

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



Collaboration



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

College Typologies

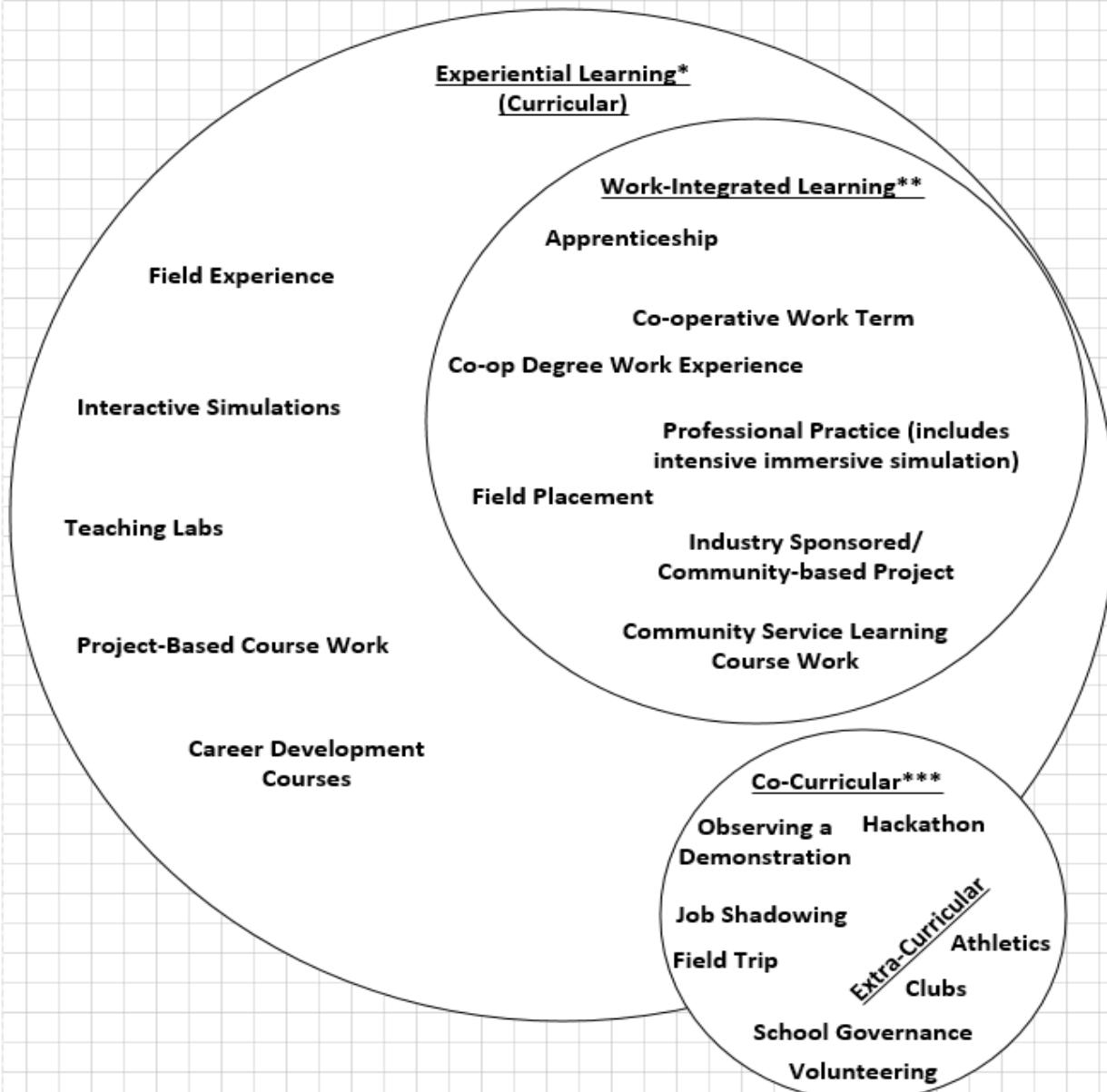


► Colleges alignment with CEWIL definitions

► 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

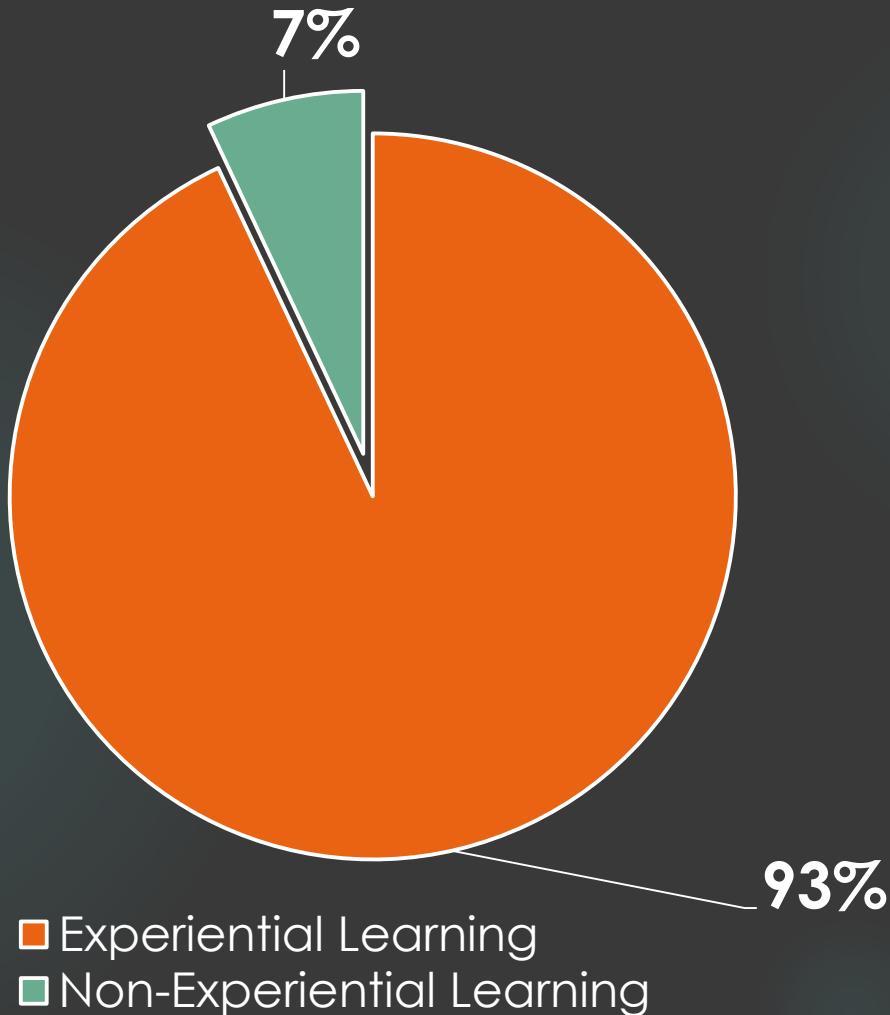
** Embedded in program or course design and includes 3rd party engagement, eg. Employer, industry or community partner

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

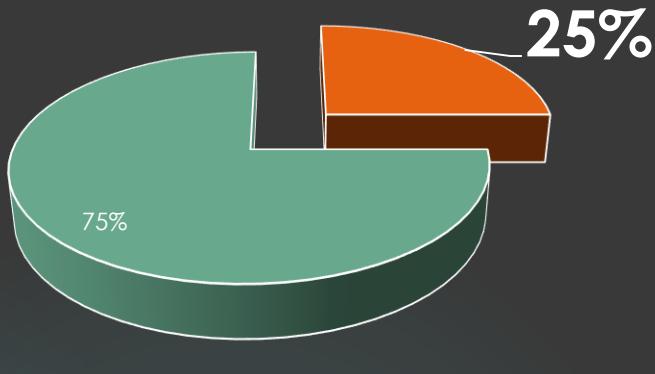


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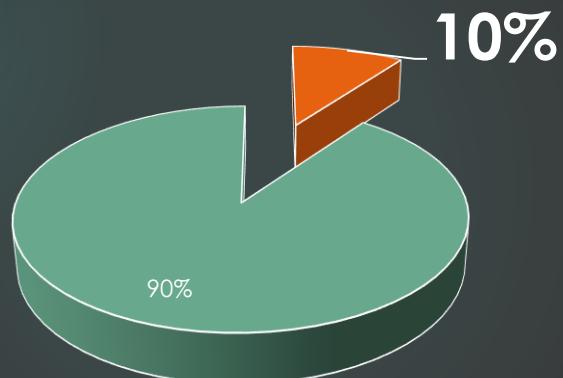
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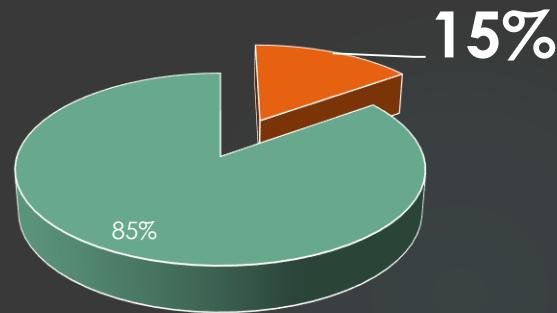
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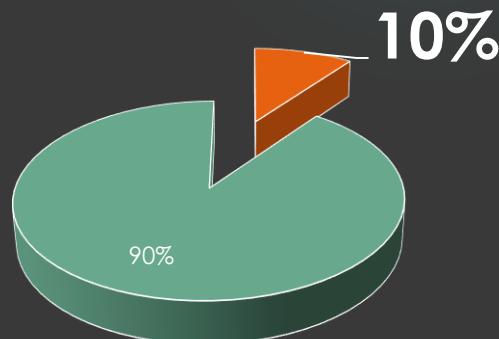
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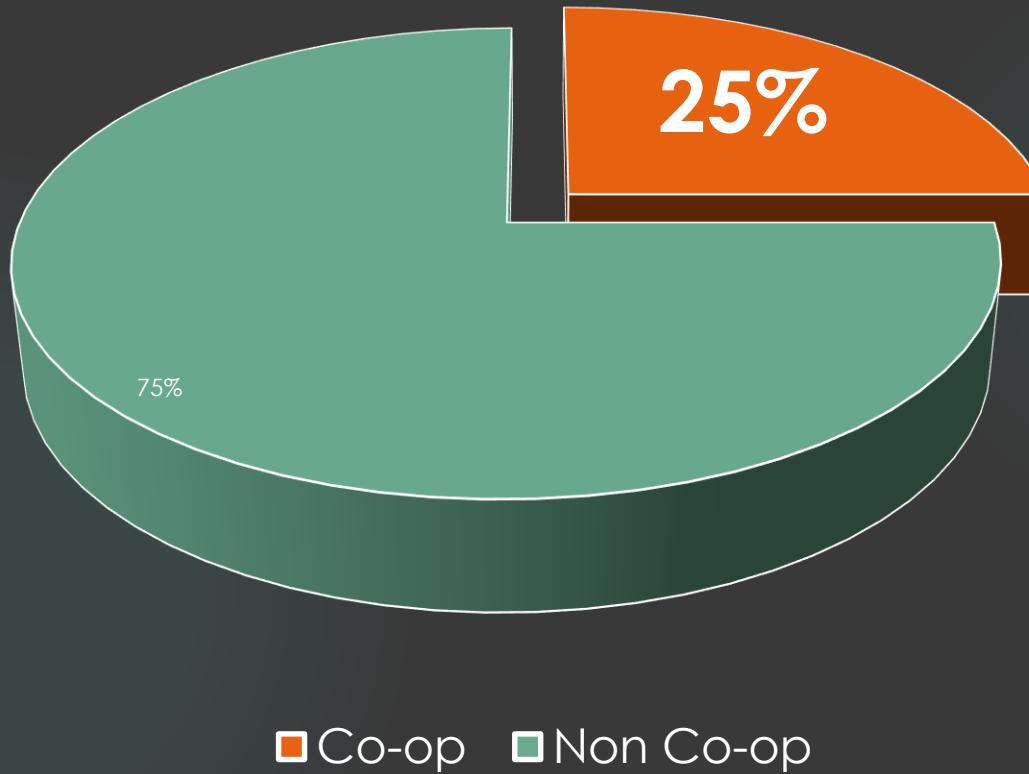
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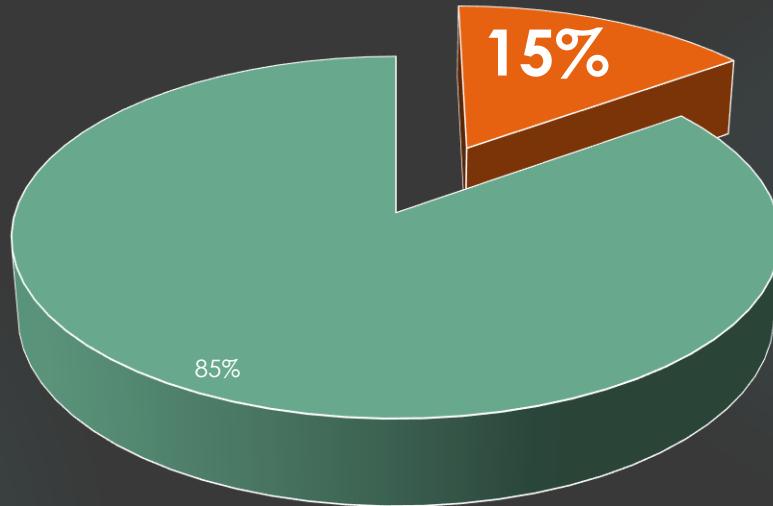


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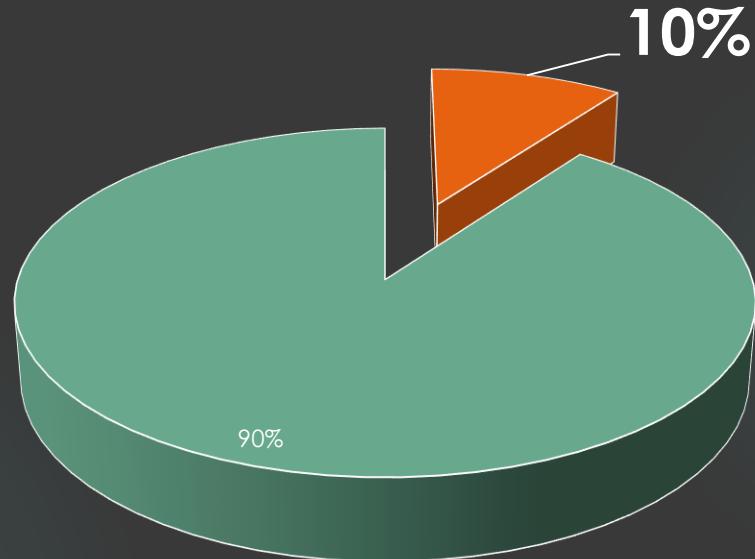


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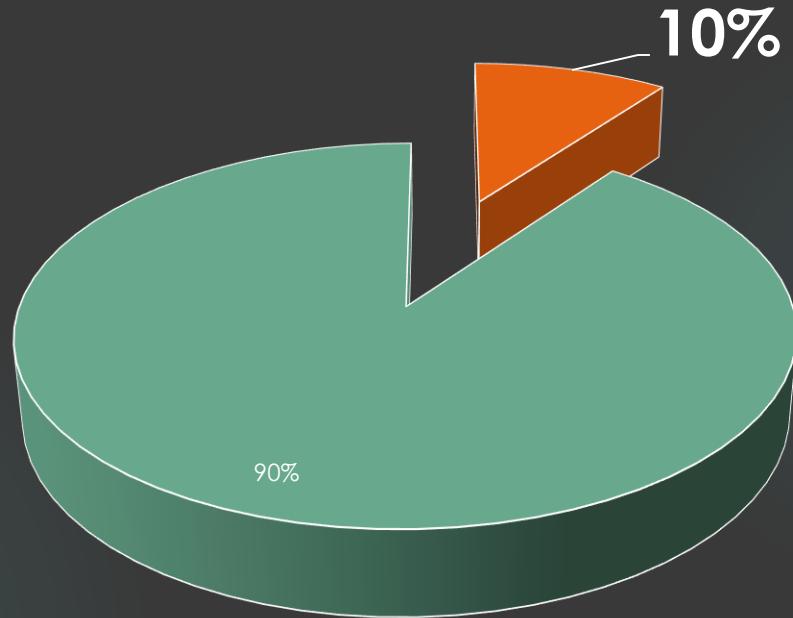
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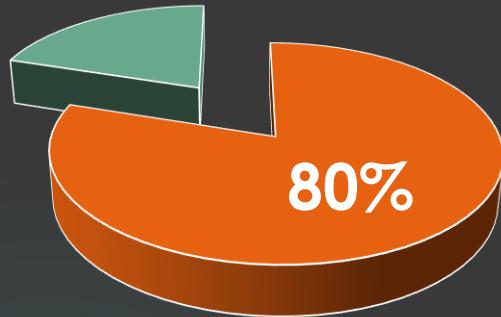
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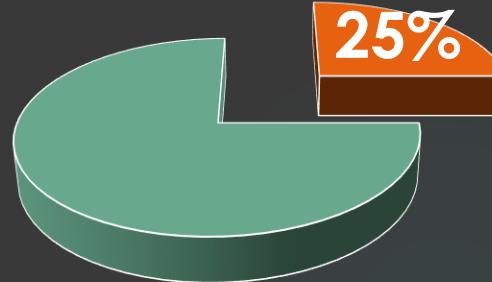


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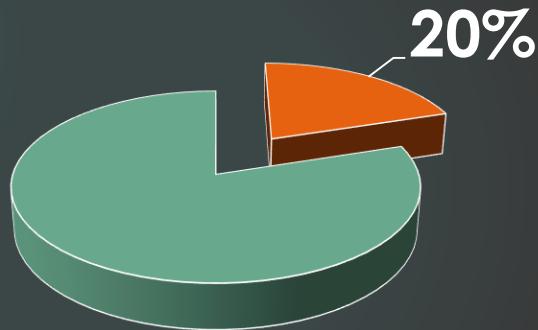
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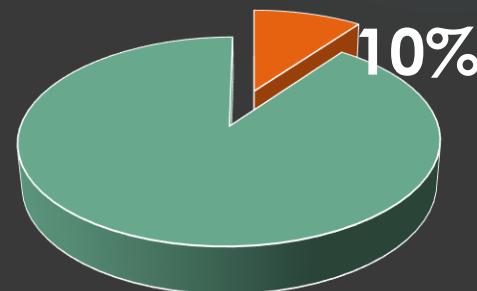
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■ Project Based Course Work
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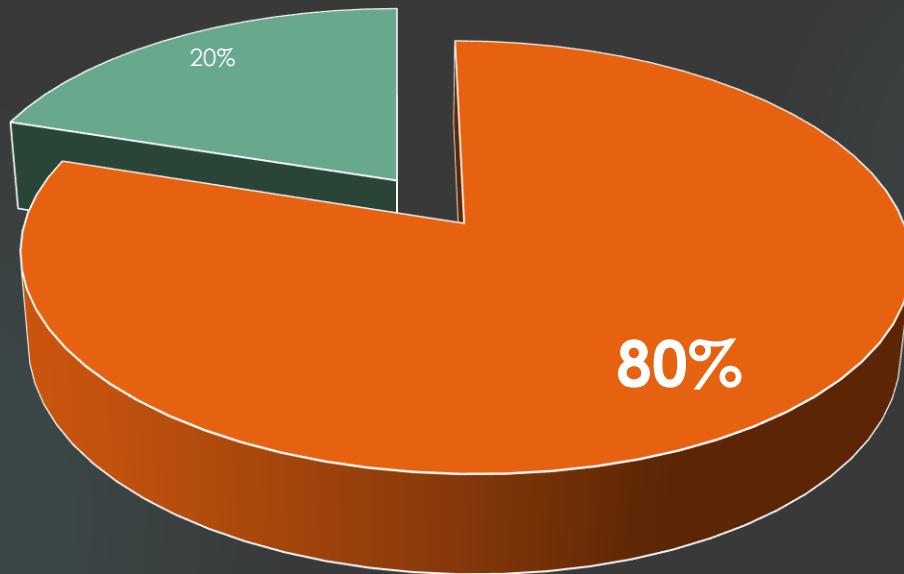
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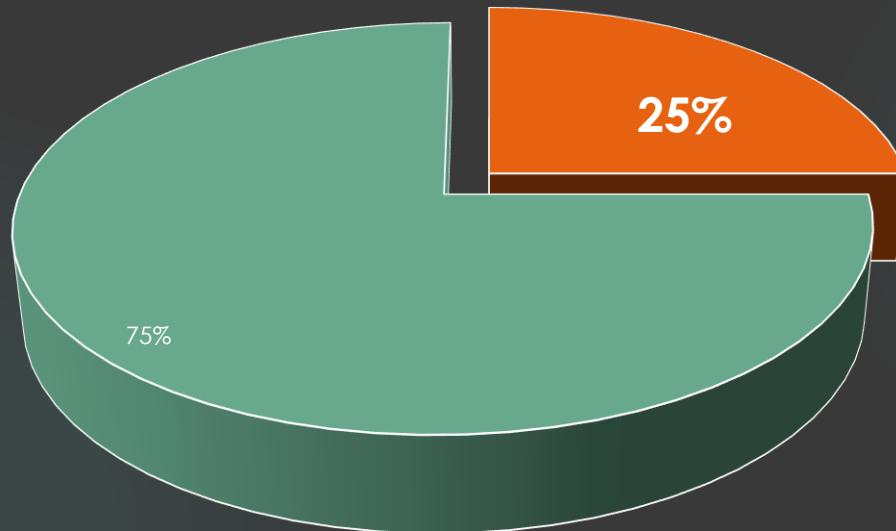


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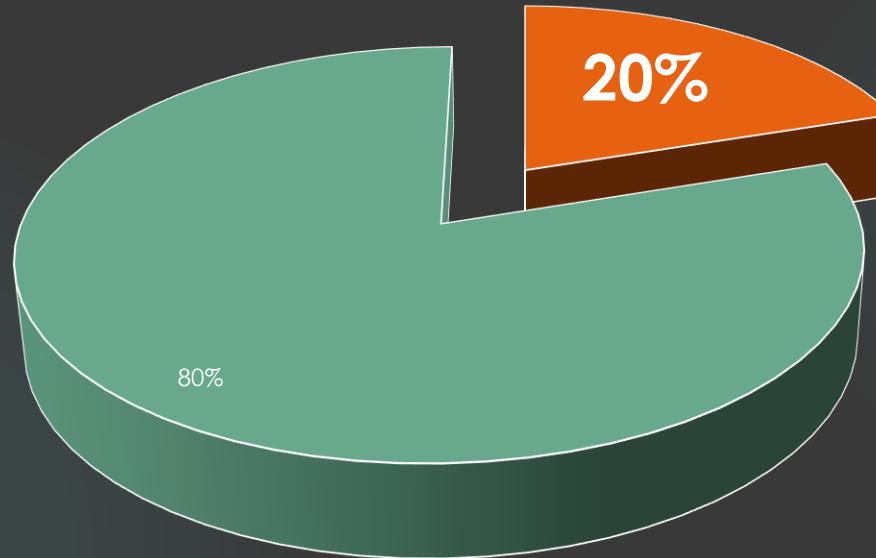
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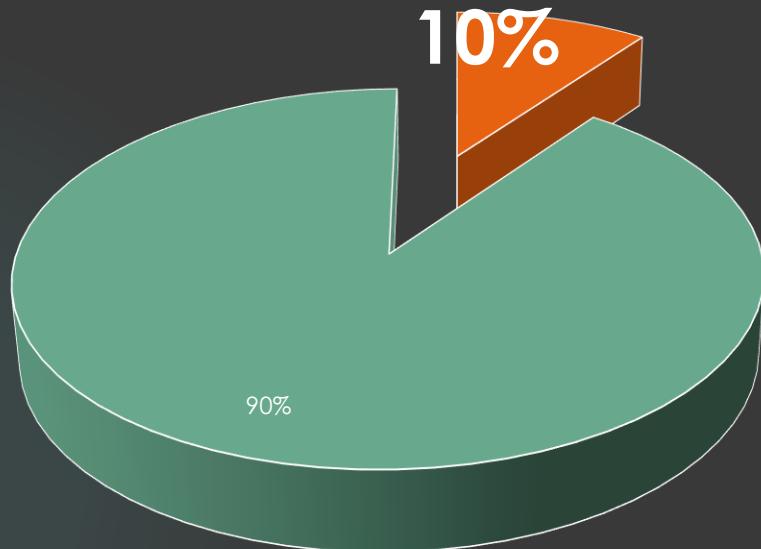
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Apprenticeship



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

Field Placement Best Practice



Applied Research Best Practice



The Challenges



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

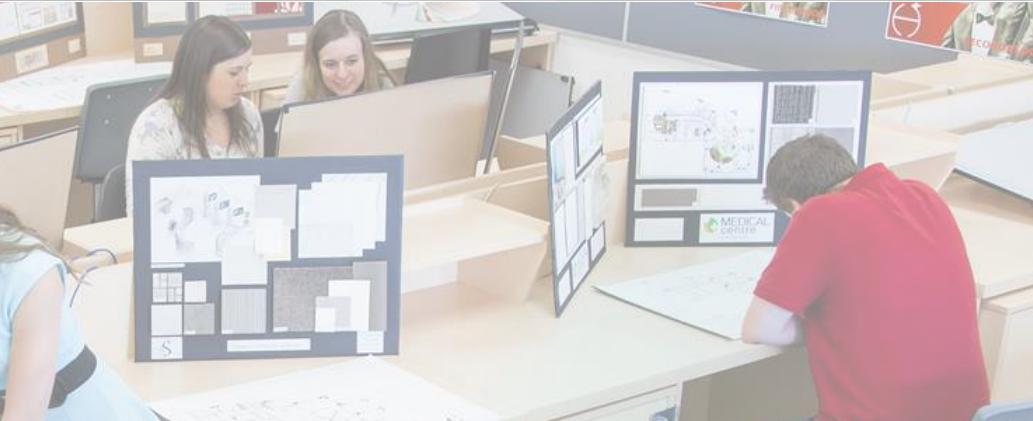


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The Opportunities

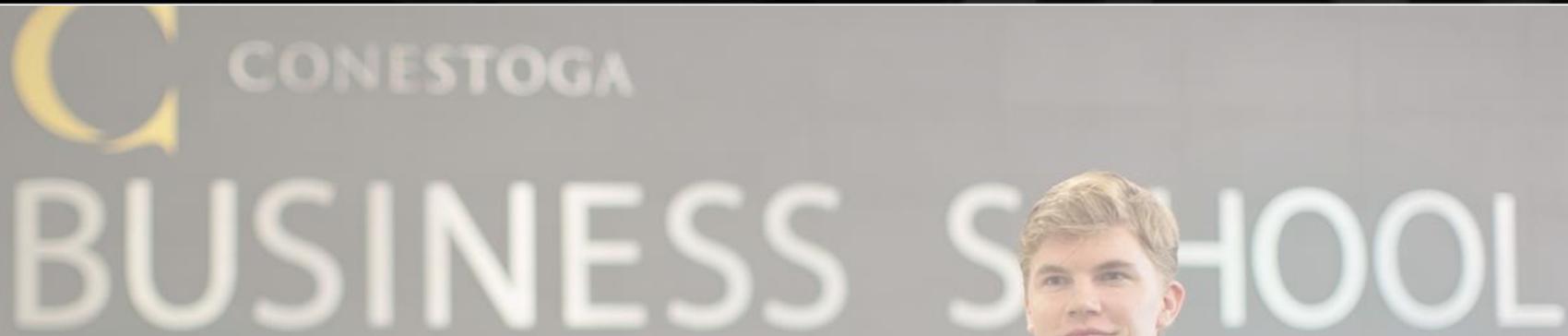


- ▶ **Creating new industry partners**
- ▶ **College renewed focus on Experiential Learning**
- ▶ **Dedicated WIL/EL Centre at Colleges**
- ▶ **Supporting Industry Partnerships**





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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