

Overview: Past Participant Follow Up Survey

The Past Participant Follow Up Survey was created by the Centre for Career Education, University of Windsor. This survey was developed to use as a follow up tool with students who have completed the Volunteer Internship Program. It is designed to help with the assessment of personal attribute and impact outcomes and also collects some satisfaction (process) data as well.

The survey will be first used in 2010, and will be used in paper form, and online using available tools.

We decided to look at the overall educational goals of the program and align this follow-up survey with them. VIP's educational goals are as follows:

- To provide students with access to experiences within the community.
- To develop professional employment readiness skills in students such as accountability, communication, etc.
- To help students develop a network of contacts in the community.
- To assist students in the identification or clarification of career interests and expectations.
- To develop an appreciation for the value of volunteerism among students.
- To teach students how to learn from a variety of experiences.

We decided which pieces of data and that open ended questions would be the most useful to address each educational goal and developed the questions accordingly. We also mirrored some of the questions found in earlier stages of the program (intake survey administered at orientation) so that comparisons could be made to gather pre-test and post-test answers.

This survey will be sent out at the beginning of the calendar year to all of the students who have completed the program in the previous calendar year. Windsor graduates get to keep their institutional e-mail for one year after graduation, so this timing will allow us to catch everyone. A summary of data will be compiled each year, with a full analysis to take place every three years.

This tool and overview were submitted by The Centre for Career Education, University of Windsor.