

# FOLLOW-UP STATUS REPORT OF GRADUATES



2008–2009

**DMACC**  
DES MOINES AREA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Life's Calling™**

www.DMACC.edu  
877-TO-DMACC

# FOLLOW-UP STATUS REPORT OF 2008–2009 GRADUATES

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 2008 DMACC GRADUATES WERE SURVEYED; THE RESPONSE RATE WAS 84%

*Of the respondents:*

**86%** of those looking for work found employment.

**45%** of paraprofessionals (Science and Humanities) are employed and **46%** are continuing their education.

**19%** of the Arts and Sciences graduates are employed and **78%** have continued their education.

**64%** of the graduates of Career Education programs are employed and **27%** are continuing their education.

Of the employed graduates, **94%** remain in Iowa.

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

Average annual entry-level salary.....\$29,643

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

Approximate Wages Earned .....\$26,886,201  
Approximate Federal Taxes Paid .....\$3,226,344  
Approximate State Taxes Paid .....\$1,613,172

**STATUS OF GRADUATES 2008–2009**

*DMACC graduates, by division:*

Health & Public Services ..... 402  
Business Management  
& Information Technology ..... 313  
Industrial & Technical ..... 350  
Science & Humanities ..... 148  
Arts & Science ..... 817  
**Total Diplomas & Degrees ..... 2,030**  
Specialist Certificates ..... 348

Total Awards Presented **2,378**

# PROGRAM HEALTH & PUBLIC SERVICES 2008–2009

PROGRAM	EMPLOYED								AVERAGE SALARY
	GRADS	RELATED	UNRELATED	EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	
Aging Services Mgmt	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Dental Assistant Dipl	33	23	3	3	3	—	1	25	30,095
Dental Hygiene AAS	20	19	—	—	1	—	—	18	52,258
Early Childhood Edu AS	18	12	1	4	—	—	1	12	23,093
Early Childhood Edu Dipl*	4	3	—	1	—	—	—	3	16,120
Human Services	27	8	4	8	2	1	4	6	23,420
Medical Assistant Dipl	14	12	—	1	—	—	1	12	27,345
Medical Lab Tech AAS	17	10	—	3	—	—	4	9	34,019
Nursing Assoc Degree AAS	94	72	7	1	—	2	12	78	41,995
Nursing Assoc Degree Adv Standing	24	20	—	1	—	—	3	20	41,479
Practical Nursing Dipl	129	40	—	80	2	1	6	38	26,284
Respiratory Therapy AAS	13	12	—	—	1	—	—	10	34,643
Surgical Tech Dipl*	8	4	1	2	1	—	—	5	28,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>236</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 LPNs.

**PROGRAM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 2008–2009**

PROGRAM	EMPLOYED		UNRELATED	EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
	GRADS	RELATED							
Accting & Bookkeeping Dipl	12	4	2	2	3	—	1	6	—
Accounting Info Systems AS	3	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—
Accounting Paraprofessional AS**	25	3	2	16	3	1	—	5	23,090
Accounting Specialist AAS**	14	7	3	2	1	—	1	9	24,945
Administrative Assistant AAS	18	11	3	1	1	—	2	14	24,209
Business Administration AA*	7	2	—	5	—	—	—	2	24,000
Business Administration AS	110	28	8	45	8	—	21	35	25,265
Business Info Systems AAS	26	9	4	4	4	1	4	13	40,140
Entrepreneurship Dipl	6	3	2	—	—	—	1	4	—
Fashion Design Dipl	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Fashion Merch/Design AAS*	9	3	—	5	—	—	1	3	24,960
Management AAS***	18	6	3	5	2	—	2	9	29,333
Management Info Systems AS	5	—	—	1	1	—	3	—	—
Marketing AAS***	14	5	2	3	—	—	4	7	25,060
Medical Admin Assist AAS*	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	31,200
Medical Office Specialist AAS**	8	3	1	1	2	—	1	4	21,743
Medical Office Specialist Dipl	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Mortuary Science Adv Dipl	11	8	—	2	1	—	—	6	24,624
Office Assistant Dipl***	12	6	1	1	2	—	2	7	23,440
Sales & Management Dipl***	11	3	3	3	—	—	2	5	21,073
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>130</b>	

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

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

**PROGRAM INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY 2008–2009**

PROGRAM	EMPLOYED								
	GRADS	RELATED	UNRELATED	EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
Agri Business AAS	15	7	—	8	—	—	—	7	27,076
Architectural Millwork Dipl*	7	2	1	3	—	—	1	3	18,000
Architectural Technology AAS*	3	1	1	1	—	—	—	2	31,200
Architectural Technology Dipl	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
ASEP–General Motors AAS	7	6	1	—	—	—	—	7	31,373
ASSET–Ford AAS**	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	4	31,000
Auto Collision Tech AAS*	6	4	1	—	—	—	1	5	22,880
Auto Collision Tech Dipl**	19	5	1	3	3	—	7	6	27,520
Auto Engines & Tune Up Dipl	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Auto Mechanics Tech AAS	20	10	3	3	—	—	4	11	21,232
AutoChassis & Powertrain Dipl	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Building Trades Dipl***	15	5	2	3	3	—	2	7	20,103
CAP Chrysler AAS***	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	3	18,720
Caterpillar Tech AAS*	7	6	—	—	1	—	—	6	32,240
Civil Engineering Tech AAS	11	5	2	2	1	—	1	6	35,130
Commercial Hort AAS**	15	4	1	3	1	1	5	5	24,440
Computer Aided Design Tech AAS*	14	1	3	2	4	—	4	4	28,080
Computer Aided Design Tech Dipl	3	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—
Diemaking Dipl	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Diesel Technology AAS**	14	13	—	—	—	1	—	12	25,116
Diesel Technology Dipl	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Electrical Construction Trade Dipl	19	15	1	2	—	1	—	13	28,642
Electronic System Servicing Tech AAS*	6	1	1	—	1	—	3	2	36,400
Electronics, Robotics & Automation AAS*	7	4	1	1	1	—	—	4	32,000
Graphic Design AAS	31	11	3	9	3	1	4	14	27,547
Graphic Technologies AAS*	9	4	2	—	1	—	2	6	37,000
Graphic Technologies Dipl	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Heating, AC, Refrig Tech AAS***	13	10	2	—	—	—	1	12	26,000

	GRADS	RELATED	EMPLOYED		JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
			UNRELATED	EDUCATION					
Heating, AC, Refrig Tech Dipl*	13	9	2	1	1	—	—	11	26,000
Industrial Electro-Mech Oper Tech AAS***	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	4	28,746
Info Tech Network Admin AAS***	15	5	2	—	3	—	5	4	27,562
Land Surveying AAS	7	4	—	—	3	—	—	4	30,748
Machinist Dipl	7	3	—	2	2	—	—	3	—
Manufacturing Tech AAS	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Photography Dipl	6	—	2	2	1	—	1	2	—
Telecomm Tech AAS	7	7	—	—	—	—	—	7	33,605
Tool & Diemaking AAS**	6	3	1	—	2	—	—	3	29,120
Vet Tech AAS	13	11	1	—	—	—	1	11	23,783
Welding Dipl	16	7	—	5	2	—	2	7	25,085
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>196</b>	

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

**PROGRAM**

**SCIENCE & HUMANITIES 2008–2009**

	GRADS	RELATED	EMPLOYED		JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
			UNRELATED	EDUCATION					
ASL Interp Training AA*	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	35,360
Biotechnology AS*	6	1	—	4	—	—	1	1	24,960
Criminal Justice AA	14	2	1	8	—	—	3	2	—
Criminal Justice AS	35	7	3	11	2	1	11	10	33,775
Culinary Arts AAS	42	16	2	13	5	—	6	17	23,070
Culinary Arts Dipl*	9	4	1	1	1	—	2	4	19,760
Fire Science Tech AS**	7	3	1	3	—	—	—	4	38,023
Fitness & Sports Mgmt AS	5	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	—
Hospitality Business Dipl	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—
Hotel & Restaurant Mgmt AAS*	8	3	1	2	—	—	2	3	18,200
Interp & Translation AS	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Legal Assistant AS**	17	5	1	5	2	—	4	6	19,968
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>49</b>	

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

## SPECIALIST CERTIFICATES AWARD 2008–2009

## ANNUAL REPORT OF SPECIALIST CERTIFICATES AWARDED 2008–2009

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	RELATED	EMPLOYED UNRELATED	EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
Accounting Certificate I	14	4	1	3	3	—	3	5	—
Accounting Certificate II	7	3	1	—	1	—	2	4	—
Adult Services	3	1	—	1	1	—	—	1	—
Ag Business: Agronomy	13	6	—	6	—	—	1	6	—
Ag Business: Animal Science	16	6	—	8	1	—	1	6	—
Ag Business: Farm Management	13	5	—	7	—	—	1	5	—
Ag Business: Sales/Service	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Blueprint Reading	15	6	1	2	2	—	4	7	—
Building Maintenance	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Chemical Dependency Counseling	6	5	—	1	—	—	—	5	—
Comm Hort: Turf Maintenance	3	2	—	—	1	—	—	2	—
Computer Applications	5	2	—	2	1	—	—	2	—
Computer Languages	2	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Data Entry I	17	4	2	4	5	—	2	4	—
Database Specialist	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—
Dietary Manager	4	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—
E-Commerce Design	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Entrepreneurship	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Fire Science Specialist	4	3	—	1	—	—	—	3	—
Gas Metal Arc Welding	15	5	—	4	2	—	4	5	—
Gas Tungsten Arc Welding	12	6	1	2	2	—	1	7	—
Gerontology Specialist	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Greenhouse Production	5	1	2	1	—	—	1	—	—

## SPECIALIST CERTIFICATES AWARD 2008–2009 (continued)

	GRADS	RELATED	EMPLOYED		JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
			UNRELATED	EDUCATION					
Human Resource Mgmt	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
Information Processing Support	8	1	2	2	2	—	1	3	—
Interior Design Consultant	3	—	1	1	—	—	1	1	—
Interp & Translation—General	14	5	—	6	1	—	2	—	—
Interp & Translation—Healthcare	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Interp & Translation—Judiciary	3	2	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
Landscape Design	6	2	—	2	1	—	1	2	—
Legal Assistant	10	2	—	2	—	—	6	2	—
Long-Term Care Administration	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Management	9	4	—	4	—	—	1	4	—
Medical Insurance & Coding	7	2	—	2	2	—	1	2	—
Medical Transcriptionist	18	3	1	4	6	2	2	3	—
Micro-Computers	4	3	—	—	1	—	—	3	—
Network Security Manager	3	1	1	1	—	—	—	2	—
Office Specialist	15	4	2	6	2	—	1	6	—
Oxy-Acetylene Welding	7	1	1	4	—	—	1	2	—
Phlebotomy	34	11	2	2	3	—	16	13	—
Pipe Welding	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Retailing	3	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—
Sales	6	3	—	3	—	—	—	3	—
Shielded Metal Arc Welding	11	4	—	3	2	—	2	4	—
Supervision	14	2	1	8	1	—	2	2	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>122</b>	

**PROGRAM LIBERAL ARTS 2008–2009**

	GRADS	RELATED	UNRELATED	EMPLOYED EDUCATION	JOB SEEKING	NA FOR WORK	UNKNOWN	WORKING IN IOWA	AVERAGE SALARY
Assoc. General Studies	79	21	3	25	3	1	26	24	29,660
Liberal Arts AA Degree	611	53	22	419	7	7	103	71	25,527
Liberal Arts AS Degree	127	20	2	64	7	—	34	21	28,292
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>116</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.

**78%** OF ARTS & SCIENCE GRADUATES  
ARE CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION

COLLEGES DMACC GRADUATES ARE ATTENDING:

DMACC .....	230
Iowa State University .....	281
Grand View University .....	100
University of Northern Iowa .....	54
Upper Iowa University .....	32
University of Iowa .....	31
Drake University .....	30
Simpson College .....	21

*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
- ◆ Resumé 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 and referrals
- ◆ Campus tours
- ◆ On-campus recruiting
- ◆ Information about programs
- ◆ Opportunities to serve on program advisory committees

**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER ASSISTANCE BY CAMPUS:**

Ankeny Campus ..... (515) 964-6463  
Boone Campus ..... (515) 432-7203  
Carroll Campus ..... (712) 792-1755  
Newton Campus ..... (641) 791-3622  
Urban Campus–Des Moines ..... (515) 244-4226  
West Campus–West Des Moines ..... (515) 633-2405

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

**DAVID REIMERS** ..... (515) 964-6463  
ddreimers@dmacc.edu

**JACKI BOLDT** ..... (515) 964-6215  
jlboldt@dmacc.edu

**LOIS CHOPARD** ..... (515) 964-6474  
llchopard@dmacc.edu

FAX ..... (515) 965-7158  
Toll-Free ..... 800-362-2127, ext. 6463



STUDENT EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE AND  
CAREER RESOURCE AND TRANSFER CENTER, BUILDING 1

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

2006 South Ankeny Boulevard, Ankeny, Iowa 50023

877-TO-DMACC | [www.DMACC.edu](http://www.DMACC.edu)

**Nondiscrimination Policy** Des Moines Area Community College shall not engage in nor allow discrimination covered by law, including harassment, based on race, color, national origin, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age or disability. Veteran status in DMACC's educational programs, activities, employment practices, or admission procedures is also included to the extent covered by law. Individuals who believe they have been discriminated against may file a complaint through the College Discrimination Complaint Procedure. Complaint forms may be obtained from the Human Resources Department, Provost's Office, EEO/AA Officer, Executive Director, Human Resources, Bldg. 1, 515-964-6301.