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Experiential Learning: An Ontario College Overview

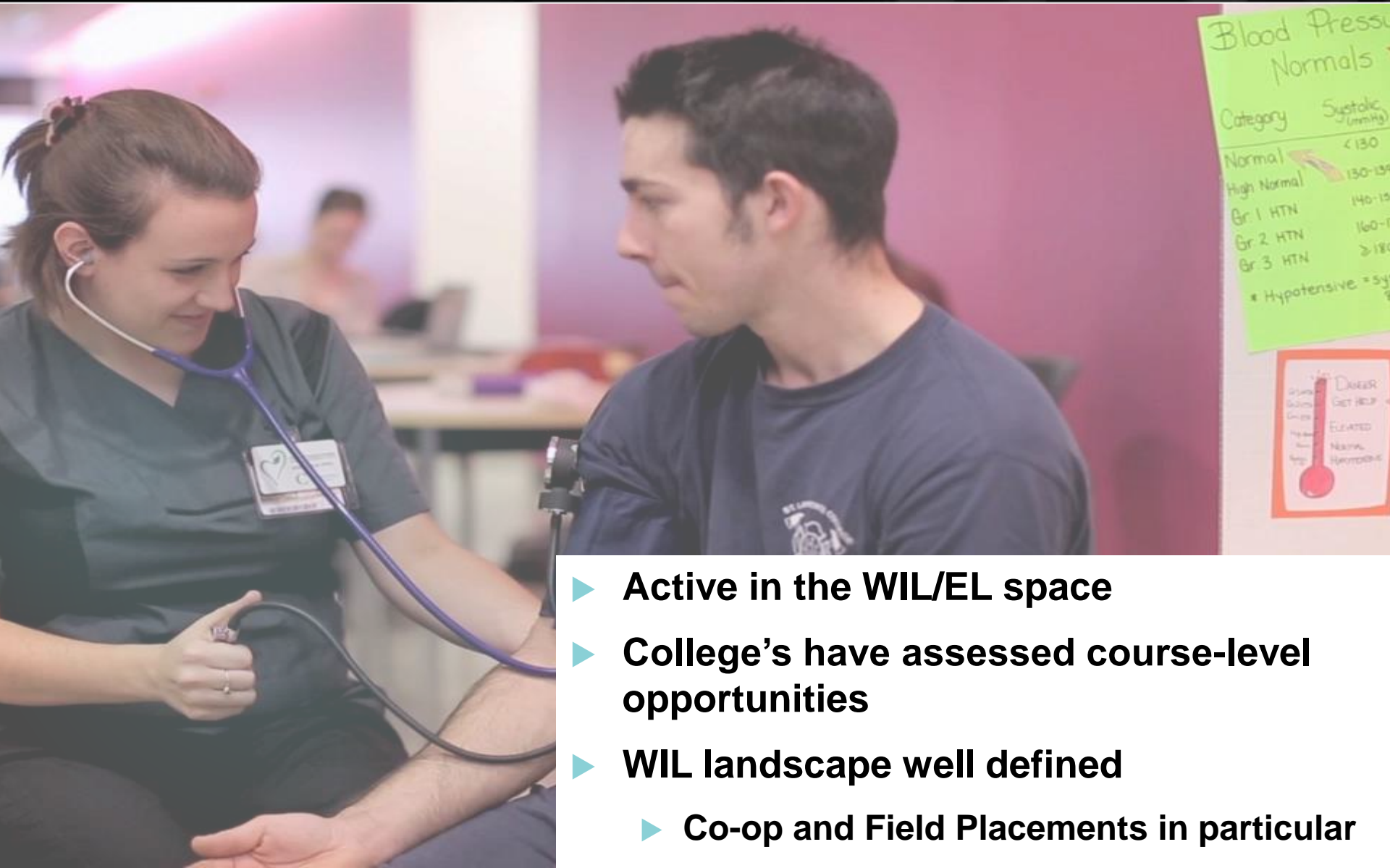


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The College Landscape



- ▶ **Active in the WIL/EL space**
- ▶ **College's have assessed course-level opportunities**
- ▶ **WIL landscape well defined**
 - ▶ **Co-op and Field Placements in particular**



- 1. Colleges Ontario Heads of Co-operative Education (HOC)**
- 2. ORBIS College User Group**
- 3. Career Ready College Project Managers**

College Typologies

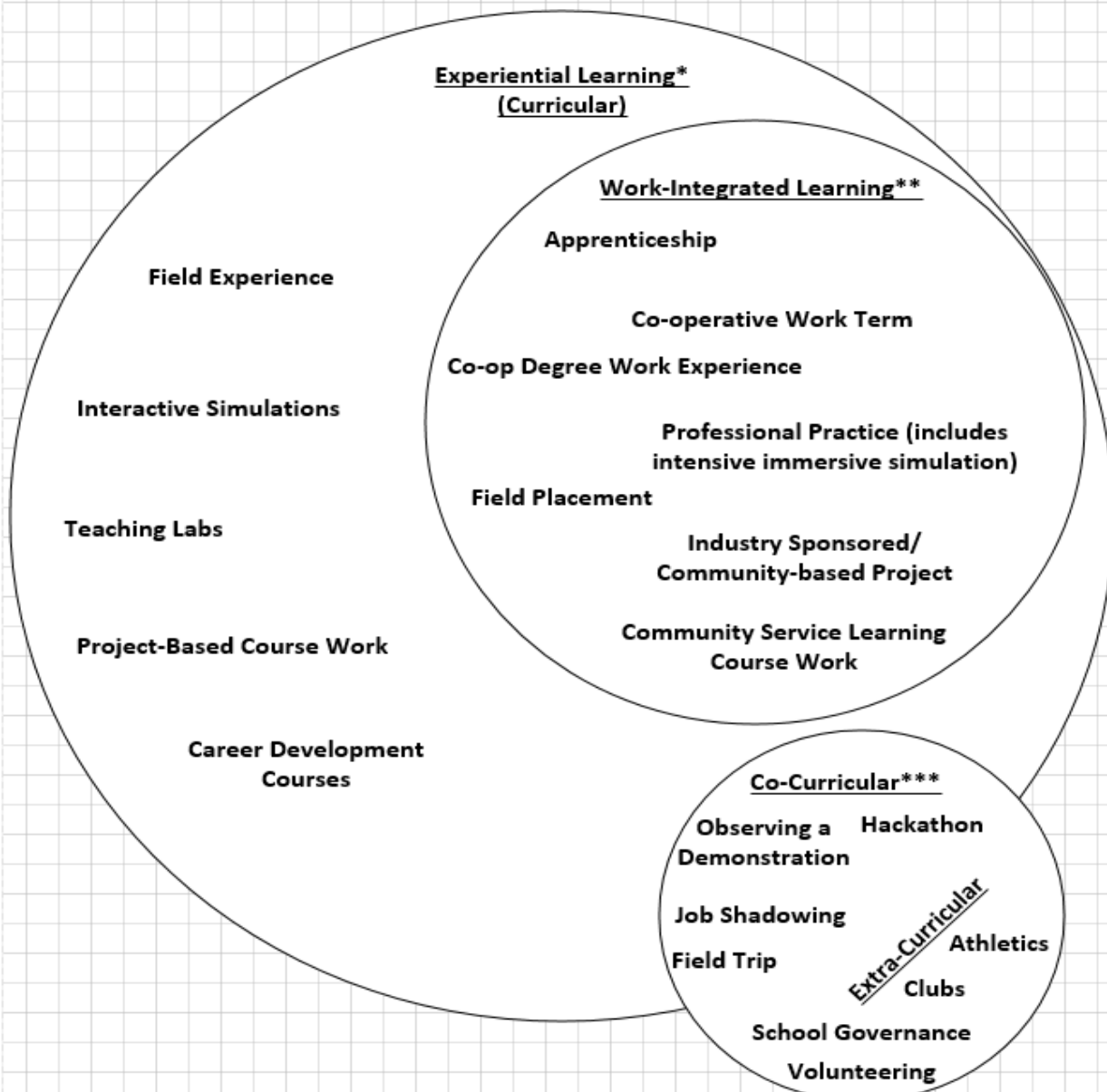


- ▶ **Colleges alignment with CEWIL definitions**
- ▶ **Ministry Career Ready guidelines**



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Experiential Learning at Conestoga



MTCU Experiential Learning Checklist

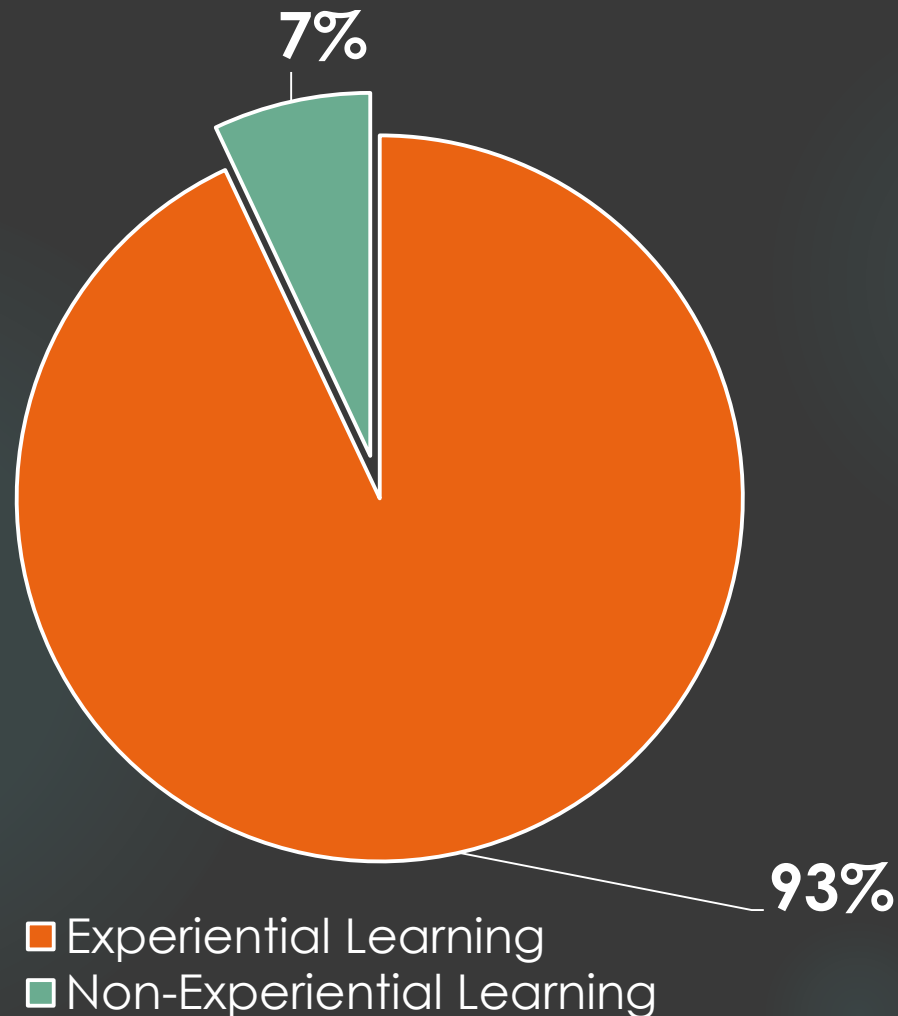
- Student is in a workplace or simulated workplace
- Student is exposed to authentic demands that improve their employability, interpersonal skills, and transition to the workforce
- Experience is structured with purposeful and meaningful activities
- Student applies university or college program knowledge and/or essential employability skills
- Experience includes student self-assessment and evaluation of the student's performance and learning outcomes by the employer and/or the university/college
- The experience counts towards the course credit or credential completion OR is formally recognized by the college or university as meeting the five criteria above

* Embedded in program or course design

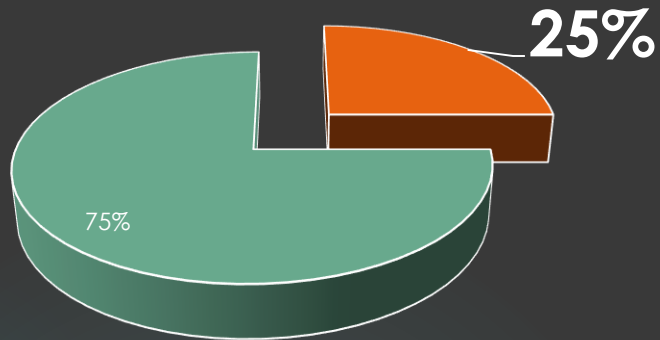
** Embedded in program or course design and includes 3rd party engagement, eg. Employer, industry or community partner

*** Student driven - May or may not be program-related, and/or not embedded in program or course design

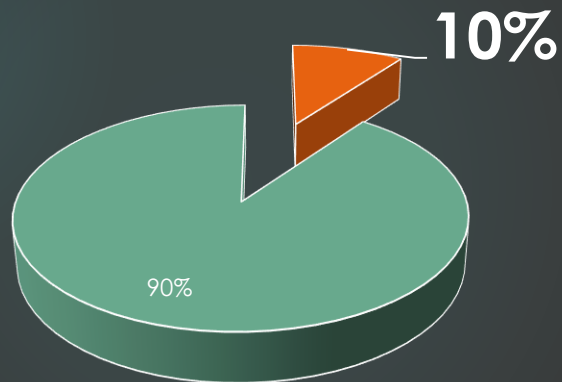
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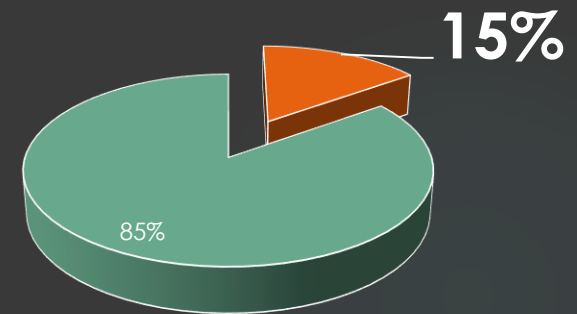
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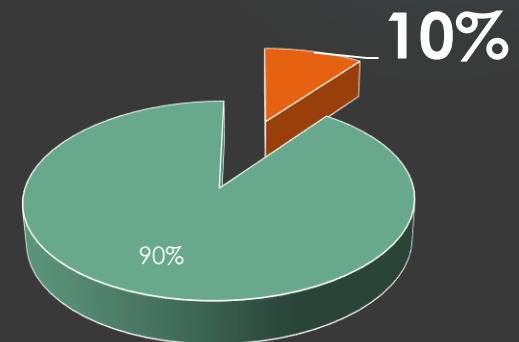
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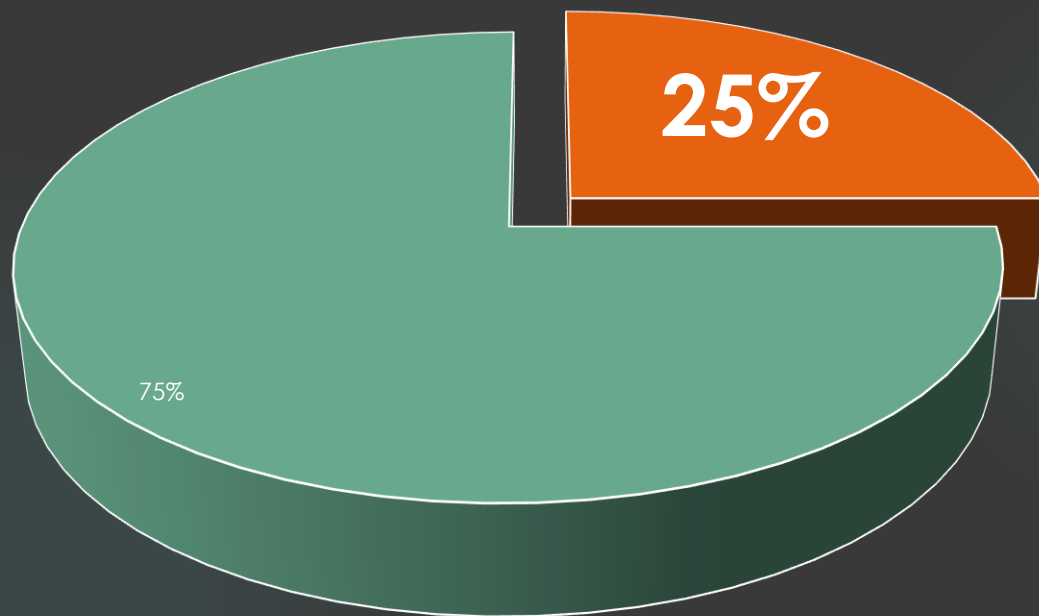
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■ Field Placement ■ No Field Placement

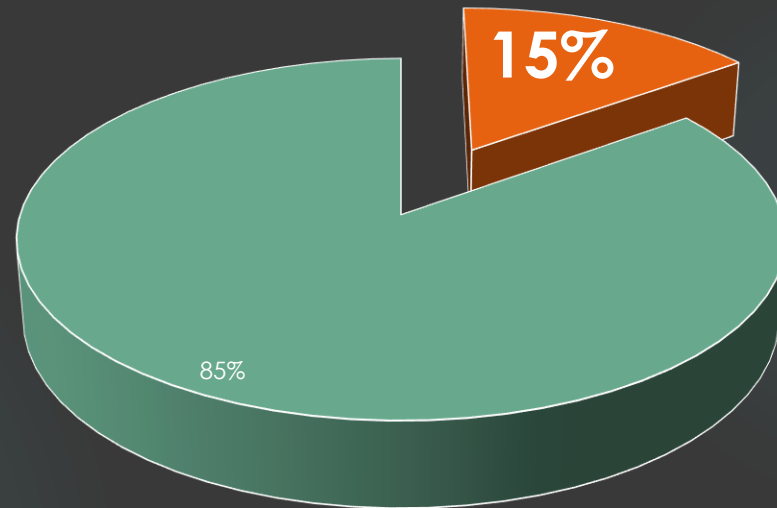


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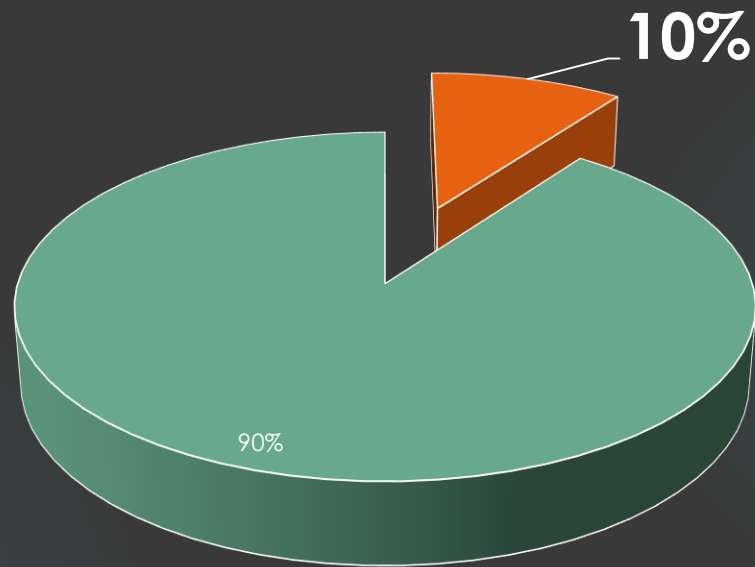
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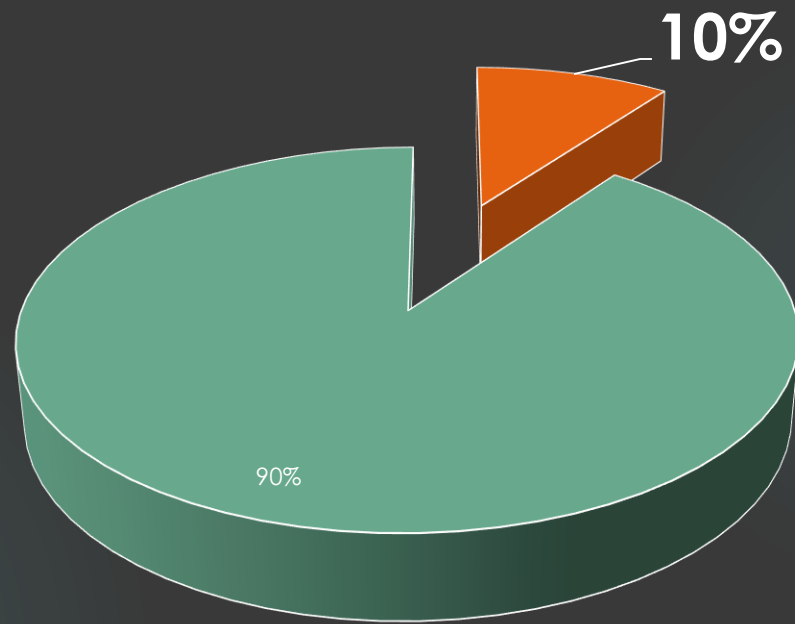
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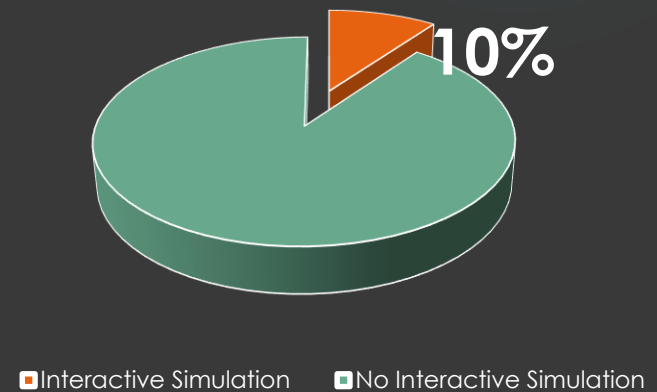
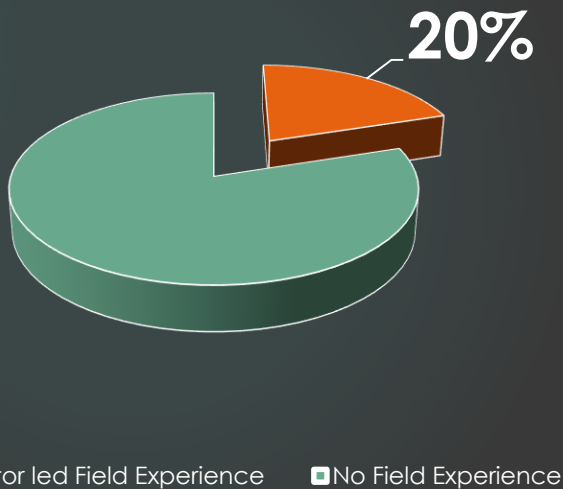
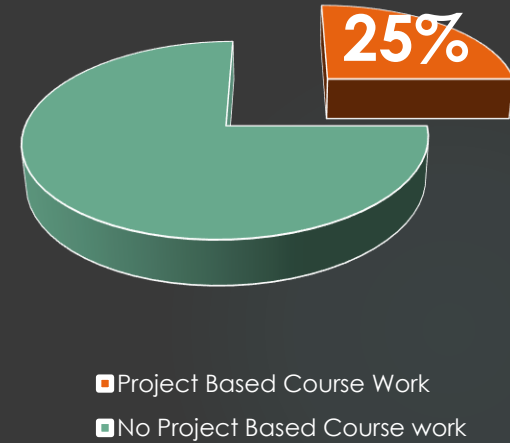
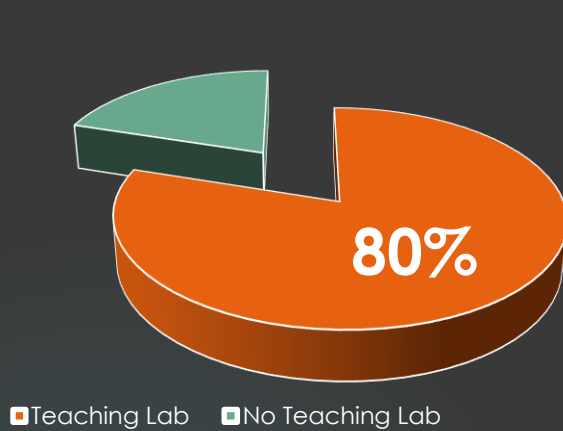
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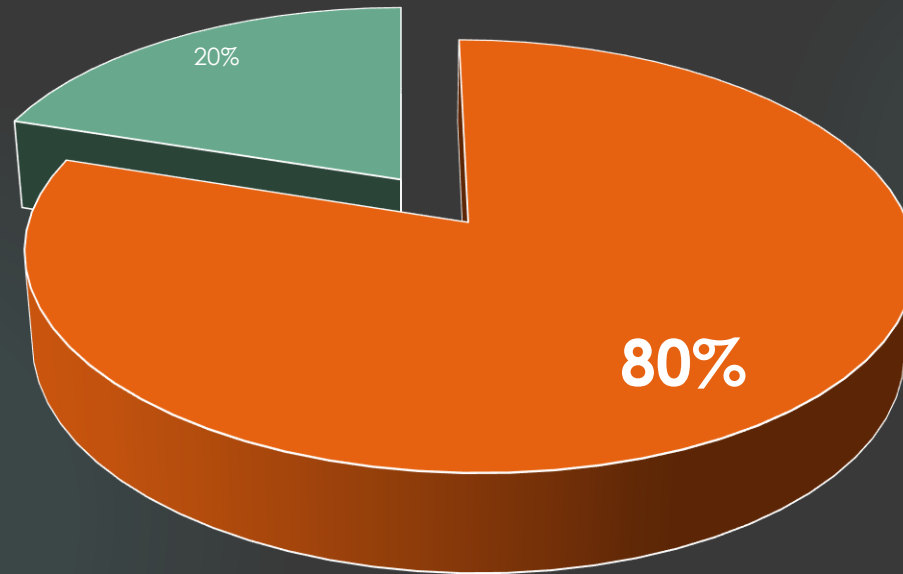
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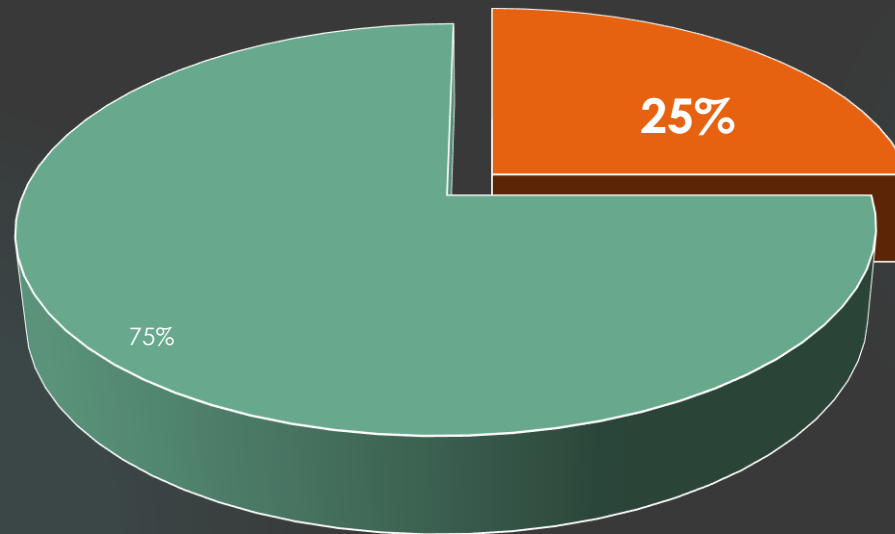
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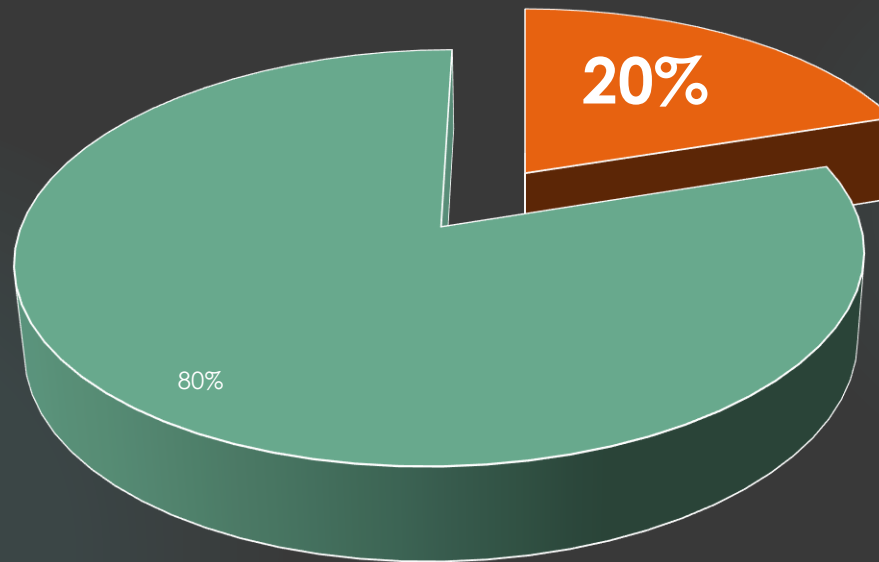
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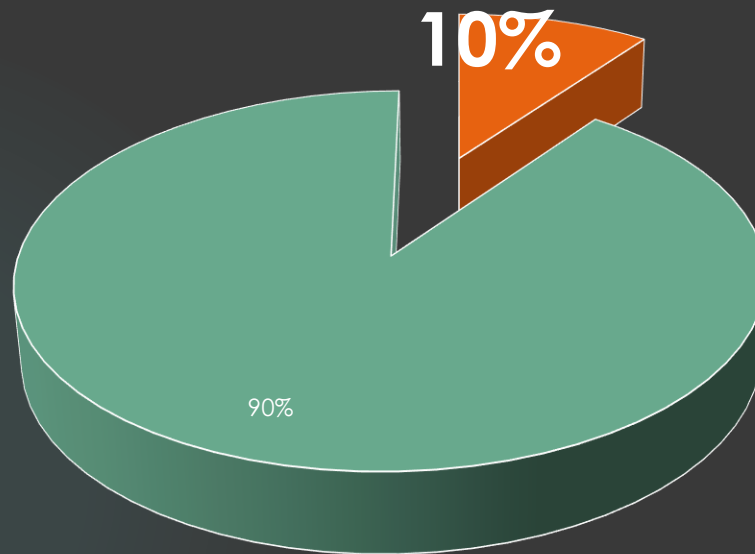
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Field Experience



■ Instructor led Field Experience ■ No Field Experience

Interactive Simulations



■ Interactive Simulation ■ No Interactive Simulation

Apprenticeship



- ▶ **Ministry involvement**
- ▶ **Training is created by Ministry**
- ▶ **Delivered by Colleges**



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Field Placement Best Practice

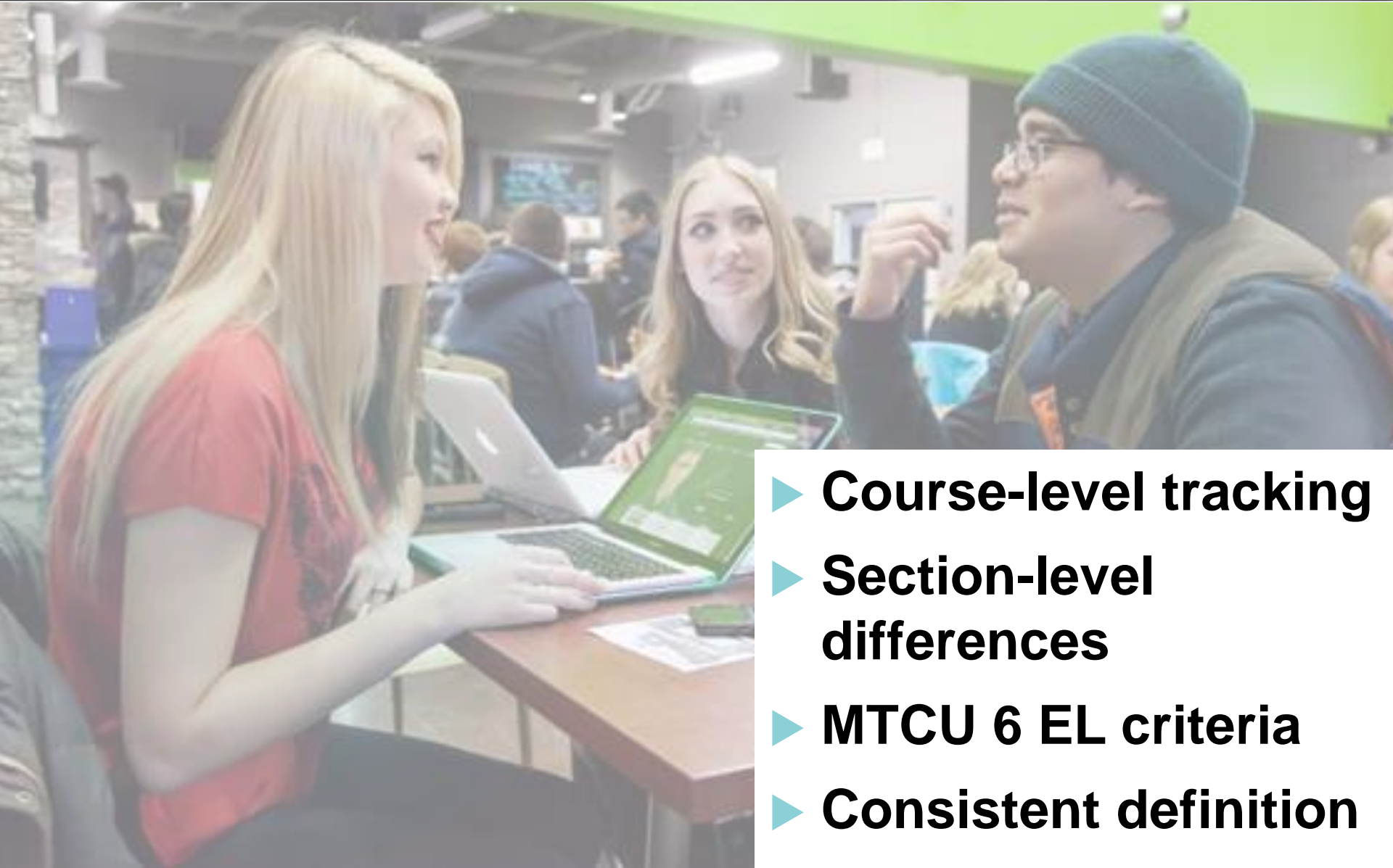


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Applied Research Best Practice

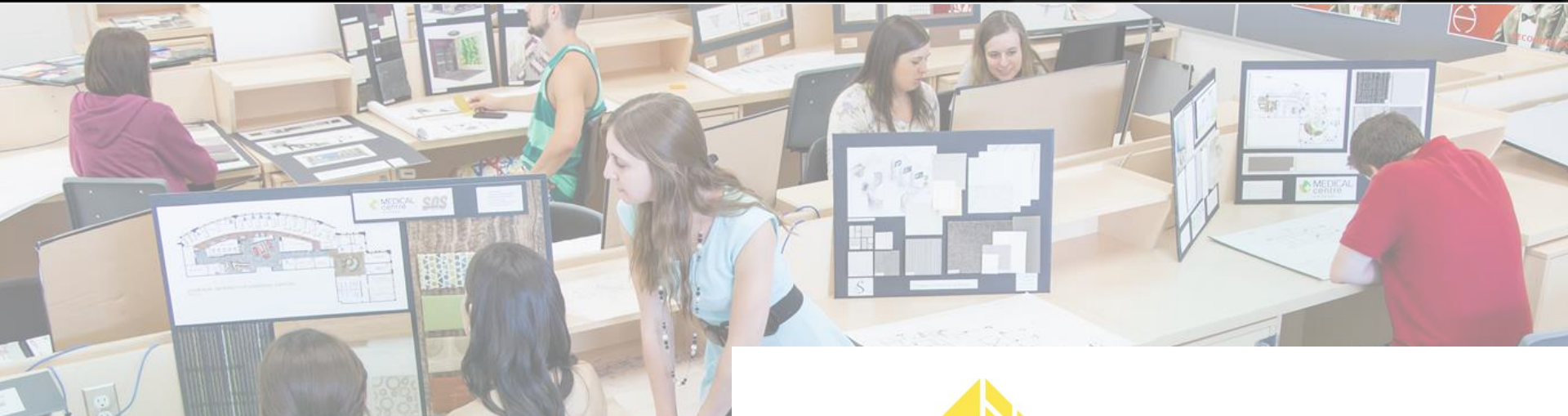


The Challenges



- ▶ **Course-level tracking**
- ▶ **Section-level differences**
- ▶ **MTCU 6 EL criteria**
- ▶ **Consistent definition**

The Opportunities



- ▶ **Creating new industry partners**
- ▶ **College renewed focus on Experiential Learning**
- ▶ **Dedicated WIL/EL Centre at Colleges**
- ▶ **Supporting Industry Partnerships**



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The Next Steps



- ▶ Colleges continue to move forward
- ▶ Track WIL and EL opportunities that Colleges are already offering
- ▶ Report on the number of experiences



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