ACEND Virtual Town Hall Meeting July 8, 2025 11:00 a.m. Central Time

**Host: ACEND** 

Presenter: Darla O'Dwyer, PhD, RDN, LD

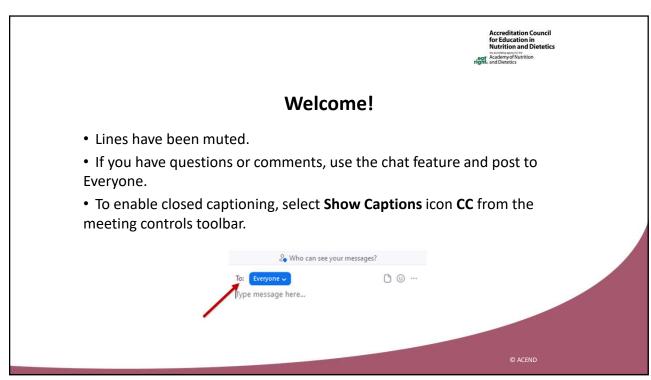
# Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics



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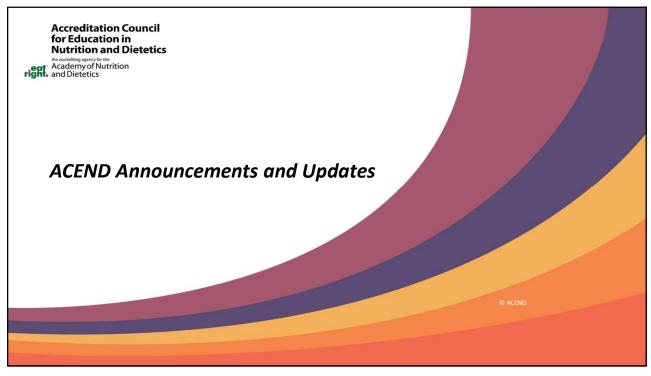
ACEND Team, Presenters thanked all attendees (138 participants). The meeting ended at 12:01 PM CT.



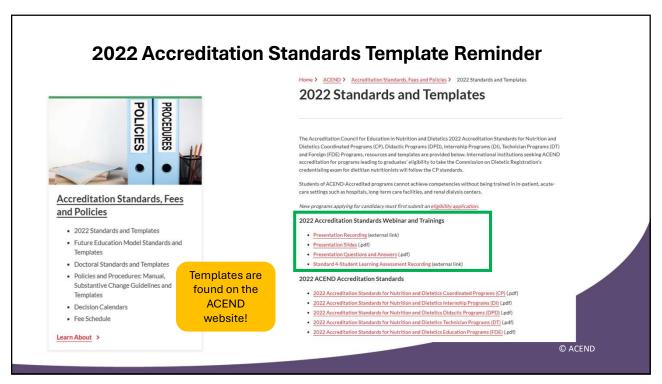
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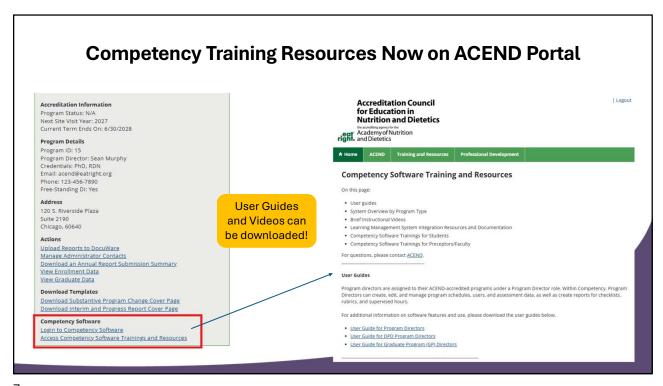
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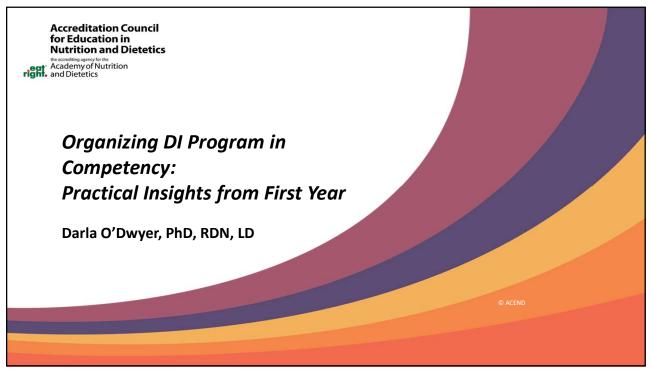








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### Program Structure Overview

- Cohort
  - DI Cohort 2023-2025
  - DI Cohort 2024-2026
- Course NUTR 5431 Supervised Practice for Dietetic Interns
- Phase
  - Year 1 2023-2024, Year 2 2024-2025
  - Year 1 2024-2025, Year 2 2025-2026
- Block
  - Summer 2024
  - Fall 2024-Spring 2025
  - Summer 2025
  - Fall 2025-Spring 2026

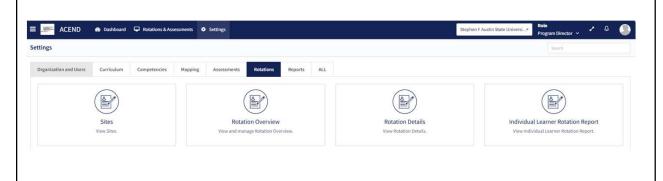
# Populating Students, Preceptors, Sites

- Bulk Upload easy since information is already in a spreadsheet
- Convert to the system's template
- Can also add individually

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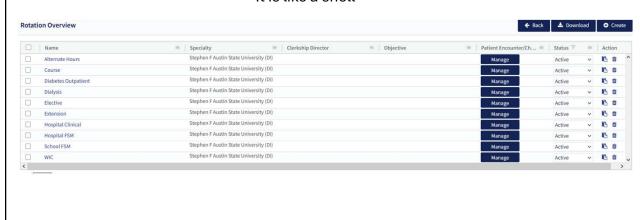
### **Rotations**

- The software makes it easy to assign rotations
  - · Rotation Overview
  - Rotation Details

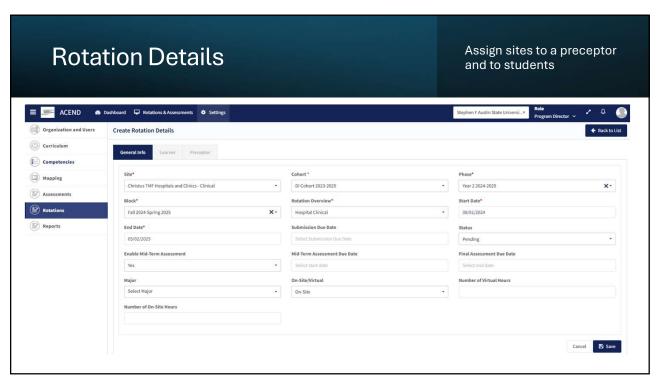


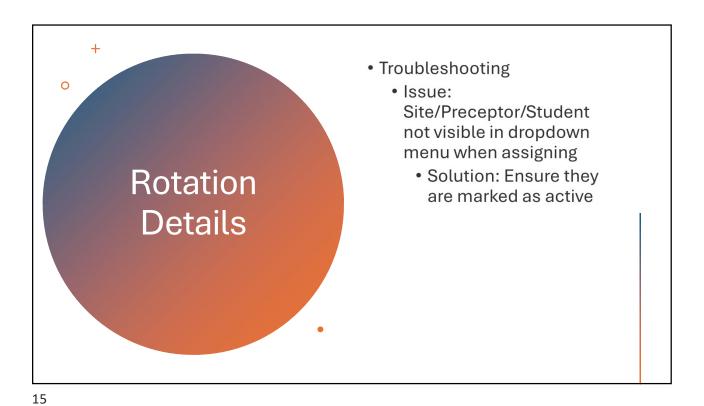
### Rotation Overview

- Allows you to create, view and manage rotations
- Needed to create Rotation Details
  - Includes full rotation information
  - Dates, preceptors, students, etc.
- · Overview can be used repeatedly
- It is like a shell



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State Step When Assigning Preceptor

Issue: Have to add preceptor twice

For preceptor to appear in student profile and reports

Doesn't impact assignment

Control of Rotation Details - WIC

Edit Rotation Details - WIC

Control link

Receptor

Freezptor

Control link

Receptor

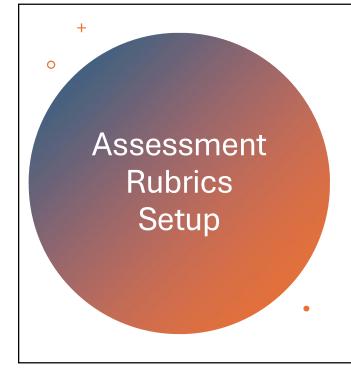
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### Individual Learner Rotation Report

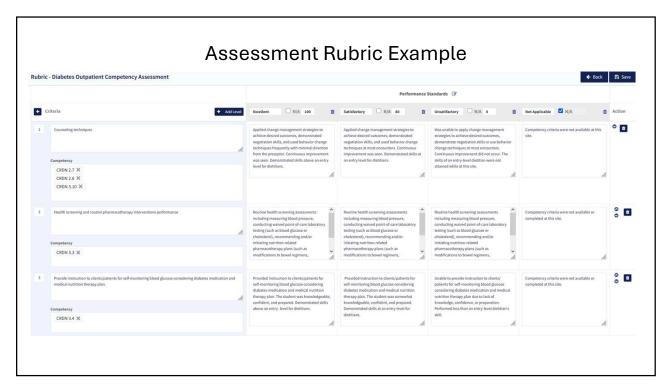
 Allows me to see student placements and preceptor assignments in one report

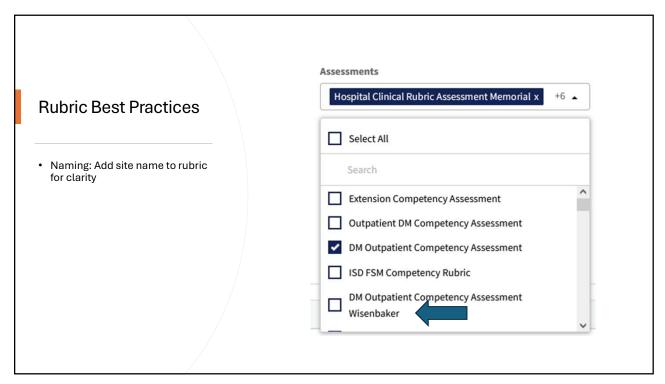
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Student A	#### Email	Kilgore ISD	No	Hammerbacher, Je	nn 08/01/2024	05/02/2025
Student B	#### Email	Kilgore ISD	No	Hammerbacher, Je	nn 08/01/2024	05/02/2025
Student C	#### Email	Lufkin ISD Student Nutrition Servi	ices No		08/01/2024	05/02/2025
Student D	#### Email	Lufkin ISD Student Nutrition Servi	ices No		08/01/2024	05/02/2025
Student E	#### Email	Lufkin ISD Student Nutrition Servi	ices No		08/01/2024	05/02/2025
Student F	#### Email	Nacogdoches ISD	No	Stamper, Laurie	08/01/2024	05/02/2025
Student G	#### Email	Nacogdoches ISD	No	Stamper, Laurie	08/01/2024	05/02/2025

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- Create rubrics to assess competencies at each site
  - · AgriLife Extension
  - DM Outpatient
  - Hospital and ISD FSM
  - Hospital Clinical
  - WIC
- Student evaluation rubric (dispositions) same for every site
- Scoring (include numeric)
  - Excellent = 100
  - Satisfactory = 80
  - Unsatisfactory = 0

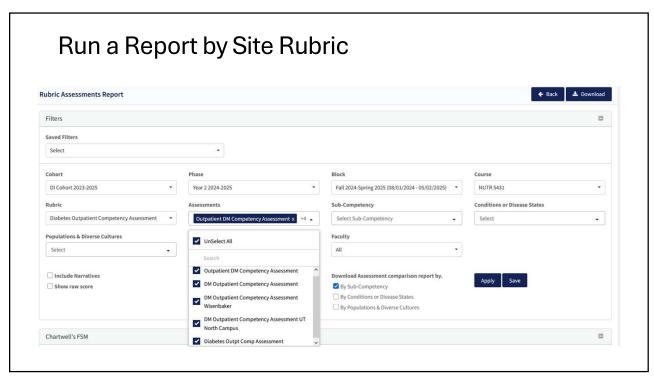




# Running Reports Run a report for all rubrics - sub competency Rubric Assessments Report Colhort Colhort Colhort Rubric Assessments Report Rubric Assessments Rubric Assessments Assessments Assessments Assessments Assessments Assessments Sub-Competency Conditions or Disease States Select Populations & Diverse Cultures Select Select Download Assessment comparison report by. Select Select Populations & Diverse Cultures Select Populations & Diverse Cultures Select Select Populations & Diverse Cultures

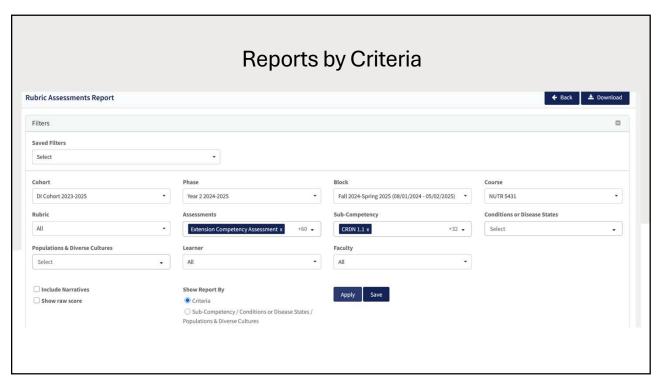
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Assessment Name	0.11.11.10	0.1.0	Student A	Student B	Student C
Assessment Name Chartwell's FSM	Criteria / Question Tray audit	Sub-Competency Mapping CRDN 1.1,CRDN 4.10,CRDN 4.3	Student A -1		
Chartwell 3 F3IVI	Plate waste study	CRDN 1.1,CRDN 4.10,CRDN 4.3	100		
	Active participation in meetings/round		100		
	Contribute to Community Organization		100	1	
	Participation in ordering, receiving, dis		100		
	Recipe development and evaluation for		100		
	Participated in the maintenance of em		100		
	Conducted a temperature control audi		100		
	Menu evaluation	CRDN 4.5	100		
	Average	CRDIN 4.3	88.78		
	Faculty		Jessup, Marie	Jessup, Marie	Jessup, Marie
Assessment Name	Criteria / Question	Sub-Competency Mapping	Student D	Student E	
Competency Assessment Kilgore ISD	Tray audit	CRDN 1.1,CRDN 4.10,CRDN 4.3	-1		
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Plate waste study	CRDN 1.4,CRDN 4.6	-1	-1	
	Active participation in meetings/round		-1	80	
	Contribute to Community Organization		80	80	
	Participation in ordering, receiving, dis		80	-1	
	Recipe development and evaluation for		100	-1	
	Participated in the maintenance of em		-1	-1	
	Conducted a temperature control audi	1 CRDN 4.2	80	80	
	Menu evaluation	CRDN 4.5	-1	80	
	Average		37.22	35	
	Faculty		Hammerbacher, Jennie	Hammerbacher, Jennie	



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Assessment Name	Criteria / Question	Sub-Competency Mapping	Student A
Diabetes Outpt Comp Assessment	Counseling techniques	CRDN 2.7,CRDN 2.8,CRDN 3.10	100
	Health screening and routine p	harmac CRDN 3.3	100
	Provide instruction to clients/p	100	
	Effective communication and o	80	
	Recipe development and evalu	-1	
	Coding and Billing	CRDN 4.9	100
	Average		83.17
	Faculty / Evaluator		Tucker, Marie
Assessment Name	Criteria / Question	Sub-Competency Mapping	Student B
DM Outpatient Competency Assessmen	Counseling techniques	CRDN 2.7,CRDN 2.8,CRDN 3.10	100
	Health screening and routine p	oharmac CRDN 3.3	100
	Provide instruction to clients/p	atients CRDN 3.4	100
	Effective communication and o	docume CRDN 3.7	100
	Recipe development and evalu	ation fc CRDN 3.14	100
	Coding and Billing	CRDN 4.9	80
	Average		96.67
	Faculty / Evaluator		Hall, Audrey

	Course or supervised		100	
Core Competency Statement	practice rotation in which the competency is assessed	Specific, required assessment method(s) (exam, rubric, project, etc.) used to measure student/intern achievement of competency	Completed Competencies Indicate the rotations where you completed the competency. Ex. ISD FSM, Hospital Clinical, etc.	<ul> <li>Cross-referenced studen report with site rubric reports</li> </ul>
RDN 3.3 Perform routine health screening assessments including measuring blood pressure, conducting walved point-of-care laboratory testing (such as blood glucose or cholesterol), recommending and/or initiating nutrition-related pharmacotherapy plans (such as modifications to bowel regimens, carbohydrate to insulin ratio, B <sub>22</sub> or iron supplementation).	NUTR 5431 Supervised Practice for Dietetic Interns – hospital clinical or DM outpatient Or NUTR 5431	Preceptor evaluation of health screening and routine pharmacotherapy interventions performance  Nursing simulation lab experience evaluated by DI Director	DM Outpatient Confirmed 5/14/2025	reports
CRDN 3.4 Provide instruction to clients/patients for self-monitoring blood glucose considering diabetes medication and medical nutrition therapy plan.	NUTR 5431 Supervised Practice for Dietetic Interns – DM outpatient	Preceptor evaluation of MNT interventions	DM Outpatient Confirmed 5/14/2025	
CRDN 3.5 Explain the steps involved and observe the placement of nasogastric or nasogateric feeding tubes; if available, assist in the process of placing nasogastric or nasogateric feeding tubes.	NUTR 5431 Supervised Practice for Dietetic Interns – hospital clinical	Preceptor evaluation of explanation and observation of tube feeding placement	Nursing Simulation	
CRDN 3.6 Conduct a swallow screen and refer to the appropriate health care professional for full swallow evaluation when needed.	NUTR 5431 Supervised Practice for Dietetic Interns – hospital clinical	Preceptor evaluation of swallow screen and referral for full swallow evaluation Upload Completed Document to Competency Folder in OneDrive- Swallow Screen Semester Year Initials	Hospital Clinical Confirmed 5/14/2025	
CRDN 3.7 Demonstrate effective communication and documentation skills for clinical and client services in a variety of formats and settings, which include telehealth and other information technologies and digital media.	NUTR 5431 Supervised Practice for Dietetic Interns – DM Outpatient, WIC clinic, Extension, private practice course module	Preceptor evaluation of effective communication and documentation skills, including telehealth  OR DI Director evaluation of course module case study for telehealth	WIC clinic, AgriLife Extension, DM OutPt Confirmed 5/13/2025	
CRDN 3.8 Design, implement and evaluate presentations to a target audience.	NUTR 5431 Supervised Practice for Dietetic Interns	Rubric assessed by DI Director to evaluate a blog that may be published on the MS/DI web page	NUTR 5431	



# Reports by Criteria Did not find helpful Tray audit Plate waste study Temperature control audit Have to go back to the competency assignment to determine CRDN's

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# Hours Tracking System is user friendly Preceptors could easily find it and approve time logs Student entered time in a drop-down menuup to 12 hours Issues Student cannot edit time log after submission to preceptor Preceptor Preceptor must reject for resubmission

### **Example Hours Tracking Report**

Student A	10/31/2024	7:30	On-Site	UT Health Claire Teft Screened med-surg unit to check for patients in need of nutritio
Student A	11/1/2024	8:00	On-Site	UT Health Claire Teft Screened 5 units to check for patients in need of nutrition asses
SubTotal		344:30:00		
Student A	11/5/2024	8:30	On-Site	Texas A&N Erica Davi Prepared fruit salad for Walk and Learn. Assisted with set-up/c
Student A	11/6/2024	8:00	On-Site	Texas A&N Erica Davi Typed up list of weekly supplies needed for Learn Grow Eat Go p
Student A	11/7/2024	7:30	On-Site	Texas A&N Erica Davi Cut 3; 75-foot long rolls of paper into newspaper-size strips for
Student A	11/8/2024	8:00	On-Site	Texas A&N Erica Davi Assisted Erica with entering pre-surveys for food waste program
Student A	11/12/2024	8:00	On-Site	Texas A&N Erica Davi Cut 5; 75-foot long rolls of paper into newspaper-size strips for
Student A	11/13/2024	8:00	On-Site	Texas A&N Erica Davi Laminated papers for bulletin board. Assisted Amy in setting up
Student A	11/14/2024	8:00	On-Site	Texas A&N Erica Davi Created participant folders for Amy's class (Cooking Well with F
Student A	11/15/2024	8:00	On-Site	Texas A&N Erica Davi Entered participant information and pre-test results for Learn G
SubTotal		64:00:00		
Student A	11/19/2024	8:00	On-Site	UT Health Allison Ad Served food in breakfast and lunch tray lines. Assisted Holly in
Student A	11/20/2024	8:00	On-Site	UT Health Allison Ad Attended inter-disciplinary meeting for unit managers with Seth
Student A	11/21/2024	8:00	On-Site	UT Health Allison Ad Attended foodservice manager meeting. Created new safety bine

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### **Preceptor Common Issues**

## Forgot to submit rubric after saving

Student can't see it

# Mistakenly scored the wrong student

- Very common issue due to default view
- Must go through a series of steps to reassess

## Reassessment of learner

 All assessments and comments are deleted

Competency Instructions in Preceptor Handbook

- Indicated the purpose to evaluate interns and approve time logs
- Provided information about the software and the link
- Gave a list of instructions for commonly used features
- Included links to the helpful tutorial videos from ACEND
- Indicated how to reassess if the rubric needed to be edited

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## Software Limitations

- The system will not allow students to evaluate site
- Using Qualtrics for this purpose not ideal
  - Need separate link
  - Regularly need to remind students
  - Time consuming to collect assessments
  - Must manually send evaluations to preceptors

• Cannot Upload Work Samples
• Using Microsoft Office 365 OneDrive
• Each student gets their own OneDrive folder
• Students add work samples associated with competencies
• Does not have a print/export feature for the rubrics
• Dashboard wasn't helpful
• Remediation process is clunky
• Erases initial assessment

### Overall, Happy with the Software

### EMS was very receptive and helpful

- Responsive to emails
- Form on the ACEND website to submit feedback
- Made multiple improvements since its introduction

Will continue to use the software

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# Student and Preceptor Feedback

- Students and preceptors were asked to rate their experience
- 5-point scale, very easy to use to very difficult to use
- Students
  - 67% (4/6) rated the software as easy to use and very easy to use
  - 33% (2/6) rated the software as neutral
- Preceptors
  - 71% (15/21) rated the software as easy to use and very easy to use
  - 19% (4/21) rated the software as neutral
  - 10% (2/21) rated it as difficult to use

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### Conclusion



The DI program at Stephen F. Austin State University has found the Competency software to be very useful



Software limitations hinder full functionality (students cannot evaluate sites) but other tools are available (Qualtrics)



CRDN assessment and Time Log Tracking is streamlined for both preceptors and students



Reports can be generated in multiple ways, aiding in competency and time log tracking



For report generation, rubrics need numeric scoring metrics (e.g., Excellent = 100, Satisfactory = 80, Unsatisfactory = 0)



Overall, the majority of students (67%) and preceptors (71%) found the software easy to use