

# Report on the FY2014 Graduate Supervisors

This report provides graduate supervisor survey information for AAS/Certification, AS/AA Majors. Students graduated in the Summer, Fall and Spring Semesters.

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## Graduate Supervisor Survey – FY 2014 Graduates

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Each year OCCC graduates are surveyed to determine if they are working in the field or transferred to another educational institution. Of those graduates who indicate that they are working in a field related to their OCCC education they are asked permission if we may contact their supervisor to complete a survey.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The graduate survey process is quite extensive with mailings and follow-up telephone calls which begin about six months after the student graduates. There are two distinct graduate survey administrations. The first graduate survey administration is for the Summer and Fall graduates which is conducted in late spring of the following year, and the second is of the Spring graduates who are initially contacted in December.

As we receive the completed graduate surveys, supervisors are contacted through the mail to complete the survey. They receive a cover letter and survey form which identifies the graduate and the program in which he/she graduated. A postage paid envelope is included for their convenience. Approximately ten days after the initial supervisor mailing, we begin to telephone call these supervisors requesting that they complete the survey and return it in the mail or fax us their completed survey.

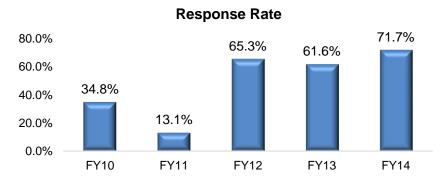
#### **LIMITATIONS**

There are several limitations to this survey.

- 1. The graduates provide us with incomplete supervisor information and we are unable to locate them.
- 2. The supervisor indicates that they have a company policy that prevents them from completing the survey.
- 3. The information provided is to a large company which forwards the telephone call to Human Resources whose representative will not switch the call to the appropriate person.

#### **RESULTS**

The response rate was 72% or 66 completed surveys of the 92 that were sent which is a significant increase from the previous year. The detailed responses for each of the questions are in Appendix A. Overall the supervisors were satisfied with the graduate's education with 92% indicating that the graduate's performance was either excellent or good and 94% indicating they would hire another OCCC student.

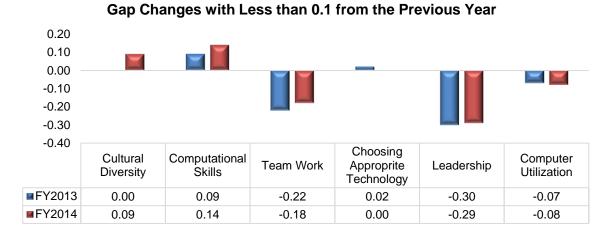


#### **Positive Gap Changes from the Previous Year**

There were two of the 16 performance/importance gaps which were better than the previous year by at least 0.20. These two areas were consensus building which was an improvement of 0.24 and negotiating with an improvement of 0.23.

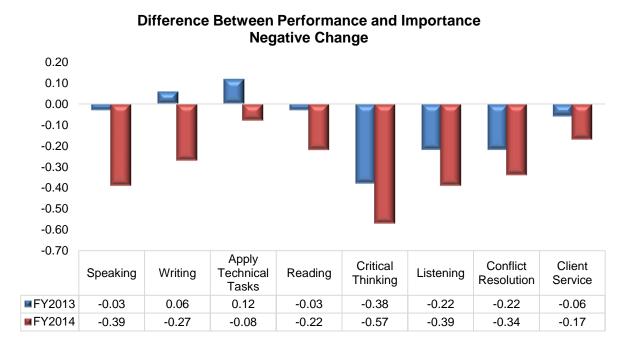
#### **Gap Changes Less than 0.1 from the Previous Year**

There were six of the 16 performance/importance gaps which were less than 0.1 from FY2013 to FY2014. These differences ranged from a 0.09 for cultural diversity to 0.01 for leadership and computer utilization.



#### **Negative Gap Changes from the Previous Year**

One method of analyzing the results is to compare the performance and importance ratings from one year to the next. There were eight of the 16 performance/importance gaps which were worse than the previous years. What this means is that the supervisors were rating their graduates performance lower than the importance.



### **Top Four Performance Ratings**

The top four performance ratings provided a wide variety of skills with team work topping the list with a 4.72 average on a 5 point scale. This item was followed by reading, cultural diversity and computer utilization.

Question	Average
8. Team work – contributes to group efforts	4.72
Reading-understands and interprets written information	4.59
7. Cultural diversity-understanding of differing cultures and values and works with people	
of different backgrounds	4.55
14 Computer utilization	4.50

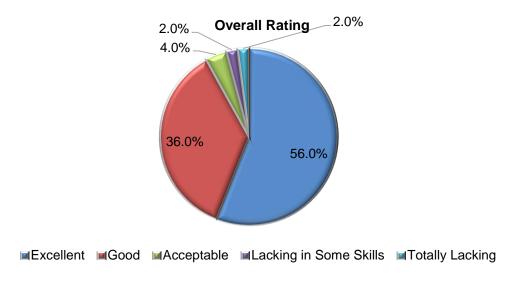
#### **Bottom Four Performance Ratings**

The lowest performance rating was leadership with a 4.17 on a five point scale. This item was followed by consensus building, conflict resolution and negotiating.

Question				
10. Leadership – takes initiative and has vision	4.17			
13. Consensus building–assists others to see all sides of an issue to reach agreement	4.21			
12. Conflict resolution–recognizes and resolves conflicts	4.22			
11. Negotiating – works toward agreement on issues	4.28			

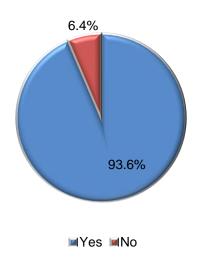
#### **Overall Rating and Hiring of another Graduate**

The overall rating of the supervisors was quite high with 92% indicated excellent or good. The overall average was 4.42 on a five point scale. Although this was the first year that supervisors rated students lacking in some skills or totally lacking, there was only one supervisor in each of these categories.



There were 93.6% of the supervisors who agreed that they would hire another student from OCCC. There were 3 of the 47 supervisors who indicated no to this question. The chart below depicts the responses.

## **Would Hire Another Graduate**



## Appendix A Supervisor Responses

	Population	Number Responding	Percent Responding
FY2014	92	66	71.7%
FY2013	99	61	61.6%
FY2012	150	98	65.3%
FY2011	61	8	13.1%
FY2010	89	31	34.8%
FY2009	64	25	39.0%

	Year	Performance Average Rating	Importance Average Rating	GAP between Performance minus Importance
	AL EDUCATIO			
1. Readi	ng-understand	ls and interprets written i	nformation	
	2014	4.59	4.81	-0.22
	2013	4.81	4.84	-0.03
	2012	4.72	4.82	-0.10
	2011	4.75	4.67	+0.08
	2010	4.77	4.83	-0.07
	2009	4.60	4.81	-0.21
2. Writin direction	g – communica s, manuals, rep	ates thoughts and information	ation in documents su	ch as memos, letters,
	2014	4.47	4.74	-0.27
	2013	4.48	4.42	+0.06
	2012	4.56	4.60	-0.04
	2011	4.38	4.50	-0.12
	2010	4.62	4.33	+0.29
	2009	4.38	4.71	-0.33
3. Listen	ning – uses acti	ve listening skills		11
	2014	4.46	4.85	-0.39
	2013	4.69	4.91	-0.22
	2012	4.51	4.80	-0.29
	2011	4.63	4.67	-0.04
	2010	4.70	4.78	-0.08
	2009	4.52	4.88	-0.36
4. Speak	king – organize	s ideas and communicat	es clearly	ш
	2014	4.38	4.77	-0.39
	2013	4.63	4.66	-0.03
	2012	4.43	4.75	-0.32
	2011	4.38	4.50	-0.12
	2010	4.60	4.83	-0.23
	2009	4.44	4.81	-0.37

	Year	Performance Average Rating	Importance Average Rating	GAP between Performance minus Importance
5. Critical	Thinking-reco	ognizes problems, gene		nizes, and takes action
	2014	4.31	4.88	-0.57
	2013	4.50	4.88	-0.38
	2012	4.44	4.78	-0.34
	2011	4.50	4.83	-0.33
	2010	4.60	4.89	-0.29
	2009	4.36	4.88	-0.52
6. Compu	ıtational skills-	demonstrates appropria	ate mathematical skills	"
	2014	4.47	4.33	+0.14
	2013	4.61	4.52	+0.09
	2012	4.45	4.30	+0.15
	2011	4.50	4.33	+0.17
	2010	4.64	4.69	-0.04
-	2009	4.32	4.19	+0.13
7. Cultura backgrou		derstanding of differing of	cultures and values an	d works with people of different
	2014	4.55	4.46	+0.09
	2013	4.28	4.28	0
	2012	4.57	4.59	-0.02
	2011	4.38	4.33	+0.05
	2010	4.80	4.78	+0.02
	2009	4.56	4.38	+0.22
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8. Team \	work – contribu	utes to group efforts 4.72	4.90	-0.18
	2013	4.72	4.81	-0.16
	2013	4.71	4.86	-0.22
	2012	4.75	5.00	-0.15
	2010	4.70	4.89	-0.19
	2009	4.60	4.93	-0.33
9. Client s		s to satisfy clients' expe		
	2014	4.73	4.90	-0.17
	2013	4.69	4.75	-0.06
<u> </u>	2012	4.68	4.80	-0.12
	2011	4.50	5.00	-0.50
	2010	4.80	4.89	-0.09
	2009	4.44	4.67	-0.23
				3.20

	Year	Performance Average Rating	Importance Average Rating	GAP between Performance minus Importance
10. Lea	dership – takes i	nitiative and has vision		
	2014	4.17	4.46	-0.29
	2013	4.06	4.36	-0.30
	2012	4.36	4.50	-0.14
	2011	4.75	4.83	-0.08
	2010	4.34	4.71	-0.36
	2009	4.12	4.53	-0.41
11. Neg	jotiating – works	toward agreement on is	ssues	<u>  </u>
	2014	4.28	4.38	-0.10
	2013	4.06	4.39	-0.33
	2012	4.28	4.42	-0.14
	2011	4.25	4.17	+0.08
	2010	4.52	4.53	-0.01
	2009	4.20	4.53	-0.33
12.Con	flict resolution-re	ecognizes and resolves	conflicts	<u>II</u>
	2014	4.22	4.56	-0.34
	2013	4.22	4.44	-0.22
	2012	4.20	4.50	-0.30
	2011	4.25	4.33	-0.08
	2010	4.36	4.69	-0.33
	2009	4.17	4.57	-0.40
13. Cor	sensus building-	-assists others to see a	Il sides of an issue to r	reach agreement
	2014	4.21	4.45	-0.24
	2013	3.97	4.45	-0.48
	2012	4.24	4.43	-0.19
	2011	4.38	4.50	-0.12
	2010	4.55	4.59	-0.04
	2009	4.24	4.27	-0.03
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14 Com	puter utilization			
	2014	4.50	4.58	-0.08
	2013	4.59	4.66	-0.07
	2012	4.55	4.43	+0.12
	2011	4.75	5.00	-0.25
	2010	4.73	4.61	+0.12
	2009	4.60	4.63	-0.03

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15. Choo	osing appropria	te technology (procedur	es, tools or equipment	)
	2014	4.46	4.46	0
	2013	4.50	4.48	-0.02
	2012	4.51	4.28	+0.23
	2011	4.63	4.83	-0.20
	2010	4.64	4.75	-0.11
	2009	4.56	4.60	-0.16
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	2013	4.59	4.47	+0.21
	2012	4.45	4.24	+0.21
	2011	4.63	4.75	-0.12
	2010	4.64	4.75	-0.11
	2009	4.36	4.40	-0.04

17. What is your **overall rating** of the education received by OCCC students as it relates to the requirements of their job?

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Lacking in	Totally	TOTAL	Avg
				Some Skills	Lacking	Responding	
2014	56.0% (28)	36.0% (18)	4.0% (2)	2.0% (1)	2.0% (1)	50	4.42
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2013	75.4% (43)	24.6% (14)				57	4.75
2012	63.2% (60)	32.6% (31)	4.2% (4)			97	4.59
2011	50.0% (4)	50.0% (4)				8	4.50
2010	82.1% (23)	14.3% (4)	3.6% (1)			28	4.79
2009	60.0% (12)	40.0% (8)				20	4.60

18. Based on your experience with OCCC student(s), would you hire another student from OCCC?

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	Yes	No	Total Responding			
2014	93.6% (44)	6.4% (3)	47			
2013	100% (58)		58			
2012	97.9% (95)	2.2% (2)	97			
2011	100% (8)		8			
2010	100% (28)		28			
2009	95.8% (23)	4.2% (1)	24			

19. If OCCC graduates were Bilingual (English and Spanish speaking), would they be more employable?

	Yes	No	Total Responding
2014	68.1% (32)	29.8% (14)	47
2013	57.4% (31)	42.6% (23)	54
2012	53.2% (50)	46.8% (44)	94
2011	37.5% (3)	62.5% (5)	8
2010	36.8% (12)	63.2% (19)	28
2009	35.7% (5)	64.3% (9)	14