

2011-12 GRADUATE SURVEY

1. What level of degree did you complete at GBC last year (check your highest degree)? Response Response Percent Count Certificate 9.0% 11 Associate 68.0% 83 Bachelor's 23.0% 28 answered question 122 0 skipped question

2. What is your current employment status?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Permanently employed, full-time	54.5%	66
Permanently employed, part-time	13.2%	16
Temporarily employed, full-time or part-time	9.1%	11
Not employed, still seeking employment	10.7%	13
Not employed, and not seeking employment	12.4%	15
I have entered the military	0.0%	0
	answered question	121
	skipped question	1

3. After completing your degree at GBC, how long did it take you to find your job?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Had position prior to graduation from GBC	42.6%	52
Had job offer prior to graduation	6.6%	8
Less than 3 months after graduation	12.3%	15
3-6 months after graduation	7.4%	9
More than 6 months after graduation	8.2%	10
Still seeking employment	10.7%	13
Not applicable	12.3%	15
	answered question	122
	skipped question	0

4. What is your geographical location of your place of employment?						
		Response Percent	Response Count			
In Elko, Lander, Eureka, Humboldt, Nye or White Pine counties		69.7%	85			
Elsewhere in Nevada		9.0%	11			
In a state bordering Nevada		4.9%	6			
Other, not listed		5.7%	7			
Not applicable		10.7%	13			
		answered question	122			
		skipped question	0			

5. Are you employed in a field related to your GBC major? Response Response Percent Count Yes 47.5% 56 No 33.1% 39 Not applicable 19.5% 23 answered question 118 skipped question 4

6. Concerning your employment, please evaluate the following statements:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Does not apply	Rating Count
This position is a result of my GBC education.	10.3% (12)	6.8% (8)	13.7% (16)	17.1% (20)	34.2% (40)	17.9% (21)	117
I am satisfied with my current position.	4.5% (5)	8.9% (10)	16.1% (18)	20.5% (23)	35.7% (40)	14.3% (16)	112
					answere	d question	118
skipped question					4		

7. Have you used any of these services at GBC (check all that apply)?

	Response Percent	Response Count
One-one-one advising	76.6%	49
Career Assessments- Choices/NCIS Interest Inventory	4.7%	3
Career Assessments- Myers Brigg Type Indicator	4.7%	3
Career Assessments- Strong Interest Inventory	3.1%	2
Career Fair	21.9%	14
Job Placement- Off Campus	7.8%	5
Job Placement- On Campus	15.6%	10
Resume/Cover Letter Critique	26.6%	17
Career Library	9.4%	6
	Other (please specify)	4
	answered question	64
	skipped question	58

8. Please rate your satisfaction with the following GBC services:

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Does not apply	Rating Count
The availability of academic advising from the Elko Advising and Career Center	2.5% (3)	5.0% (6)	26.9% (32)	25.2% (30)	18.5% (22)	21.8% (26)	119
The quality of the academic advising from the Elko Advising and Career Center	3.4% (4)	7.6% (9)	23.5% (28)	30.3% (36)	14.3% (17)	21.0% (25)	119
The availability of academic advising from your center (Battle Mountain, Winnemucca, Pahrump, or Ely)	1.7% (2)	3.4% (4)	14.3% (17)	19.3% (23)	14.3% (17)	47.1% (56)	119
The quality of academic advising from your center (Battle Mountain, Winnemucca, Pahrump, or Ely)	2.5% (3)	4.2% (5)	15.1% (18)	17.6% (21)	12.6% (15)	47.9% (57)	119
The availability of academic advising from your departmental faculty advisor	3.3% (4)	2.5% (3)	16.5% (20)	29.8% (36)	38.8% (47)	9.1% (11)	121
The quality of the academic advising from your departmental faculty advisor	2.5% (3)	2.5% (3)	24.0% (29)	27.3% (33)	35.5% (43)	8.3% (10)	121
The availability of career advising	2.5% (3)	8.3% (10)	27.5% (33)	22.5% (27)	19.2% (23)	20.0% (24)	120
The quality of career advising	4.2% (5)	7.6% (9)	27.1% (32)	23.7% (28)	16.1% (19)	21.2% (25)	118
The overall effectiveness of the advising system at GBC	2.5% (3)	7.6% (9)	22.9% (27)	35.6% (42)	25.4% (30)	5.9% (7)	118
					answered q	uestion	121
					skipped q	uestion	1

9. Are you continuing your education?						
	Response Percent	Response Count				
Yes	57.9%	70				
No	42.1%	51				
	answered question	121				
	skipped question	1				

10. Which institution are you attending?						
	Response Percent	Response Count				
GBC	53.0%	35				
UNR	7.6%	5				
UNLV	3.0%	2				
Other Nevada college	1.5%	1				
College outside Nevada	34.8%	23				
	answered question	66				
	skipped question	56				

11. What degree are you seeking?							
		Response Percent	Response Count				
None, taking individual classes only		4.4%	3				
Certificate		2.9%	2				
Associate		10.3%	7				
Bachelor's		66.2%	45				
Master's		14.7%	10				
Doctorate		1.5%	1				
		answered question	68				
		skipped question	54				

12. Are the courses you are taking related to your program major at GBC?						
	Response Percent	Response Count				
Not at all	2.9%	2				
Somewhat	32.4%	22				
Very similar	29.4%	20				
The same	35.3%	24				
	answered question	68				
	skipped question	54				

13. My educational experience at GBC contributed my ability to:

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Does not apply	Rating Count
Find a career path that I enjoy	4.3% (5)	4.3% (5)	26.5% (31)	27.4% (32)	29.9% (35)	7.7% (9)	117
Increase my value in the job market	1.7% (2)	5.1% (6)	15.3% (18)	31.4% (37)	43.2% (51)	3.4% (4)	118
Find employment in my chosen field	3.4% (4)	6.8% (8)	18.8% (22)	30.8% (36)	29.9% (35)	10.3% (12)	117
Increase my earning power	3.4% (4)	9.3% (11)	15.3% (18)	33.9% (40)	33.1% (39)	5.1% (6)	118
Improve my work performance	2.5% (3)	4.2% (5)	22.9% (27)	34.7% (41)	31.4% (37)	4.2% (5)	118
Increase my chances for a promotion	4.3% (5)	6.8% (8)	26.5% (31)	25.6% (30)	30.8% (36)	6.0% (7)	117
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14. Please rate your satisfaction with your overall GBC experience:

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Does not apply	Rating Count
Instructors' knowledge of subject area	1.7% (2)	2.5% (3)	6.8% (8)	27.1% (32)	61.9% (73)	0.0% (0)	118
Content of courses	1.7% (2)	5.1% (6)	9.3% (11)	38.1% (45)	45.8% (54)	0.0% (0)	118
Methods of instruction	1.7% (2)	1.7% (2)	16.1% (19)	36.4% (43)	44.1% (52)	0.0% (0)	118
Quality of instruction	1.7% (2)	4.3% (5)	14.7% (17)	31.9% (37)	47.4% (55)	0.0% (0)	116
Availability of required courses	5.1% (6)	11.9% (14)	16.1% (19)	34.7% (41)	32.2% (38)	0.0% (0)	118
Classroom facilities and equipment	1.7% (2)	1.7% (2)	15.4% (18)	35.9% (42)	40.2% (47)	5.1% (6)	117
Courses scheduled at convenient times	3.4% (4)	4.3% (5)	20.5% (24)	35.0% (41)	35.0% (41)	1.7% (2)	117
Library resources	1.7% (2)	3.4% (4)	19.5% (23)	28.0% (33)	37.3% (44)	10.2% (12)	118
Availability of instructors outside of classroom	3.4% (4)	2.6% (3)	14.7% (17)	39.7% (46)	38.8% (45)	0.9% (1)	116
Your total educational experience at GBC	1.7% (2)	3.4% (4)	11.0% (13)	33.9% (40)	50.0% (59)	0.0% (0)	118
Your growth in ability to organize ideas	0.8% (1)	0.8% (1)	21.2% (25)	39.0% (46)	36.4% (43)	1.7% (2)	118
Your growth in ability to communicate	0.8% (1)	2.5% (3)	19.5% (23)	37.3% (44)	38.1% (45)	1.7% (2)	118
Your growth in ability to think critically	0.8% (1)	0.8% (1)	16.1% (19)	41.5% (49)	39.0% (46)	1.7% (2)	118
Your growth in understanding cultural diversity	0.9% (1)	6.8% (8)	19.7% (23)	34.2% (40)	35.9% (42)	2.6% (3)	117
Your growth in technological understanding	0.8% (1)	2.5% (3)	15.3% (18)	42.4% (50)	37.3% (44)	1.7% (2)	118

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					answered question		118
Your growth in your ability to seek information	0.9% (1)	0.0% (0)	11.1% (13)	38.5% (45)	47.9% (56)	1.7% (2)	117
Your growth in your ability to learn on your own	0.8% (1)	0.8% (1)	13.6% (16)	33.9% (40)	49.2% (58)	1.7% (2)	118
Your proficiency in your major field of study	1.7% (2)	2.5% (3)	9.3% (11)	39.8% (47)	46.6% (55)	0.0% (0)	118
Your growth in understanding personal wellness	2.6% (3)	2.6% (3)	25.6% (30)	33.3% (39)	33.3% (39)	2.6% (3)	117

15. Please rate your agreement with the following statements as they relate to your experience at GBC.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Does not apply	Rating Count
The social environment at GBC is conducive to personal growth.	1.7% (2)	1.7% (2)	28.8% (34)	39.0% (46)	23.7% (28)	5.1% (6)	118
I feel that the time I spent at GBC was a wise use of my time.	0.8% (1)	4.2% (5)	9.3% (11)	35.6% (42)	49.2% (58)	0.8% (1)	118
GBC prepared me to continue my education.	0.9% (1)	2.6% (3)	13.7% (16)	40.2% (47)	35.9% (42)	6.8% (8)	117
I will recommend GBC to others interested in the same major field of study.	1.7% (2)	6.8% (8)	7.7% (9)	34.2% (40)	49.6% (58)	0.0% (0)	117
I achieved my educational objective either partially or fully.	0.0% (0)	1.7% (2)	6.8% (8)	38.1% (45)	51.7% (61)	1.7% (2)	118
All, in all, if I had to do it all over again, I would enroll at GBC.	3.4% (4)	3.4% (4)	9.4% (11)	29.9% (35)	53.8% (63)	0.0% (0)	117
	answered question			118			
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16. COMMENTS:	
	Response Count
	35
answered question	35
skipped question	87

Page 1, Q7. Have you used any of these services at GBC (check all that apply)?					
1	Networking via professors	Jul 10, 2013 6:45 AM			
2	no	Jul 2, 2013 11:21 AM			
3	these services are not offered in my area and our unemployment office is a joke	Jun 25, 2013 1:26 PM			
4	We don't have any of these services at the Pahrump campus	Jun 25, 2013 9:18 AM			

Page 3, Q16. COMMENTS: I started taking my sophomore year in high school. I graduated with an AA 1 Aug 26, 2013 2:50 PM degree the year after I graduated from high school. 2 Overall, I had a great experience at GBC. Although I have not found a job in my Aug 26, 2013 2:43 PM desired field, I still have hope that my opportunity will come soon. In addition, I am hoping to return to GBC in the future and receive my Bachelor's in Business. 3 I enjoy all the courses which I have been taken. Aug 20, 2013 3:43 PM 4 I enjoyed my courses and am looking forward to continuing my education when Aug 20, 2013 3:37 PM the time comes. 5 College is too expensive, even with financial aid. Stop getting rid of needed Aug 13, 2013 2:23 PM classes, who needs a class called "Its hard being a kid"? We need science (more) classes, and other "general" classes that actually pertain to a field of study. 6 Would like to see more 4 year degree availability. Aug 13, 2013 2:11 PM 7 Completed only a few classes at GBC to finish Associate from another college; Aug 6, 2013 2:38 PM however was satisfied with advising and courses. 8 I earned my associate degree in 2012 and earned a raise at my job because of Aug 6, 2013 11:04 AM my associate degree. Thank you to GBC for helping me learn at a higher level. I have a 4.0 at UNLV because of GBC. 9 The BSN program was cost effective and I am very glad I was able to complete Aug 5, 2013 4:27 PM my education at GBC. 10 People in the financial department are extremely rude. Aug 5, 2013 3:42 PM 11 Depending on the teachers the experience was great. But being on a outlining Aug 5, 2013 3:19 PM campus I did notice. The treatment was different from Elko instructors. The integrative studies social science degree does not directly link into a career so that is why I'm continuing. 12 The biology department needs to relook @ the difficulty of order of their courses. Aug 5, 2013 2:08 PM The nursing department needs to require 126 math not 120, and bio 100 not 190. Both cover concepts not remotely applicable to the nursing field. That bio 190 is not anatomy and physiology based. Bio 100 correctly covers more systems in the human body that nurses need. Bio 190 is almost strictly based around the structure and function of a cell minimal focus on the rest of the body. The math department needs to relook at the order of their classes as well. Math 120 uses concepts taught in 126,127 & statistics (ex:probability under a curve) that are not taught in 120. Students are expected to know how to do that without being taught it, as it is not covered in 091-096. Students would benefit from more instructor acknowledgment iav, as they often focus on just their in class students. This leaves iav students feeling forgotten or abandoned. The only place I really saw this was in the math department. Professor Daniels interactions are the exception. Other instructors would benefit from adapting his style towards student interaction, as would the students. The English Department NEEDS to spend time on APA format. A large chunk of the fields that offer degrees @ GBC require this form. GBC requires all student to take English. Shouldn't GBC

Page 3, Q16. COMMENTS: require the English Department teach formats that benefit all students? I did not use MLA again outside my two required English classes & I am sure this is fairly common. 13 My hope is that GBC will eventually have a BA program in Early childhood Aug 5, 2013 1:51 PM Education, so I can fulfill my goal in education. 14 Great school! I wouldn't be where I am today without my GBC experience! Thank Jul 23, 2013 9:42 AM you! Graduated w/ BS @ same time from UNLV as GBC. 15 I transferred credits to GBC, and received good advice and assistance from Jul 19, 2013 2:58 AM Faculty Advisor James Elithorp on pursuing a BAS in Land Surveying and Geomatics. The attained Associate Degree is a stepping stone towards my intended goal. I am enrolled at GBC and have been taking courses entirely online up to this point. The experience has been very worthwhile and enjoyable. I would say that the online option offered by GBC for the major I am pursuing is a much needed avenue especially for full time employed individuals who want to further their education. 16 All of my instructors were knowledgeable and helpful inside and outside of the Jul 16, 2013 9:37 AM classroom. The advisement I received from my counselor was not always correct. I found that to be frustrating. 17 In the Natural Resources Program, the program board members should conduct Jul 10, 2013 6:58 AM a little research with the surrounding entities in order to see some of the exact methodologies that are used in every day tasks. For example, see what kind of field soil tests the BLM is doing, and then conduct that same methodology in the field for soils lab or a variety of other classes. It would also have been very valuable to get more hands on field experience in other such areas that relate directly to our future iob requirements. This stuff helps out with resume building. We would actually be able to have some experience instead of "learned about in college," (not sure if that makes sense). Therefore for example, tagging ducks or other avian species with USFWS at Ruby Lake or NDOW, actual up to date soil sampling as it relates to current entity uses, wilderness surveys, etc. I know it would cost money, but the NRS program would benefit greatly if GBC actually owned a facility (partnering with the Ag program) where the students can retain and experience real life work as it relates to the degrees. If the program owned a small head of cattle, not only can the Ag program use them, but the NRS program can use them for grazing studies (especially important as to how grazing directly affects sage grouse habitat in perhaps a positive affect). However, this all costs money. 18 The almost 12 months I spent in Elko and at GBC changed my life. The nursing Jul 9, 2013 5:31 AM program was exceptional and I'm grateful to the DRC for all the help and support I recieved to get me through the math portion! 19 At the time the education department was doing a good job. The supervisor I had Jul 8, 2013 1:16 PM though made me feel like guitting multiple times during my student teaching. Although all the supervisors have moved on to do other things so they no longer work at the college, I would not recommend GBC at that time because of the supervisors. As long as the education department is still up and running I would recommend it to others because of the wonderful methods classes and teachers. If I could have done my student teaching with a different supervisor my

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experience might have been more positive on my behalf.

20 Certain faculty members employed at GBC do not condone productive Jul 8, 2013 12:32 PM environments. They are known to single out people and belittle them as well as participate in practices that hinder the success of the student. Such practices as taking 3+ weeks to answer a simple yes or no guestion with relation to a major assignment and waiting to give said the answer till the day before or day of the assignment due date, despite the multiple attempts of the student to receive an answer over the span of multiple weeks prior to the due date. This has happened multiple times and over the course of my schooling, has been made apparent that it was guite intentional. However the possibility of making this matter known was not encouraged as there was no way to effectively make complaints to the proper people without said faculty members finding out and it in turn affecting my grade. In addition to that the adviser I had told me I had to take classes that, come to find out, were not actually required. Also it was very hard to make meetings with her, and when she said she would take care of classes, as far as getting substitutions approved and submitted, she failed to follow through which caused problems when it came time for things such as registration and graduation. My advisory was also a teacher for multiple classes making it not advisable to change advisers without holding the possibility of it negatively affecting my grades. It is because of these two teachers and the vast amount of authority they hold over the program that I would never suggest an acquaintance of mine to enroll in the Natural Resources program the GBC. 21 I really enjoy GBC. I love that it is smaller and I greatly enjoyed learning with my Jul 8, 2013 10:05 AM teachers and classmates. I particularly enjoyed having Richard Kampf as a math instructor! Overall the experience was great. The only thing I would like is to have more classes available to us for furthering our education, we are limited on the bachelor degrees. However, GBC is a good starting point and a good opportunity for people especially in a mining community. Thank you for giving us this opportunity GBC staff members. 22 I love the faculty at the Winnemucca Center! John Newman is an outstanding Jul 3, 2013 4:49 PM professor and has inspired me greatly. I feel privileged to have had him as a teacher. 23 Would like to see a Bachelor's program for Early Childhood Education, because Jun 30, 2013 8:05 PM there is not one available now I will be finishing my degree elsewhere. 24 Education inspired me to improve myslf Jun 30, 2013 2:07 PM 25 The adviser that I had sucked!! He never helped and he was rude. I was hoping Jun 28, 2013 4:33 PM every time I went to get good advice with taking classes or certain teachers. He never answered my questions and wasted my time. Dr. Griffith is amazing and I tell every person I know to take him. He is the best teacher I have ever had. 26 I was grateful to be able to attend classes here in Ely with instructors when I Jun 28, 2013 1:38 PM could find classes that worked with my schedule. I also enjoyed the online classes and although some of them were very challenging - I feel like I learned as much as I possibly could. I am thrilled to have earned my degree and I will definitely recommend GBC to anyone living here in Ely and wanting to get their education.

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27	After graduation received a 5% salary increase and within 2 years after graduation was promoted to Branch Manager position (Please note it took 2 years before this position became available) In other words, if I didn't have the BS in Surveying from Great Basin my chances for this new positions would have not been possible. To sum it all up, my cost for this education has increase my current salary to 15% from two years ago. Thank you Great Basin & Dr. Elithorp & staff	Jun 28, 2013 9:49 AM
28	thank you	Jun 28, 2013 8:50 AM
29	When I first started attending GBC, the classes were taught on site a couple of times a week. It then changed to once a week and finally all classes were on- line. The content of the classes when I finished (on-line) were watered down and I didn't feel like I was really learning anything as the instructors were making it too easy.	Jun 28, 2013 8:37 AM
30	My education at GBC was not sufficient to get an interview at GBC in my field of study.	Jun 28, 2013 5:19 AM
31	My time at GBC was great and I learned a lot in a field of study that I have a great appreciation for. I would suggest that the social interation between sites needs to be improved, since the only thing we did as a whole was play IAV bingo. Not sure what that could be, but just a suggestion. Also, career services is extremely lacking at my off site, Ely, and I imagine is lacking at other locations other than Elko. I was not and am not currently able to relocate in search of a job and I am very unaware of what my options are other than what is available from our local (and very inadequate) unemployment office, which usually directs you to the internet database or to use a door-to-door method to search for work. One thing that I have found is that many employers have been reluctant to hire me for menial jobs (not much else available) due to me being overqualified since I have a Bachelor's degree and their thinking that I want more money. I have been employed part time at our branch campus for some time now as a facilitator, but now i am losing my current position at the hospital due to cutbacks (and money mismanagement, but that's another matter) and now I really have nothing else to turn to except GBC. So I suppose, thanks GBC for always having my back even though I am no longer a student! I really think my situation is more a matter of location and economy rather than a lack of education.	Jun 27, 2013 3:26 PM
32	I am very satisfied with GBC's education. The classes were small, and the instructors gave me a lot of help and instruction inside and outside of the classrooms. I am doing my Master's degree and I will continue with my Ph.D I am very thankful GBC. May God bless GBC!	Jun 26, 2013 8:16 AM
33	It was great experience to attend GBC. I also made great friends. GBC helped me to find my passion in early childhood education. Thanks to GBC, today, I possess the knowledge, skills, and an education that no one can take away from me. What I learned from instructors and GBC's classes will always go with me where ever I am at.	Jun 26, 2013 12:25 AM
34	Colleges outside of Nevada do not accept or recognize most credits that I recieved at GBC. Pretty much have to start education over. Joleen at the Winnemucca branch always acted inconvenienced when I asked for help or even had a question. No professionalism. Had to travel to Elko campus every wek for	Jun 25, 2013 1:43 PM

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full day of classes. Not helpful when not allowed to deduct gas on taxes and no considerations given to us that had to travel. Would tell people to not even deal with GBC, just go to state college & not waste time

35	It is great you don't have to be over burde	ened with debt when you graduate.	Jun 25, 2013 1:16 PM