

## **2004-2005 MECC Graduate Satisfaction Survey**

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## Survey Highlights

- 267 students applying for graduation in December and May responded to the survey, providing an 84% response rate (267 of 319 graduates).
- Student respondents represented graduates from 37 associate degree and certificate programs. The largest number of graduates came from Practical Nursing, Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, General Studies, Administrative Support Technology, and Management.
- Respondents compared their skills before and after attending MECC and identified an improvement of skills in each of nine areas. The areas of greatest improvement were computer skills and teamwork skills.
- Student satisfaction ratings were given in 17 different areas. Areas with the highest ratings of excellent/above average were Teaching/Instruction (78%), Financial Aid (73%), Advising (72%), and Computers (72%).
- 71% of respondents said they planned to seek full-time employment, 8% said seek part-time employment, 26% said continue with current employment, 20% said to transfer, and 26% said to return to MECC. (Percentages will exceed 100% since students could check more than one area.)
- The colleges/universities where the largest number of students planned to transfer were UVA-Wise (21, although 3 of these were unsure of UVA-Wise or another institution), ODU (8), and ETSU (4).
- While students faced many challenges to complete their requirements for graduation, the balancing of work, home and college seemed to predominate.
- When asked how MECC helped them to stay in college, the responses appeared to predominately be financial assistance, supportive faculty/staff, and flexible scheduling of courses, especially distance education and night classes.

## Graduates' Academic Plan

Degree/Certificate Received	Response Total
Photography	1
Small Business Management	1
Industrial Supervision	2
Health Information Tech	5
Health Care Tech	3
Pharmacy Aide	4
Real Estate	1
Child Development	9
Graphic Design	1
Geographical Information System	6
Emergency Medical Services	2
Nursing	30
Practical Nursing	36
Respiratory Therapy	16
Accounting Certificate	1
Accounting	5
Management	10
Business Administration	5
Clerical Assistant	1
Computer Software Specialist	9
Legal Assisting	8
Administrative Support Technology	15
Administration of Justice	1
Corrections Science	1

Police Science	5
Education	8
Liberal Arts	1
General Studies	22
Maintenance	2
Manufacturing Technology	1
Comp/Electronic Tech	6
Computer Networking	5
Environment Science	1
Forest Science	3
Science	5
Air Cond Refrigeration	6
Welding	3
Health Info. Tech/Health Care Tech.	1
Health Info. Tech/Pharmacy Aide	1
Accounting/Management	3
Legal Assisting/Health Info. Tech	1
Legal Assisting/Real Estate	1
Admin Support Tech/Health Info. Tech	1
General Studies/Graphic Design	1
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>264</b>
(skipped this question)	3
(left this question blank)	4
(missing)	1

<b>Evaluate your skills before attending MECC.</b>							
	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Does not apply</b>	<b>Response Average</b>
Reading skills	12% (33)	29% (78)	<b>51% (135)</b>	5% (13)	2% (4)	1% (3)	<b>2.53</b>
Writing skills	8% (21)	22% (58)	<b>54% (144)</b>	13% (34)	2% (6)	1% (3)	<b>2.79</b>
Speaking skills	6% (15)	20% (54)	<b>55% (147)</b>	13% (34)	4% (10)	2% (6)	<b>2.88</b>
Math skills	5% (12)	18% (47)	<b>50% (134)</b>	22% (58)	3% (8)	3% (7)	<b>3.01</b>
Science knowledge	2% (5)	17% (45)	<b>58% (155)</b>	14% (36)	2% (6)	7% (19)	<b>2.97</b>
Critical thinking/Problem solving	2% (6)	23% (62)	<b>61% (163)</b>	9% (25)	2% (4)	2% (6)	<b>2.84</b>
Library research skills	3% (9)	19% (50)	<b>59% (157)</b>	13% (34)	3% (9)	3% (7)	<b>2.94</b>
Computer skills	5% (14)	23% (61)	<b>50% (134)</b>	14% (38)	5% (13)	2% (6)	<b>2.90</b>
Teamwork skills	7% (18)	26% (68)	<b>55% (146)</b>	8% (22)	2% (5)	3% (7)	<b>2.72</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>							<b>266</b>
(skipped this question)							1

**NOTE:** The response range is from 1 (Excellent) to 5 (Poor). A low response score reflects a positive rating; i.e., the lower the better.

<b>Evaluate your skills after attending MECC.</b>							
	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Does not apply</b>	<b>Response Average</b>
Reading skills	24% (64)	<b>55% (147)</b>	20% (53)	0% (0)	0% (0)	1% (2)	<b>1.96</b>
Writing skills	18% (47)	<b>59% (156)</b>	22% (59)	1% (2)	0% (0)	1% (2)	<b>2.06</b>
Speaking skills	17% (45)	<b>53% (140)</b>	28% (74)	0% (0)	1% (3)	2% (4)	<b>2.15</b>
Math skills	14% (38)	<b>45% (119)</b>	36% (96)	2% (4)	1% (2)	3% (7)	<b>2.28</b>

Science knowledge	9% (23)	<b>44% (118)</b>	37% (99)	2% (4)	1% (3)	7% (19)	<b>2.38</b>
Critical thinking/Problem solving	14% (37)	<b>65% (172)</b>	18% (49)	0% (0)	0% (1)	2% (6)	<b>2.06</b>
Library research skills	16% (42)	<b>51% (136)</b>	28% (75)	1% (3)	0% (1)	3% (9)	<b>2.16</b>
Computer skills	22% (58)	<b>52% (139)</b>	23% (62)	0% (1)	0% (0)	2% (5)	<b>2.02</b>
Teamwork skills	25% (66)	<b>58% (154)</b>	15% (40)	0% (0)	0% (0)	2% (6)	<b>1.90</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>							<b>266</b>
(skipped this question)							1

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#### Average Response Rates

	<b>Before Attending MECC</b>	<b>After Attending MECC</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Reading Skills	2.53	1.96	+.57
Writing Skills	2.79	2.06	+.73
Speaking Skills	2.88	2.15	+.73
Math Skills	3.01	2.28	+.73
Science Knowledge	2.97	2.38	+.59
Critical Thinking/Problem Solving	2.84	2.06	+.78
Library Research Skills	2.94	2.16	+.78
Computer Skills	2.90	2.02	+.88
Teamwork Skills	2.72	1.90	+.82

**NOTE:** The response range is from 1 (Excellent) to 5 (Poor). A low response score reflects a positive rating; i.e., the lower the better.

How satisfied were you with the following areas while a student at MECC?							
	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Poor	Does not apply	Response Average
Teaching/Instruction	<b>44% (115)</b>	34% (90)	22% (57)	0% (0)	0% (0)	0% (1)	<b>1.78</b>
Advising	<b>48% (127)</b>	24% (63)	22% (57)	3% (9)	2% (4)	1% (3)	<b>1.85</b>
Developmental Courses	25% (67)	<b>29% (76)</b>	27% (71)	1% (2)	0% (1)	17% (46)	<b>2.05</b>
Library	30% (79)	<b>37% (97)</b>	28% (73)	1% (3)	0% (0)	4% (11)	<b>2.00</b>
Career/Job Services	24% (62)	28% (73)	<b>28% (74)</b>	2% (5)	1% (2)	18% (47)	<b>2.13</b>
Personal Counseling	<b>29% (76)</b>	22% (57)	23% (60)	2% (6)	2% (4)	23% (60)	<b>2.04</b>
Tutoring	18% (47)	19% (51)	19% (51)	1% (3)	0% (1)	<b>42% (110)</b>	<b>2.08</b>
Computers	<b>37% (97)</b>	35% (91)	22% (58)	1% (3)	0% (0)	5% (14)	<b>1.87</b>
Financial Aid	<b>51% (134)</b>	22% (59)	17% (44)	2% (4)	1% (2)	8% (20)	<b>1.69</b>
Bookstore	<b>42% (110)</b>	27% (70)	27% (71)	3% (7)	0% (0)	2% (5)	<b>1.90</b>
Business Office	<b>38% (101)</b>	25% (67)	33% (86)	2% (4)	0% (1)	2% (4)	<b>1.98</b>
Online Enrollment	<b>42% (110)</b>	26% (69)	23% (61)	3% (7)	2% (4)	5% (12)	<b>1.91</b>
Student Clubs	20% (52)	16% (43)	20% (53)	3% (7)	0% (0)	<b>41% (108)</b>	<b>2.10</b>
Pro-Art Concerts	18% (47)	18% (47)	20% (52)	2% (5)	0% (0)	<b>43% (112)</b>	<b>2.10</b>
Spring Fling/Student Picnics	25% (65)	20% (52)	23% (61)	0% (1)	0% (0)	<b>32% (84)</b>	<b>1.99</b>
Internship	22% (58)	14% (38)	16% (41)	2% (5)	1% (2)	<b>45% (119)</b>	<b>1.99</b>
Community Service/Service Learning	21% (56)	15% (40)	21% (56)	0% (1)	0% (0)	<b>42% (110)</b>	<b>2.01</b>
<b>Total Respondents</b>							<b>263</b>
(skipped this question)							4

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<b>What are your plans after graduation?</b>			
		<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Total</b>
<b>Seek full-time employment</b>		<b>70.5%</b>	<b>182</b>
Seek part-time employment		8.1%	21
Continue with current employment		26.4%	68
Transfer		19.8%	51
Return to MECC		26.4%	68
Other		11.6%	30
<b>Total Respondents</b>			<b>258</b>
(skipped this question)			9

<b>College or university the student is planning to attend:</b>	
	<b>Response Total</b>
Bluefield	1
ETSU	4
Lincoln Memorial	2
Northeast State Community College	1
ODU	8
Radford	1
Radford or Averett University	1
SVCC	1
UVA-Wise	18
UVA-Wise or William and Mary	1
Virginia Intermont	3
Virginia Intermont or UVA-Wise	1
Virginia Tech	2
Virginia Tech or UVA-Wise	1
Walters State Community College	1
William & Mary	1
Wytheville Community College	1
UNDECIDED	2
<b>Total Respondents</b>	<b>51</b>
(skipped this question)	216

## Other Plans

Response to 'Other plans':	
1.	Move to Florida
2.	Purse Master's Degree
3.	Work from home as medical encoder.
4.	Complete JMU degree
5.	Return for RN program
6.	To complete RN program
7.	May return for RN program
8.	Real estate sales
9.	I plan to persue a computer networking degree.
10.	Would like to finish my associates in education some day.
11.	Return for RN program
12.	Return for RN program
13.	Own business continue studies
14.	Return for LPN program
15.	Return for phlebotomy
16.	Maybe return to MECC for more education.
17.	To obtain the Medical office coding certificate.
18.	I would like to further my education.
19.	Open own business; return to MECC would depend on financial assistance
20.	I would return if a 4-year program was developed for distance learning students.
21.	Law school
22.	Work on B.S. in nursing
23.	Get B.S. in nursing
24.	May do the bachelor's program with ODU later.
25.	B.A. in English
26.	Hopefully get RN in the future.

<u>27.</u>	Return for RN bridge
<u>28.</u>	finish BSN
<u>29.</u>	Finish education
<u>30.</u>	medical office
<u>31.</u>	take Electricity courses
<u>32.</u>	Continue Edu.
<u>33.</u>	Bachelor degree
<u>34.</u>	work on self-employment projects, possibly self-publishing
<u>35.</u>	business administration
<u>36.</u>	Return for the RN program
<u>37.</u>	Maybe go into massage therapy later

## Challenges

### What were the greatest challenges you faced as a student to finish your certificate or degree?

1. The greatest challenge was preparing for final exams.
2. Worked full time. Scheduling was biggest problem.
3. My job only permitted night classes during my last 2 semesters. Those classes were dropped often because of not enough students to maintain the class.
4. Being a deaf student.
5. Trying to get through math.
6. Time
7. Juggling a full-time job, school, and being a single parent of a young child.
8. I had quit college a year and a half ago, needing just 2 credits to be finish. But I decided to come back a get that degree. And second, would the dedication that goes into going to college knowing that could decide what you are going to do with life.
9. My largest challenges were the advanced math classes, since it has been so long since I've actively practiced math.
10. Time to finish all that had to be done.
11. Choosing the right classes for my major and keeping my grades up.
12. Time management - Family, job, school.
13. It has been hard to juggle, student, mother and caregiver.
14. Balancing home, work, school.
15. It was difficult for me to balance working + going to classes. Finding time to study + sleep was difficult also.
16. Math classes.
17. My greatest challenges was learning how to balance going to school, working full time & raising a son!
18. Financial burden, time and organization.
19. Getting time to study when needed.
20. Writing essays and term papers.
21. Balancing between working, being a mother, and taking classes.
22. To maintain my goals of completion while working a full time job, family, and a full course of credits each semester.
23. Completing the enormous amount of work that was required for my degree and worrying that I would not have enough time to finish everything.
24. The greatest challenge was finding time. I work full-time and also have a part-time job.
25. Juggling work & classes.
26. Selection of classes were not offered each quarter.
27. To get my work in.

28. There are too many challenges to list them.
29. Finishing the Technical Mathematics classes (Math 105 + 106) and avoiding the peer pressure of skipping class and/or dropping out.
30. I was completing it online while attending JMU full time.
31. Computers, English on the web.
32. Preparing to have my second child and trying to balance family and school.
33. Attending class after being out of school for 5 years.
34. Trying to manage a family + school.
35. Complications with a pregnancy and a baby born with birth defects and trying to squeeze everything together.
36. Some classes.
37. I had problems with math.
38. So many classes are held in Scott + Lee County, the drive was very discouraging.
39. Organizing my time between home and school and losing my dad to a car accident.
40. Having to make sure that I didn't plan anything on days I had classes. If there was a death in the family it was hard to not be able to always go to them because of classes.
41. Schedule conflicts.
42. Financial expenses.
43. Finding between work.
44. Science courses.
45. Getting into a math class.
46. The greatest challenge I faced as a student to finish my degree was waking up for my classes.
47. Doing it while working 50+ hours a week.
48. Attending class regularly. Balancing work and college.
49. Trying to balance work and school.
50. I was really weak in math. I had a real fear of algebra.
51. Trying to go to work and go to college at the same time.
52. Classes that were required for my degree were canceled several times due to low enrollment for night class.
53. The greatest challenge was finding time to complete all my homework.
54. The biggest challenge was trying to get my degree in 4 semesters.
55. Some challenges I faced as a student was parking, working, and going to school at the same time.
56. Working and trying to finish my degree program.
57. Family + work.
58. Keeping up with student activities between family and work activities.

59.	Working full time while attending school.
60.	Time + finances.
61.	Trying to work and go to school.
62.	Working full time, attending college full time + being the mother of three children.
63.	Pre calculus
64.	Time management.
65.	Apply to work and attend school on a full time status.
66.	The time because of having a family.
67.	Scheduling times, long hours, lots of homework.
68.	Working full time and attending college full time.
69.	To find the time required.
70.	Balancing the school work with my family + kids.
71.	Having the confidence in myself that I could do this.
72.	Keeping enough money to stay in school.
73.	Balancing school + work + family.
74.	Schedule conflicts, having limited classes in the summer.
75.	Being a single parent and a full-time student. The instructors made the learning much easier than I was expecting since I had been out of school (full time) for twenty years.
76.	I have had to work the whole time I have been in school. My biggest challenge was trying to find time to study & do all of my classwork.
77.	Money.
78.	Having a family, part-time job, trying to have time for it all. Lower prices @ Grill.
79.	Having two children, especially one with a disability was my greatest challenge.
80.	Financial, emotional, making time to study, do my work.
81.	Working full time and having 4 children to raise. It was hard to find time to study and do my homework.
82.	Scheduling classes while having time for family and work.
83.	Being able to attend.
84.	Time
85.	Biology
86.	Finding the time to do all that was required of all the instructors.
87.	The greatest challenges where the other classmates. Getting to know them and have fun learning with them.
88.	My greatest challenge was finding time for my classes, because I work, but MECC made it easier for me.
89.	The military seemed to get in my way!

90.	Doing ENG 100 on the web.
91.	Finding the time between working & raising a family.
92.	Schedule school around a job and family.
93.	It was difficult to complete the course requirements for the programs in the time that I wanted.
94.	Being an older student with a husband and child and many responsibilities.
95.	Time + family management.
96.	The deaths in my family were distractions, but the instructors were very understanding and compassionate.
97.	Getting through math.
98.	Being a mother of two.
99.	Working at my job and working that around my college class schedule.
100.	Working in all the classes that I needed into my schedule.
101.	Social skills.
102.	Being able to study and make good grades while raising a family.
103.	Studying was hard. It was difficult to find time to learn the subjects.
104.	The greatest challenges that I faced to finish my certificate were a few of my classes were pretty tough.
105.	I'm a full time student, employee & mother, so time is precious. All the teachers that I had were great & that is a lot of help when the stress is very high.
106.	Completion of all classes and assignments necessary for the program.
107.	English
108.	The difficulties which accompany the nursing program.
109.	Wife and mother of 3, employed full time. I would love to see a wider variety of courses offered through distance learning.
110.	Funding - I did not receive financial aid due to parents income; therefore I relied heavily on scholarships.
111.	Trying to juggle time between my family, job + studies.
112.	Study skills.
113.	Completing the math requirements for my degree.
114.	Finding the time to get the classes I needed around my work schedule.
115.	Finding time to handle all aspects of life.
116.	Being an older male student with all the female students in nursing which is traditionally a female profession.
117.	Staying motivated.
118.	Finding time to take the classes I needed and finding an advisor who would actually help.
119.	The work force program required that I finished the course in one year.
120.	Making myself sit down + do my homework after being out of school for 5 years.

121.	Having enough money to drive up here because I live an hour away.
122.	Working and going to school full time.
123.	Trying to figure out what I wanted to be for the rest of my life.
124.	I thought I was too old to go back to school and start over again - that turned out to be true.
125.	Making time for everything ex. internship.
126.	The college experience itself. Coming straight from high school it was a major change. But MECC helped me accomplish my challenges.
127.	Time management.
128.	Learning how to study like a college student instead of a high school student.
129.	Finances, work versus school load.
130.	Trying to balance family, work + school at the same time!
131.	Attendance and "Sticking with it" - Video classes.
132.	Trying to work my schedule around work. (especially Health & P.E.)
133.	Working class schedule around work.
134.	I face lot challenges with the new program of Drafting Design.
135.	Working and being a older student.
136.	Working and attending classes.
137.	Funds to be able to go to school.
138.	All the demands of the nursing program.
139.	Keeping up with a full load of school, home, and work.
140.	The greatest challenges I faced to finish my degree was trying to pass some of the classes that are not what I am good in.
141.	Full time work and family - Keeping up.
142.	Deciding which program to stay in and finish.
143.	Juggling work & school.
144.	My challenges where mostly financial and trying to balance school, family.
145.	Juggling work, family + school. Also financial.
146.	Starting college at my age + learning to study again. Having 2 surgeries and keeping my 4.0.
147.	Time & money
148.	I found that trying to complete a 2 year degree in 1 year is extremely difficult.
149.	Trying to keep up w/ all my classes.
150.	I finished all my certificates at MECC. I am still working on my CHD degree at SVCC because MECC doesn't offer it. The distance to drive to SVCC is twice as far 100 miles each way. MECC is closer and offers most classes needed.
151.	Learning to write term papers in a grammatically correct manner

152.	Just hanging in there.
153.	Gaining the discipline to keep up with assignments and still maintain a home. Doing without income for a year to help support our home. We were used to two incomes and had lived that lifestyle.
154.	Being 30 something with a family & starting from the bottom up
155.	Some of the courses were difficult & I was pressed for time.
156.	Finding someone to keep my son so I could go to class.
157.	work conflicted with my academics
158.	worked with children ages 3 to 5 year olds.
159.	Personal Problems
160.	Working and taking classes at same time
161.	math requirements
162.	NONE
163.	math
164.	After becoming married, then having a baby time management was a big challenge.
165.	Time management - balance work and school
166.	My greatest challenge was to work full-time while attending college because of class schedule
167.	My 4 children, full-time job, and trying to go to college
168.	Working full time, being a full time mom, and the extensive work required for the nursing program
169.	finding the median between school - work
170.	Time management
171.	Time management
172.	Enough time to study, working
173.	Time of classes, length of classes
174.	Paying tuition because I was not able to receive financial aid.
175.	Paperwork
176.	Coming back to school after 20 years of being out of school + working since graduation of high school.
177.	going back to school after being out of school 36 yrs.
178.	getting through computer class towards the end of the program
179.	Personal problems @ home that interfered with studing and class attendence
180.	The greatest challenge I faced was not having enough financial aid during my last two semesters at MECC.
181.	The gas money required to get here
182.	Time management

<a href="#">183.</a>	Making time to study for courses.
<a href="#">184.</a>	My greatest challenge was trying to juggle motherhood and school.
<a href="#">185.</a>	- having to work, public job - Being in a car wreck
<a href="#">186.</a>	Finding time to do outside schoolwork
<a href="#">187.</a>	help pass the CRT & RRT state test from NBRC
<a href="#">188.</a>	Trying to balance home, work and school.
<a href="#">189.</a>	Making sure I could pay for each semester
<a href="#">190.</a>	English
<a href="#">191.</a>	being a single parent trying to work, attend school, as well as after school activities and still find time to study
<a href="#">192.</a>	My greatest challenges faced as a student was trying to work while attending college full time.
<a href="#">193.</a>	There were some challenges, but I always think of a challenge as an obstacle to overcome, and I make it my goal to do so.
<a href="#">194.</a>	English
<a href="#">195.</a>	Finding time while working full time
<a href="#">196.</a>	Independent studies
<a href="#">197.</a>	Working a full time job and finding time to go to class

## Ways MECC helped Graduates

### In what ways did MECC help you to stay in college?

1. MECC provided a relaxed and comfortable environment to learn in.
2. Financial aid.
3. Flexibility of class schedules.
4. Provided interpreter service.
5. Flexible schedule and distance education courses.
6. MECC helped me stay because I knew that going to school was going to give me training and the knowledge needed to obtain a well-paying job.
7. The staff is great, and they believe in rewarding excellence.
8. Financial Aid and the enjoyment I received from all the clubs and activities I participated in.
9. Very helpful - understanding - supportive.
10. The flexibility of classes and services offered to students.
11. Having the online classes.
12. They accommodate the working students.
13. Provided the financial assistance.
14. They didn't.
15. The professors always encouraged me to hang in there.
16. Grants, tutoring.
17. That if I wanted a better job I had to stay in college.
18. Having great instructors, who prove over and over that they really care and offer excellent advice.
19. Distance Learning classes. Online courses are more convenient for a working mother.
20. The instructors worked with me and understood my situation of lack of time.
21. By informing me about how much better my future would become if I stayed in college. Also, I had great instructors who always believed in me and constantly encouraged me to do my best.
22. The on-line classes at MECC enabled me to work school into my busy schedule.
23. By allowing me to take distance education classes.
24. By offering night classes.
25. My advisor.
26. Providing tutors.
27. Their support through Financial Aid and a strong, supportive staff.

28.	Helpful instructors.
29.	Teachers being nice and working with me to help me finish what I started.
30.	Classes were fun, hands on, + taught at convenient times.
31.	Without the convenient location of MECC it would be difficult to obtain a useful education that would enable me to get a decent job.
32.	MECC gave me the confidence I needed to succeed.
33.	Knowing I was achieving my goal.
34.	My advisor + teachers helped me with homework + encouraged me + didn't give up on me.
35.	The financial aid assistance I recieved when I didn't I could afford to go.
36.	My instructors helped me the most.
37.	They pushed me to do what I wanted and helped me to become a dream that I've dreamed for years because they helped me to make it through.
38.	Financial aid.
39.	Financial aid.
40.	Future jobs.
41.	Flexibility of schedules.
42.	Close to home.
43.	Distance learning courses.
44.	The instructors worked with me on a personal level.
45.	It provided a wonderful college atmosphere, as well as many opportunities.
46.	The financial aid I received.
47.	Faculty was understanding and very helpful.
48.	The employees here at MECC will help you any way they could.
49.	I have 3 children so distance learning classes worked for me.
50.	MECC has helped me stay in college by reminding of my goal of wanting a better career.
51.	MECC helped me stay in college by offering night classes and web classes. Without the financial aid I received, I would not have been able to afford to get my degree.
52.	I recieved full tuition from financial aid.
53.	MECC helped me stay in college by the helpful instructors, knowledgeable advisors, and comprehensive financial aid with flexible class time hours and the excellent learning facilities.
54.	Work study, financial aid, part-time employment.
55.	MECC worked around my schedules by providing night classes, as well as online classes.
56.	Financial aid.
57.	By providing the classes I needed at night or on the web.
58.	Financial assistance. Good, understanding instructors.

59.	Provided finances that I did not have to pay tuition.
60.	With the financial aid to help me with car repairs, gas etc.
61.	Providing off campus classes.
62.	My financial aid that I received.
63.	By providing off campus classes, and having a lower tuition cost. Also, available scholarships helped me stay.
64.	Flexable schedule. Not having the same classes everyday.
65.	The prof. have help me through many hard spots which helped me stay positive.
66.	By helping me pay and the location of my classes.
67.	Financial aid. Encouraging instructors.
68.	Through the faculty & staff "special" guidance.
69.	Helpful + understanding instructors.
70.	Talking with Mrs. Casteel, and getting the encouragement to stay the course + finish.
71.	The GAIN lab help me with tutors.
72.	Encurgment.
73.	Finacial aide assistance.
74.	Financial aid, flexibility with schedule.
75.	If it weren't for financial aid there would be no way I'd be able to pay for college. Also the flexible day/evening classes & web/video courses.
76.	Financial aid department were great!
77.	Instructors + staff willing to help any way possible. Class times + schedules very flexible.
78.	MECC and the stay was patient and understanding. The staff gave me encouragement when I needed it.
79.	Grant money, great teachers.
80.	Provided help with financial aid.
81.	Financial aid without this I could not have come to college.
82.	My teachers were very understanding and considerate. Financial aid also made it possible for me to recieve my degree.
83.	Through financial help.
84.	Motivational words of others.
85.	FAFSA, very helpful staff.
86.	My advisor, Jane Jones, and other instructors helping me through stressful times and encouraging me to be all that they knew I could be.
87.	Knowing that it would help me get a job.
88.	They have flexible scheduling, without it I would not be able to go to school, because I work.
89.	The GAIN lab and the people who worked there helped push me forward.

<u>90.</u>	The advisors were very helpful and friendly.
<u>91.</u>	Variety of programs offered.
<u>92.</u>	Flexiable classes day or night or weekends.
<u>93.</u>	Financial aid was very helpful to me. My academic adviser also helped me succeed. The work-study program also helped me financially.
<u>94.</u>	Flexible hours, financial aid.
<u>95.</u>	Flexible evening classes.
<u>96.</u>	MECC made it affordable for me to go to college.
<u>97.</u>	It kept me looking for what I was ment to do.
<u>98.</u>	A great staff + support system.
<u>99.</u>	MECC didn't, I did.
<u>100.</u>	Tuition.
<u>101.</u>	Excellent professors + courses guiding me toward my goal.
<u>102.</u>	Encouragement from teachers financial aid
<u>103.</u>	I had great teachers that helped me achieve my goals.
<u>104.</u>	MECC helped me stay in college because it offered financial aid. It is close to my house. Also, the staff and faculty were a major help.
<u>105.</u>	The financial aid was a definite plus but everyone seemed to go out of their way whenever I needed help & that is what helped me the most.
<u>106.</u>	The encouragement and extra time the instructors have given me.
<u>107.</u>	Financial aid
<u>108.</u>	Staff willingness to work with my work schedule.
<u>109.</u>	By offering online classes. I work fulltime and don't have time to attend classes on campus.
<u>110.</u>	The friendliness, helpfulness, and compassion.
<u>111.</u>	Several professors were willing to work with me on an independent study basis if the courses weren't offered on the web, video, etc. I would not have been able to complete the requirements any other way.
<u>112.</u>	The faculty/staff and their support meant a great deal to me. It helps to have uplifting comments/support when some days you feel like giving up.
<u>113.</u>	Financial assistance.
<u>114.</u>	Library.
<u>115.</u>	MECC encouraged me to take my skills further.
<u>116.</u>	Pell grants, but at the college it was most of the instructors that encouraged me to achieve my dreams.
<u>117.</u>	Programs such as AmeriCorps and GAIN program tought me several life lessons and empowered me to make better decisions and, encouraged me to do better in like in general.
<u>118.</u>	Scholarship.
<u>119.</u>	Got me involved in programs + activities that made me feel a part of the college.

120.	Help with financial aid, great teachers, and they came to my high school to help us enroll.
121.	The business office + fac were very helpful.
122.	The instructor were helpful, in encouraging.
123.	Financial aid.
124.	Teachers were willing to help out when they could to help me get caught back up if I had to miss for work.
125.	The faculty, staff, and students here are very nice, encouraging, and supportive.
126.	The instructors are always ready and willing to help in any way possible.
127.	Encouraging teachers.
128.	Helped pay my tuition.
129.	This college is so helpful! I people, faculty, + staff are wonderful. I transferred to another college for one semester + decided to come back to MECC because I missed it.
130.	Financial assistance and willingness of instructors to help.
131.	MECC provided me with a tobacco scholarship which helped me pay for my classes.
132.	Financial aid, instructors really helped me in every way they could to balance everything.
133.	Local and affordable.
134.	Close to home.
135.	The pay for my class and help me with books.
136.	Involvement in campus activities.
137.	The greatly helped work around my work schedule + worked with me.
138.	Grants to help with finances.
139.	Gave me financial aid so that I was able to stay in school.
140.	Wendell Fowler is the main reason I had enough confidence to even try to finish school.
141.	They helped me stay in college because I liked all of my teachers.
142.	The staff and teachers are more than dedicated.
143.	The low cost and the financial aid.
144.	Ease of admission processes.
145.	The GAIN program really helped me to keep my eye on the big picture and not give up.
146.	Some of my professors nominated me for scholarships which were extremely helpful. Being able to take classes online was also helpful although I strongly recommend attending classes at college. We need the socialization.
147.	The cost and it being close to home.
148.	Great teachers very supportive staff
149.	There are many helpful faces around campus that are always offering encouragement.
150.	close to home + affordable







