

# FOLLOW-UP STATUS REPORT OF GRADUATES



2007 – 2008

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DES MOINES AREA  
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The Graduate Follow-Up Report presents the results of a survey of recent graduates of Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). The survey asked graduates to report their employment status, their continuing education plans, and their entry level salary. This report is used by prospective students, counselors, employers and others interested in placement information about DMACC graduates. While the statistics may be a general indicator, they are not intended to provide salary forecasts or to determine which careers offer the greatest salary potential.

**ALL 2007 DMACC GRADUATES WERE SURVEYED;  
THE RESPONSE RATE WAS 81%**

*Of the respondents:*

**91%** of those looking for work found employment.

**55%** of the paraprofessionals (Science and Humanities) are employed and **40%** are continuing their education.

**15%** of the Arts and Sciences graduates are employed and **83%** have continued their education.

**61%** of the graduates of Career Education programs are employed and **32%** are continuing their education.

Of the employed graduates, **88%** remain in Iowa.

**HOW MUCH THE AVERAGE GRADUATE EARNS PER YEAR:**

Average annual starting salary ..... **\$28,599**

**IMPACT DMACC GRADUATES HAVE ON OUR ECONOMY IN ONE YEAR:**

Approximate Wages Earned ..... **\$23,651,373**  
Approximate Federal Taxes Paid ..... **\$2,838,165**  
Approximate State Taxes Paid ..... **\$1,419,082**

**STATUS OF GRADUATES 2007–2008**

*DMACC graduates, by division:*

Health & Public Services ..... 398  
Business Management  
& Information Technology ..... 313  
Industrial & Technical ..... 352  
Science & Humanities ..... 146  
Arts & Science ..... 758  
**Total Diplomas & Degrees** ..... **1967**  
Specialist Certificates ..... 355

**Total Awards Presented** **2,322**

## HEALTH &amp; PUBLIC SERVICES 2007–2008

	GRADS	EMPLOYED		EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
		RELATED	UNRELATED						
Dental Assistant Dipl	32	24	0	1	4	0	3	23	29,339
Dental Hygiene AAS	19	15	0	0	1	0	3	15	53,192
Early Childhood Edu AS	20	12	0	7	1	0	0	12	17,594
Early Childhood Educ. Dipl	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	—
Health Care Admin AS	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—
Human Services***	18	4	1	6	2	1	4	4	20,810
Medical Assistant Dipl	18	16	1	0	1	0	0	17	27,640
Medical Lab Tech AAS	19	16	0	2	1	0	0	14	31,922
Nursing Assoc. Degree AAS	81	48	3	2	3	3	22	47	37,644
Nursing Assoc. Degree Advanced Standing	24	17	0	2	1	0	4	16	35,189
Practical Nursing Dipl	139	13	1	107	3	2	13	14	33,684
Respiratory Therapy AAS	12	11	0	0	0	0	1	7	39,748
Surgical Tech Dipl	10	5	0	3	2	0	0	4	29,855
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>175</b>	

— Salary not available, \* One salary reported, \*\* Two salaries reported, \*\*\* Three salaries reported

- Note:
1. Dental Hygiene salaries based on 36-hour week/52 weeks.
  2. Most nurses' salaries were reported as entry level—increases after boards.
  3. Many of the Practical Nursing graduates are continuing in the second year Nursing Program and also are working as LPN's.

## BUSINESS MANAGEMENT &amp; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 2007-2008

	GRADS	EMPLOYED		EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
		RELATED	UNRELATED						
Acctg & Bookkeeping Dipl*	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	34,000
Accounting Info Systems AS*	8	2	2	3	0	0	1	4	34,000
Accounting Para Prof. AS	26	10	3	7	2	1	3	11	24,420
Accounting Specialist AAS*	5	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	27,040
Administrative Assistant AAS	16	6	3	1	2	0	4	9	23,627
Business Administration AS	104	19	10	41	1	1	32	25	27,845
Business Info Systems AAS*	10	2	0	3	2	0	3	2	33,000
Computer Programming AAS	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—
Entrepreneurship Dipl	8	2	0	2	1	0	3	2	—
Fashion Design Dipl	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—
Fashion Merch/Design AAS	9	2	1	5	0	0	1	1	—
Management AAS	22	9	3	5	1	0	4	11	32,880
Management Info Systems AS	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	—
Marketing AAS**	19	3	3	10	0	0	3	5	35,250
Medical Admin. Asst. AAS**	14	3	1	5	0	0	5	4	28,469
Medical Admin Asst. Diploma	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	—
Mortuary Science Adv Dipl**	25	20	0	1	1	0	3	17	25,920
Office Assistant Dipl	18	7	4	0	0	0	7	9	22,345
Retailing Dipl	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	—
Sales & Management Dipl**	15	4	2	4	1	0	4	5	39,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>29,838</b>

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Note: Salaries in marketing and sales may not reflect commission, bonus, or other compensation offered.

**PROGRAM** **INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY 2007–2008**

	GRADS	EMPLOYED		EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
		RELATED	UNRELATED						
Agri Business AAS	17	8	1	4	0	0	4	8	29,233
Architectural Millwork Dipl	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	—
Architectural Tech AAS**	11	4	3	3	0	0	1	6	34,100
Arch Tech Dipl	4	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	—
ASEP–General Motors AAS*	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	16,640
ASSET–Ford AAS	15	11	0	3	0	0	1	10	30,002
Auto Collision Tech AAS	12	7	0	2	2	0	1	7	26,440
Auto Collision Tech. Dipl	18	5	1	6	2	1	3	5	—
Auto Engines & Tune Up Dipl*	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	18,720
Auto. Mechanics Tech. AAS	16	11	1	1	0	0	3	12	20,613
AutoChassis & Powertrain Dipl*	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	22,880
Building Trades Dipl	4	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	—
CAD Tech AAS	16	6	1	2	0	0	7	6	38,400
CAD Tech Dipl	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	—
CAP Chrysler AAS*	6	3	1	1	0	0	1	4	24,960
Caterpillar Tech AAS	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	29,068
Civil Engineering Tech AAS	12	6	2	2	1	0	1	7	30,468
Commercial Hort AAS	14	8	0	0	0	0	6	8	21,784
Diesel Technology AAS	11	8	0	2	1	0	0	8	28,479
Diesel Technology Diploma	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Elec Const Trade Dipl	15	6	1	1	2	0	5	7	28,933
Electronics, Robotics & Automation AAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
ESST AAS**	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	35,360
Graphic Design AAS	20	8	1	2	5	0	4	8	33,198
Graphic Technologies AAS	13	5	0	2	2	1	3	5	28,138
Graphic Technologies Dipl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Heating, AC, Refrig Tech AAS*	14	12	1	0	1	0	0	12	33,280

	GRADS	EMPLOYED		EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
		RELATED	UNRELATED						
Heating, AC Refrig Tech Dipl	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	—
High Tech Autom/Robotics AAS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Industrial Electro-Mech Oper Tech AAS*	6	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	28,080
ITNA AAS	13	7	0	1	0	0	5	6	35,010
Land Surveying AAS**	8	3	0	4	1	0	0	3	31,720
Machinist Dipl	15	6	0	2	0	1	6	5	20,930
Manufacturing Tech AAS	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	—
Telecomm Tech AAS	12	10	0	1	1	0	0	10	33,200
Tool & Diemaking AAS**	8	2	1	2	0	0	3	2	31,200
Vet Tech AAS	24	11	2	1	0	0	10	12	22,712
Welding Dipl*	14	9	1	1	0	1	2	10	31,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>28,324</b>

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**PROGRAM**

**SCIENCE & HUMANITIES 2007–2008**

	GRADS	EMPLOYED		EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
		RELATED	UNRELATED						
Biotechnology AS	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	—
Criminal Justice AA	14	2	0	11	1	0	0	2	—
Criminal Justice AS**	29	6	1	9	3	1	9	7	37,640
Culinary Arts AAS	38	19	1	7	1	0	10	18	23,351
Culinary Arts Dipl**	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	28,500
Fire Science Tech AS	13	3	4	2	0	0	4	5	—
Fitness & Sports Mgmt AS	9	1	1	5	0	0	2	2	20,800
Hospitality Business Dipl*	4	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	18,720
Hotel & Restaurant Mgmt AAS	17	13	0	3	0	0	1	13	20,971
Legal Assistant AS	16	5	2	6	0	0	3	6	28,336
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>25,474</b>

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## SPECIALIST CERTIFICATES AWARD 2007–2008

### ANNUAL REPORT OF SPECIALIST CERTIFICATES AWARDED 2007–2008

The majority of DMACC students who earn special certificates have elected to take those classes for personal enrichment, or to advance in the career in which they are presently employed. Other reasons might be to maintain certification or license for current employment. Therefore, average salaries are not accurate representation and are not listed.

	GRADS	EMPLOYED		EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
		RELATED	UNRELATED						
Accounting Certificate I	12	3	1	4	2	1	1	4	—
Accounting Certificate II	6	2	0	2	0	0	2	2	—
Adult Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Ag Bus: Agronomy	10	6	1	2	0	0	1	7	—
Ag Bus: Animal Science	12	8	1	2	0	0	1	8	—
Ag. Bus: Farm Management	9	5	0	2	0	0	2	5	—
Ag. Bus: Sales/Service	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	—
Airbrush Art	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—
Blueprint Reading	10	4	1	1	0	1	3	5	—
Building Maintenance	11	0	2	1	3	0	5	2	—
Chem. Dependency Counseling	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—
Computer Applications	12	6	2	1	0	0	3	7	—
Computer Languages	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—
Data Entry I	19	8	0	7	1	0	3	7	—
Database Specialist	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—
Dietary Manager Specialist	5	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	—
Digital Publ & Prepress	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Emergency Medical Tech	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	—
Entrepreneurship	7	1	3	1	1	1	0	1	—
Fire Science Specialist	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	—
Gas Metal Arc Welding	8	5	0	1	0	1	1	5	—

## SPECIALIST CERTIFICATES AWARD 2007-2008 (continued)

	GRADS	EMPLOYED		EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
		RELATED	UNRELATED						
Gas Tungsten Arc Welding	12	7	1	1	0	1	2	8	—
Gerontology Specialist	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	—
Greenhouse Production	8	3	0	4	0	0	1	3	—
Information Processing Support	18	9	1	3	1	0	4	8	—
Interior Design Consultant	10	4	0	3	1	0	2	3	—
Interpretation & Translation	28	2	2	10	2	1	11	4	—
Landscape Design	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	—
Legal Assistant	7	5	1	0	0	0	1	5	—
Long-Term Care Administration	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	—
Management	12	6	0	4	0	0	2	6	—
Medical Insurance & Coding	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	—
Medical Transcriptionist	7	2	0	1	0	0	4	2	—
Micro-Computers	4	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	—
Network Security Manager	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—
Office Specialist	22	3	2	7	2	0	8	2	—
Oxy-Acetylene Welding	5	2	0	2	0	0	1	2	—
Phlebotomy	32	9	5	7	2	2	7	12	—
Printing Technologies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Retailing	6	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	—
Sales	10	1	2	4	1	0	2	2	—
Shielded Metal Arc Welding	10	6	0	1	0	1	2	6	—
Supervision	12	6	1	4	0	0	1	6	—
Telecommunications	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	—
Turf Maintenance	4	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>135</b>	

## ARTS &amp; SCIENCE 2007–2008

	GRADS	EMPLOYED		EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
		RELATED	UNRELATED						
Associate General Studies	69	11	5	28	3	2	20	9	25,117
Liberal Arts AA Degree	563	22	36	409	2	4	90	40	25,497
Liberal Arts AS Degree	126	10	8	83	1	1	23	13	30,206
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>26,940</b>

Note: Liberal Arts graduates go into many diversified careers and it is difficult to relate to an average salary. The graduates who reported salary information have indicated if they feel the job is related to their education.

**69%** OF ARTS & SCIENCE GRADUATES  
ARE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION

## COLLEGES DMACC GRADUATES ARE ATTENDING:

DMACC .....	298
Iowa State University .....	235
Grandview .....	86
University of Northern Iowa .....	49
Drake .....	41
University of Iowa .....	34
Upper Iowa .....	30
Simpson .....	14

*Several other colleges have enrolled at least one DMACC graduate this year.*

## CAREER RESOURCE AND TRANSFER CENTER SERVICES

[www.dmacc.edu/student\\_services/career\\_resource.asp](http://www.dmacc.edu/student_services/career_resource.asp)

*Among the services offered are:*

- ▶ Using online or paper career assessments to develop a focus
- ▶ Exploring occupational information for choosing a training path or developing a marketing plan for selecting a career
- ▶ Counseling for individuals taking the next step in their future
- ▶ Providing workshops for diverse groups for hands-on experience in career planning
- ▶ Learning the current trends and requirements for selecting a career
- ▶ Developing a transfer plan to meet the requirements for a selected career choice

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE SERVICES

The Student Employment Assistance Office helps students and alumni obtain the best possible employment available in order to utilize the skills acquired at DMACC. Among the services offered are an interactive website that includes resumes and job postings: [www.iowacareer.net](http://www.iowacareer.net), and:

*For Students:*

[www.dmacc.edu/student\\_services/job\\_placement.asp](http://www.dmacc.edu/student_services/job_placement.asp)

- ▶ Current job listings (full-time/part-time jobs)
- ▶ Help with internships
- ▶ Resume assistance
- ▶ On-campus interviewing opportunities
- ▶ Mock interviews
- ▶ Seasonal job listings
- ▶ Application letter examples
- ▶ Interviewing tips and techniques
- ▶ Up-to-date salary information
- ▶ Work study job placement

*For Employers:*

[www.dmacc.edu/student\\_services/jobpostingservice.asp](http://www.dmacc.edu/student_services/jobpostingservice.asp)

- ▶ Free employment posting & referrals
- ▶ Campus tours
- ▶ On-campus recruiting
- ▶ Information about programs
- ▶ Opportunities to serve on program advisory committees

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