



# National External Diploma Program



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## NEDP® Graduate Follow-Up Survey

In January 2016, the NEDP implemented a process to administer a follow-up survey to NEDP graduates. The NEDP provides a survey invitation to graduates six months after they have completed the NEDP. To continue to monitor progress, the survey is sent again one year and two years later.

The initial set of surveys was sent to NEDP graduates who had completed the program within the three years preceding January 2016.

A total of 3,564 completed survey responses were received by the end of December 2025. Some graduates completed the survey more than once since they had the opportunity to respond at three points after graduation. Only the most recent survey from each graduate was used in the analysis. Therefore, calculations were based on the 2,525 unduplicated responses of NEDP graduates.

Survey feedback helps to determine how well the NEDP is preparing graduates for future employment, education, and training. The survey questions focus on the graduates' experience in the NEDP, current job status, enrollment in postsecondary education and training, and future employment and education goals.

Feedback from survey respondents through December 2025 shows the following results.

### Overall Experience in the NEDP – Summary of Results through December 2025

NEDP graduates were asked if the general knowledge or skills they learned in the NEDP helped them in their job. Overwhelmingly, graduates were positive in their responses: 80.0 percent reported *Strongly Agree* or *Agree*, 15.7 percent reported *Neither Agree nor Disagree* and 4.3 percent reported *Disagree* or *Strongly Disagree*.

NEDP graduates reported that the general knowledge and skills they learned in the NEDP helped them in their postsecondary education and training, with 93.0 reporting *Strongly Agree* or *Agree*, and 5.3 percent reporting *Neither Agree or Disagree*. Only 1.7 percent of respondents reported *Disagree* or *Strongly Disagree*.

### Most Helpful Areas of the NEDP

Survey respondents cited Applied Math/Numeracy, Consumer Awareness and Financial Literacy, Communication and Media Literacy, and Twenty-first Century Workplace as the areas of the NEDP they found to be most helpful.

Table 1 Most Helpful NEDP Areas

NEDP Area*	%
Applied Math/Numeracy	54.7
Consumer Awareness and Financial Literacy	53.0
Communication and Media Literacy	52.5
Health Literacy	51.4
Twenty-first Century Workplace	51.2
Information and Communication Technology	45.1
Civic Literacy and Community Participation	39.8
Geography and History	36.7
Science	32.6
Cultural Literacy - Interpreting the Arts	31.8

\*Survey respondents can select multiple areas

### Current Status

Eighty-six percent of NEDP graduates currently participate in postsecondary education, training, or employment, and over 75% are currently working.

Of the graduates who responded to the survey with their status:

- 44.5% have a full-time job only
- 20.6% are working (either full or part-time) and are attending college or training
- 13.4% are not employed or attending college or training
- 12.3% have a part-time job only
- 9.2% are attending college or training only

Of those respondents who have participated in educational opportunities since graduation, the most common educational program reported was enrollment in community college.

Table 2 Education Participation since NEDP Graduation

Education Program*	Enrolled or Completed %
Community College Certificate Program	57.2
Other	29.8
4-Year College	19.1
Apprenticeship Program	16.7
	10.4

\*Survey respondents can select multiple Programs, if applicable

### Future Plans

NEDP graduates report ambitious goals, with nearly 50% planning to pursue a certificate or associate degree and almost 30% intending to complete a bachelor's degree.

Table 3 NEDP Graduates' Future Plans

Future Plans*	%
Certificate program or associate degree	49.2
Bachelor's degree	29.9
On-the-job training as offered	21.7
Certified apprenticeship program	11.5
No further education or training planned	8.8
Other	8.6

\*Survey respondents can select multiple goals



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