WORKFORCE PREPARATION AND EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES
MEDIAN FIRST-YEAR EARNINGS: TEXAS

First-year earnings of Texas Associate Degree Graduates and Certificate Completers by Program Area and Degree Type

What Is Measured?
Median earnings within one year of program completion, by award type within field of study

Who Is Counted?
Graduates of technical and academic associate degree and certificate programs in Texas Community Colleges between 2006 and 2010

What It Tells Us
The median first-year wages vary for technical associate, academic associate and certificate completers by field of study. The median income for nursing graduates was $18,700 for academic associate degree graduates, $28,000 for certificate completers, and $69,800 for technical associate degree graduates. For business graduates/completers the median earnings were $27,100 for academic associate graduates, $30,500 for certificate completers and $32,400 for technical associate graduates.

Why It’s Important

ABOUT THE DATA
Data are reported in five-year cohorts; the cohort reported here draws from students who graduated between 2006 and 2010. Wage data are obtained by matching Social Security numbers of graduates with Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) unemployment insurance records for the third through sixth quarters after graduation. Only graduates employed in Texas during that period are counted; self-employed individuals, federal employees and those working outside of Texas are excluded. Program areas are reported by CIP (Classification of Instructional Programs) code. Popular program areas shown here are chosen by College Measures. Data are available for other CIP codes at www.collegemeasures.org. Data are inflation adjusted to constant 2010 dollars (last year of cohort) according to the Consumer Price Index.

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