



# **Progress Report**

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NIACC has conducted five (five-year follow-up) longitudinal studies of graduates in the Tech Prep program for the high school classes of 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001 who completed the Tech Prep sequence of courses during their junior and senior years. Telephone surveys, NIACC student history files, the Iowa Employee Centralized Register, and the National Student Clearinghouse Report were utilized to gather the information reported below:

Summary – Tech Prep Longitudinal Studies								
Average college credits earned by high school graduation	Average NIACC GPA at the time of high school graduation	Awarded a NIACC one-year career diploma	Awarded an associate degree	Transferred to another institution	Earned 4-year degree	Still pursuing degrees	Employed in Iowa	Average hourly wage
Tech Prep Outcomes for the High School Class of 1997								
26 sh	2.80	35%	47%	15%	NA	NA	93%	\$14.27 in 2003
Tech Prep Outcomes for the High School Class of 1998								
28 sh	2.70	15%	59%	18%	NA	NA	90%	\$13.95 in 2003
Tech Prep Outcomes for the High School Class of 1999								
28 sh	2.82	48%	52%	22%	NA	NA	88%	\$13.46 in 2004
Tech Prep Outcomes for the High School Class of 2000								
25 sh	2.88	20%	42%	50%	NA	21%	77% <sup>1</sup>	\$14.54 in 2005
Tech Prep Outcomes for the High School Class of 2001								
26 sh	2.80	12%	35%	42%	19%	11%	76% <sup>1</sup>	\$14.91 in 2006

<sup>1</sup> Employment in Iowa dipped for the classes of 2000 and 2001 due to the high number of first graduating classes in Information Technology who sought and received employment outside of Iowa.