

Q3 - What did you like about this program?

The fact that I learned things.

I liked a lot of the hands on experience and the clinical rotations to help and cement the technical aspects.

I loved the hands on work. I believe that the program helped prepare me for real life work. I was at UWL and I feel that they lack real life hand on experience like WTC. I like how the program has Fridays off.

I loved the people and made lots of new friends. I enjoyed the material and am looking forward to working in this field.

You get the hands on experience right away and immediately start learning information that is directly related to the career. That makes it easier to keep your end-goal in mind and motivate yourself through the 2 years.

I really liked that we were told about certain types of questions on the BOC exam. I also liked that the instructors were willing to work with the students and help as much as they possibly could.

Switching from UWL to Western I really enjoyed the change of pace with all of the hands on experience I had in the classroom as well as during my many hours of clinical.

I like this program because I have always been a fan of the sciences. Most science degrees are not very hands on though. This program is extremely hands on which is my favorite part.

I like that there are a lot of hands on things to do and also that we learn to draw blood on each other.

Q4 - What would you change about this program?

Working 40 hours a week for free, and then being berated when with site on schedule changes to make life easier.

Some of the instruments were broken or unavailable for the types of assays we should run. I understand that there are absolute limitations due to funding or unavailable software/parts for older instruments but for future generations having the technology available for current assay tests will help better prepare the next generation of techs

I would change the passing policies. I had students tell me they should not have pass certain classes but were allowed "freebies or free passing grade even though they should not have applied." I worked hard for my grades, other should have to work just as hard as me, not given a free passing grade. That is academic dishonesty from the program which should not be allowed.

I am not sure. I thought it was great.

I loved the program, however I like what they are doing this next year with changing the program to start in the spring semester, making graduation in the fall and giving students first grabs at open jobs. That way they don't have to compete with 4 years in the spring.

I would change some things about clinical, like having someone in charge of students who works with students or can check in with them to see how things are going.

I would change the fact that if you work at a certain facility you should be able to do your clinical there. It would allow you to be able to actually work during your clinical experience.

If i could change anything about the program, It would probably fall within the last semester. We are extremely over burdened with homework and 40 hour clinical weeks. It can get extremely stressful.

The amount of homework

Q6 - As a result of this program: I have learned effective communication skills.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	22.22%	2
4	Agree	33.33%	3
5	Strongly Agree	44.44%	4
	Total	100%	9

Q7 - Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

I have the same communication skills as before.

I believe being placed into clinical rotations and having a well meshing class has helped develop some of the soft communication skills. What is appropriate and where.

I believe I already had good communications skills before the program.

I believe I was already good with communication skills, so I feel as if I have improved from this program.

We are forced at times to be very vocal which helps with our communication skills

Q8 - As a result of this program: I am able to apply mathematical concepts.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	11.11%	1
4	Agree	55.56%	5
5	Strongly Agree	33.33%	3
	Total	100%	9

Q9 - Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

I could do it before this program.

I always had a strong mathematical background, the way it was delivered I may change a bit. Almost like physics, I believe it would be very helpful to have ALL of the equations used throughout the program on a sheet of laminated paper that a student can carry with them throughout the whole program. In addition a sheet with all of the reference ranges for various analytes or cellular products would be helpful.

I was originally going to UWL for mathematics so I was already able to apply mathematical concepts.

Q10 - As a result of this program: I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	33.33%	3
5	Strongly Agree	66.67%	6
	Total	100%	9

Q11 - Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

I am now able to do this with the information I have learned.

This program is all hands on and forces us to apply concepts.

Q12 - As a result of this program: I learned critical thinking skills.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	44.44%	4
5	Strongly Agree	55.56%	5
	Total	100%	9

Q13 - Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

Yes

I felt that the clinical rotation helps lead a person on a bit more. In addition certain classes require strong critical analysis to prosper. It certainly helps to create a study group with a student who intimately understands the material and can ask the leading questions to cause greater critical analysis within their peers.

It helped with real life critical thinking.

Q14 - As a result of this program: I have learned to use technology effectively.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	22.22%	2
4	Agree	66.67%	6
5	Strongly Agree	11.11%	1
	Total	100%	9

Q15 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

My internships taught me how to use their analyzers, so did XXXXX and XXXXX.

Even as a millennial, we are mainly steeped in technology since birth. It is an easy aspect to understand.

I have always be great with technology, but I feel that I can use my skills to teach the older generation who are not as well adapted to technology.

I know we don't have a huge budget, but all of the instruments just happened to stop working when we finally got to use them. So most of our training was done at clinical, but some of us didn't get to change sites or go to larger sites so I feel a little limited as far as how much I know for instrumentation.

Sometimes we didn't have instruments to practice with or had really outdated analyzers.

I was already really good with technology, so this program didn't change anything regarding technology.

Some of our analyzers and techniques are outdated

Q16 - As a result of this program: I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	22.22%	2
5	Strongly Agree	77.78%	7
	Total	100%	9

Q17 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

Always have not as a result of this program.

I always appreciated honest feedback upon my performance. Hearing someone else say positive things about me means far more than any test score or how I may feel.

Q18 - As a result of this program: I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	55.56%	5
5	Strongly Agree	44.44%	4
	Total	100%	9

Q19 - Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

Q21 - As a result of this program, I learned to: practice laboratory safety and regulatory compliance.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	0.00%	0
5	Strongly Agree	100.00%	9
	Total	100%	9

Q22 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Standard operating procedures and safety has always been stressed

Q23 - As a result of this program, I learned to: collect and process biological specimens for analysis.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	22.22%	2
5	Strongly Agree	77.78%	7
	Total	100%	9

Q24 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Maybe we could have more focus on specimen processing, even though it's pretty easy to learn, a little background would be nice before clinicals.

Q25 - As a result of this program, I learned to: monitor and evaluate quality control in the laboratory.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	44.44%	4
5	Strongly Agree	55.56%	5
	Total	100%	9

Q26 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

A lot of the tests we did were with QC in place of patient results, so we hit two birds with one stone.

Q27 - As a result of this program, I learned to: apply modern clinical methodologies including problem solving and troubleshooting according to predetermined criteria.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	11.11%	1
4	Agree	44.44%	4
5	Strongly Agree	44.44%	4
	Total	100%	9

Q28 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Some methods feel outdated, I understand that the board still uses some of this information but as time goes by it would be nice to eliminate what will not be seen or used anymore.

We didn't really have any instruments to practice troubleshooting.

Q29 - As a result of this program, I learned to: correlate laboratory results to diagnosis of clinical conditions and/or diseases.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	44.44%	4
5	Strongly Agree	55.56%	5
	Total	100%	9

Q30 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Q31 - As a result of this program, I learned to: perform information processing in the clinical laboratory.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	55.56%	5
5	Strongly Agree	44.44%	4
	Total	100%	9

Q32 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Q33 - As a result of this program, I learned to:

Q33_1 - model professional behaviors, ethics, and appearance.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
2	Disagree	0.00%	0
3	Neither Agree nor Disagree	0.00%	0
4	Agree	22.22%	2
5	Strongly Agree	77.78%	7
	Total	100%	9

Q34 - Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Q35 - CONCLUSION Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

Waste too much time talking about random things in class. Could probably cut 30 minutes out if we were just kept on track. It is terrible we are required to come in on Friday for an all day class. The banked hours idea was a mess and wasn't worth it. I was told they didn't have it when they were in school. Well then don't have it now. Don't promise things to students then take it back or make them feel bad for not understanding. The teacher needs to make her own decisions and not always rely on the answers of another teacher. We as students make decisions and the teacher should not be afraid to make decisions either, it's life, make a decision and stick with it. We kept being told it was the teachers first time through. That's fine it's our first time too, but it shouldn't be an excuse for everything. Own up to what you are unsure of and promise to find out the answer of the question you don't know. Don't just say I don't know it's my first time, or ask the other teacher. Otherwise the teachers are in general very nice and usually try to help as much as they can. One on one time is very good and useful. I would do this again, but I would NEVER do this last semester ever if I can help it. It has been the worst time of the program so far.

I feel that the last semester should be limited to only the 40 hour clinical rotation.

My experience was good overall. I am just not happy with how some students were allowed to graduate/move on in the program when they did not keep up their 75% test average for the program.

I have really enjoyed my time here and am going to miss everyone and the faculty a great deal.

Thanks for a great 2 years! I feel very prepared and optimistic about the future.

I really enjoyed this program and feel as if it has truly benefited me to work in a lab in the future.

Amazing program

I really enjoyed this program and would recommend it to anyone that would like to work in the lab!