandable.	I wanted to receive a degree to help me receive my RHIT certification, and the Medical Office Administration is not offered through AAHIMA.
does not offer transitioning program for RN	I think that HCC gives an inferior education to students because of the quality of teachers. Teachers either don't care about students and their education or don't know how to teach their students.
I don't like the area .	Different environment.
I have already completed what I wanted.	This college needs some severe organization. From the start, my transcript and ss card copy were lost within the admissions department. From then on, the program of study within my major was disorganized as well.
RVEC students were never welcomed on the campus as a regular student. They looked at us as babies and irritating children, even though we didn't bother anyone.	The learning environment here is very easy to learn.
I had a lot of issues with my previous classes transferring.	personally they don't have funding for what interests me and that's ART and Computer Graphics.
because I want something new	I moved and don't live close by anymore, other than that I would come back if needed.
I wouldn't choose to attend HCC because there are some teachers that are disrespectful and rude. I try not to be disrespectful to others especially to teachers and my elders but some just try to embarrass you in front of everyone instead of talking in private.	I have dedicated the past three years to nursing school and I have been let down my last semester with the lack of education.
It's like pulling teeth to get someone to help you sign up for classes or get help in general.	I believe that I would have received a better education in a different Nursing Program. I am overall satisfied with HCC but not in my area of study.
Lack of organization in college	I would want to attend a college with more opportunities.

Better location that is closer to home or in an area of more interest	Professionalism is a problem on this campus, I was unable to achieve all my goals on this campus. This campus seems geared more towards the early college experience than any other section.
I don't feel all the teachers are able to teach students so that they fully understand.	

11. School of College Transfer, Business, & Education	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
	Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	
Associate in Arts (A)	100.0%	55	100.0%	63	0.0%
Teacher Preparation Partnership Associate in Science (A)	96.2%	26	100.0%	30	3.8%
Associate in General Education (A)	95.8%	24	100.0%	30	4.2%
Associate in Engineering (A)	95.0%	20	100.0%	25	5.0%
Business Administration (A, D, C)	96.3%	27	100.0%	36	3.7%
Computer Information Technology (A, D, C)	96.0%	25	100.0%	29	4.0%
Medical Office Administration (A, D, C)	100.0%	37	100.0%	41	0.0%
Early Childhood Education (A)	97.2%	36	100.0%	31	2.8%
Paralegal Technology (A, C)	95.5%	22	100.0%	26	4.5%
Criminal Justice Technology (A)	95.5%	22	100.0%	23	4.5%
Office Administration (A, D, C)	100.0%	25	100.0%	32	0.0%
School of Career & Technical Education	Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
Automotive Systems Technology (A, D, C)	95.0%	20	100.0%	25	5.0%
Advertising and Graphic Design (A, D, C)	100.0%	19	100.0%	26	0.0%
Computer Graphics (C)	100.0%	17	100.0%	23	0.0%
Basic Law Enforcement Training (C)	100.0%	17	100.0%	21	0.0%
Cosmetology (A, D)	100.0%	23	96.0%	25	-4.0%
Industrial Systems Technology (A, D, C)	100.0%	23	100.0%	32	0.0%
Welding (D, C)	100.0%	22	100.0%	25	0.0%
School of Health Sciences & Human Services Technology	Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
Associate Degree Nursing (A)	100.0%	31	90.6%	32	-9.4%
Dental Hygiene (A)	100.0%	33	96.8%	31	-3.2%
Human Services Technology (A)	100.0%	42	100.0%	25	0.0%
Medical Laboratory Technology (A)	100.0%	24	100.0%	25	0.0%
Practical Nursing (D)	100.0%	16	100.0%	23	0.0%
Phlebotomy (C)	95.5%	22	100.0%	25	4.5%
Therapeutic & Diagnostic Services (D)	100.0%	16	100.0%	21	0.0%

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12. If you have been accepted to begin studies at a 4-year college or university for the next academic year, or at another community college, list the name of the school you will attend:	GSS 2016		GSS 2017	
	School Choice	Frequency	School Choice	Frequency
	Elizabeth City St. Univ.	4	Elizabeth City St. Univ.	5
	NC A&T St. Univ.	3	UNC Greensboro	4
	UNC Chapel Hill	3	East Carolina Univ.	3
	East Carolina Univ.	2	NC State Univ.	3
	NC State Univ.	2	Fayetteville St. Univ.	2
	NC Wesleyan College	2	NC A&T St. Univ.	2
	UNC Greensboro	2	NC Wesleyan College	2
	Winston Salem St. Univ.	2	Chowan University	1
	Chowan University	1	George Mason Univ.	1
	Fayetteville St. Univ.	1	Johnson & Wales Univ.	1
	Living Arts College	1	NC Central Univ.	1
	UNC Wilmington	1	St. Andrews Univ.	1
	Western Carolina Univ.	1	UNC Charlotte	1
			UNC Pembroke	1
			Western Carolina Univ.	1
	Total = 13	25	Total = 15	29

13. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the following:	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
	Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	Satisfied/Very Satisfied	N	
Your overall experience at Halifax Community College	98.3%	177	95.0%	158	-3.3%
Your current employment status	53.3%	180	56.1%	155	2.8%

14. If employed or have an offer of employment, please provide the following information:	GSS 2016			GSS 2017		
	Employer Name	Frequency	Industry	Employer Name	Frequency	Industry
	Halifax Regional Medical Center	6	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Halifax Regional Medical Center	10	Healthcare and Social Assistance
	Lowes Distribution	3	Manufacturing	Halifax Community College	3	Educational Services
	Halifax Community College	2	Educational Services	Walmart	3	Retail and Sales

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J&J Childcare & Learning Center #2	2	Educational Services	West Faser	2	Manufacturing
Weldon Day Care Inc.	2	Educational Services	VCU-CMH	2	Healthcare and Social Assistance
CADA	2	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Severn Peanut Company	1	Manufacturing
Halifax County Department of Social Services	2	Healthcare and Social Assistance	The Gingerbread House Preschool	1	Educational Services
Food Lion	2	Retail and Sales	The Goddard School	1	Educational Services
Hardee's	2	Retail and Sales	USPS	1	Federal Government
Just Save	2	Retail and Sales	Accordius/creekside	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance
Taco Bell	2	Retail and Sales	Emerge Ortho	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance
Walmart	2	Retail and Sales	Mid-Atlantic Eye Physicians	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance
Zaxby's Inc.	2	Retail and Sales	Northeastern Home Health	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance
Creative Playthings Ltd	1	Educational Services	Park Ave Pediatrics	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance
HALIFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHILDCARE	1	Educational Services	Rural Health Group	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance
High's Daycare	1	Educational Services	WEBB HOME CARE	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance
Kingdomkids Childcare	1	Educational Services	Ramada Plaza	1	Leisure and Hospitality
KIPP ENC	1	Educational Services	Cummins	1	Manufacturing
Little Green Berets	1	Educational Services	KENNNAMETAL	1	Manufacturing
PRIDE Program	1	Educational Services	Klausner Lumber	1	Manufacturing
Royal Learning Academy	1	Educational Services	Resers Fine Foods	1	Manufacturing
Stacey's Child Care	1	Educational Services	Weldon Steel	1	Manufacturing
U.S. Security Associates	1	Federal Government	Insource	1	Professional and Business Services
Creekside Animal Hospital	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Bobby Super Market	1	Retail and Sales
Dr. Wilbert Chetty	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Burger King	1	Retail and Sales
DrugCo Pharmacy	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Dunham's Sports	1	Retail and Sales
Fresenius Medical Center	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Hampton Farms	1	Retail and Sales

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Maria Parham Medical Center	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Just Save	1	Retail and Sales
Nash Hospital	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Lowe's	1	Retail and Sales
Vidant Edgecombe Labortatory	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance	McPherson Beverages	1	Retail and Sales
Vidant Medical Center	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Papa John's	1	Retail and Sales
Vidant Roanoke Chowan Hospital	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Platinum Hair Salon and Boutique	1	Retail and Sales
Vision of View	1	Healthcare and Social Assistance	Rite Aid	1	Retail and Sales
Lansing Trade Group	1	Manufacturing	Texas Steak House	1	Retail and Sales
Severn peanut company	1	Manufacturing	AAA Carolinas	1	Transportation and warehousing
Georgia Pacific	1	Manufacturing	DJM TRUCKING LLC	1	Transportation and warehousing
Kapstone Paper	1	Manufacturing	NCCAR	1	Transportation and warehousing
Kennametal	1	Manufacturing	Trinity Service Group	1	Professional and Business Services
Draka Elevator	1	Manufacturing	Total = 38	53	8
supercuts barbershop	1	Professional and Business Services			
Applebees bar and grill	1	Retail and Sales			
Burger King	1	Retail and Sales			
Centurylink	1	Retail and Sales			
D&G Auto Supply	1	Retail and Sales			
Little Caesar's	1	Retail and Sales			
Roanoke Mini Storage, INC.	1	Retail and Sales			
Save A Lot	1	Retail and Sales			
City of Rocky Mount	1	State and Local Government			
Department of Correction	1	State and Local Government			
NCDPS Caledonia Corr. Inst.	1	State and Local Government			
Total = 50	68	6			

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Industry	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
	N	Percent in Industry (%)	N	Percent in Industry (%)	
Healthcare and Social Assistance	20	29.4%	19	35.8%	6.4%
Retail and Sales	19	27.9%	14	26.4%	-1.5%
Educational Services	15	22.1%	5	9.4%	-12.6%
Manufacturing	9	13.2%	8	15.1%	1.9%
State and Local Government	3	4.4%	0	0.0%	-4.4%
Federal Government	1	1.5%	1	1.9%	0.4%
Transportation and warehousing	0	0.0%	3	5.7%	5.7%
Leisure and Hospitality	0	0.0%	1	1.9%	1.9%
Professional and Business Services	1	1.5%	2	3.8%	2.3%
	68	100.0%	53	100.0%	

15. What is your salary range?	GSS 2016		GSS 2017		2017 vs 2016 (Diff.)
	N	Percent (%)	N	Percent (%)	
Below \$5,000	25	27.8%	15	19.5%	-8.3%
\$5,000 - 9,999	13	14.4%	14	18.2%	3.7%
\$10,000 - 14,999	11	12.2%	5	6.5%	-5.7%
\$15,000 - 19,999	9	10.0%	9	11.7%	1.7%
\$20,000 - 24,999	9	10.0%	10	13.0%	3.0%
\$25,000 - 29,999	8	8.9%	6	7.8%	-1.1%
\$30,000 - 39,999	8	8.9%	7	9.1%	0.2%
Above \$40,000	7	7.8%	11	14.3%	6.5%
Total	90	100.0%	77	100.0%	

16. Please add any comments about your experience(s) at HCC or suggestions for improving our services for students.	GSS 2016	GSS2017
	More student's affair.	Internship programs for the students.
Great community college to attend in the Roanoke Valley.	Would love to see more activities other than Spring Fling and Fall Fest. Need more flowerscaping on campus. I miss the flowers in all the beds.	

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My overall experience was amazing. I learned so many different things, meet new people and made some great friends.	Attending at Halifax Community College was successful and interesting .I learned to accept the diversity of being in a large class or a small class .I loved the active help and encouraging words of graduating on time .
I love Halifax community college.	I really loved my time at Halifax. I earned my GED at HCC and now I am earning my degree. Not only did I achieve my dreams but I also learned a lot about myself and what I can do if I believe in myself and keep pushing through. With the help of the staff at HCC I achieved everything and plus some. Now I am going to attend the 2+2 program that HCC have to offer and get my BSW. Thank you so much for everything.
HCC,, has been a great experience.,The Staff is Awesome and I enjoyed meeting a lot of great people and yes I will attend HCC again..Thanks a Bunch	Get rid if early college students. When us older ppl are trying to learn the kids are rude distracting and dont seem to care about there grades
Since I came to HCC my experience has been emotional and exciting. I got to learn new things and meet wonderful people and I'm grateful for them and the family at HCC	I believe that more online classes need to be made available and the registrar/cashiers office should stay open until 6 or 7 to accommodate people who may work until 5 PM
My experience at HCC has been very pleasant. I have enjoyed the overall experience. The Advisors, and other programs were very instrumental with my education and experience at HCC. I am well pleased.	More student clubs and organizations should be constructed such as DECA, FBLA-PBL, etc.
THIS IS ONE PLACE THAT- I WILL NEVER FORGET.	I did not like having to give my contact information. These surveys are supposed to be anonymous.
IT was learning experience, the instructors were great,	Overall, my experience at HCC has been amazing. I feel as HCC has prepared me on what's to come in the future once I transfer.
My experience here at HCC was a wonderful one.	Provide some type of service to help students upon completion of their degrees obtain employment.
Hold instructors to higher standards and if it is obvious that they are not fulfilling their responsibilities to their students,find better professors. I have had only one professor that I felt truly taught and prepared me for transfer to a university.	National Technical Honor Society has gone vacant and abandoned by its teacher admin. I would love to see it brought back and got up and running.
My only suggestion is to remember to have someone come check the lunchroom and bathrooms in the dental hygiene building. The tables are always sticky and filthy, and the bathrooms smell clean but do not look clean	My experience at HCC was a great experience!!
My experience attending here was great.	this school send out way to many emails, and it will worry the crap out of ya,
Overall I gained a lot of information in regards to my academic profession. I love how HCC and I became so family oriented over the years I spent there. The instructors, staffs, faculties, students, and more people made sure we helped one another at all times. HCC stands by what the slogans means "learning comes to life in pursuit of excellence." I know I have advance a long ways from the knowledge and experience I have gained from attending there.	I have really enjoyed my time here at HCC

I loved my learning experience at HCC. HCC changed my life and I am looking forward getting My Associate at HCC next May. Thank you for all you do for us.	I think Halifax Community College is a wonderful place to learn and to pursue the goals in your life. I have had a great experience here and will hope to have more.
Some staff members need to have better attitudes and act like that actually like there job. The dental hygiene department was the best department with such loving and caring staff! I would recommend dental hygiene at this school just because the staff over there cares so much!	The college need more student activities on campus.
I'm still attending HCC after receiving my degree in Paralegal Technology	I am well satisfied with my experience at HCC.
I have enjoyed my time at Halifax Community College and will miss being here.	I enjoyed attending Halifax Community College.
I wish to remain anonymous	I didn't enjoy coming to class and that is why I only did it for a semester and then the rest of my experience was online. I enjoyed the convenience of being online and not having to deal with teachers that couldn't teach. I basically taught myself. I think that math should be available online since sciences are offered online. Community colleges should be convenient for everyone and since a lot of students at HCC are adults going back to school, all classes should be offered online.
What a great school I really enjoy my 2 years at HCC.	Keeping what you are doing.
I don't like the discrimination against RVEC students. We were always targeted as disrespectful, childish, and unruly. Even if it was a HCC student causing the disruption, a RVEC student would be the one to blame regardless.	I am overall pleased with my experience at HCC. I do however believe that the school should work on advisors and their knowledge of the programs.
Cleaner restrooms	It was fun.
I have truly enjoyed my learning experience Here at HCC.	great school.
I am proud to be HCC alum!	I have really enjoyed this opportunity to better myself in life.
I had a great experience at Halifax Community College, and I would recommend this institution to any student who wants to better themselves. I would like to thank everyone who help me achieve my goals.	Great school
I have really enjoyed my experience at Hcc. I have no complaints	Great no comments
My experience was helpful because of the success center for making me a better person.	Nursing program should be considered full time status
Keep up the good work.	Halifax is a great community college. I enjoyed my time here and the education I received will be monumental in my future goals. The college was very inexpensive 5 thumbs up.
I really like this college. I will be attending in the fall to further my education with an Associates degree in Business Administration.	i love the fact that HCC helps students get to where they want to be in life

For the most part I have enjoyed going to college at HCC. It has been a struggle for me this past year especially this past January till the present has been the hardest with school and health wise. I can say that mostly everyone my Instructors past and present, my Counselor Mrs. Mayle, Financial Aid staff, Book store staff, the Registrar-Ms. Valecky, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Archer, and a few more. Thank you HCC for having me as your student.	This experience here at Halifax Community College has been much rewarding and beneficence to my success in life challenges. I will greatly appreciate it for as long as live. Thank you all and God bless!
Tables in the Dental Hygiene break room area are not cleaned and the floors are also quiet dirty. Male bathrooms are kept pretty clean though. A new vending machine for snacks would be great considering mice got into the one that is still in there (the current one is empty and has been empty for about a year now).	Great school , I really enjoyed the PRIDE program and everything they did for me.
THE DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC SHOULD BE ADVERTISED MORE. A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY DON'T EVEN KNOW IT EXISTS.	Needs transportation for students without it.
Over all I loved my experience at HCC! The teachers were great and knew what they were doing. They knew the curriculum very well and demonstrated it in the classroom. Everyone was very helpful! I will miss HCC!	Get more funding for Graphic Design and if it can be incorporated with the Graphic design program at Chowan The students would love it. Art Matters
My experience at HCC has been a great experience. If I decide to further my education, HCC will be my first choice.	Instructors that care about education
Help provide transportation for student thru their PELL grant monies. Improve on cleanliness of bathrooms, and area where the Micro-wave is located in lunch room.	I wish you had more financial support for out of state students. I had to pay 3 times what my classmates had to pay for tuition and I was unable to get any financial assistance as I already had a bachelors degree. It made it a real struggle as I attended school full time, have a 2 year old child and had to work a full time job as well.
	I shared my concerns many times already and personally I felt it went no where.