INTERNSHIP IN THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT BY, CELESTE WELCH

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THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

- Salisbury University
 - Satellite locations: Cecil College Northeast campus, the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center at Chesapeake College, the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown, and Southern Maryland Higher Education Center in California, Maryland.
- Offers an undergraduate and masters program
- Qualitative and descriptive research
- Survey monkey
- Increase the quality of classes

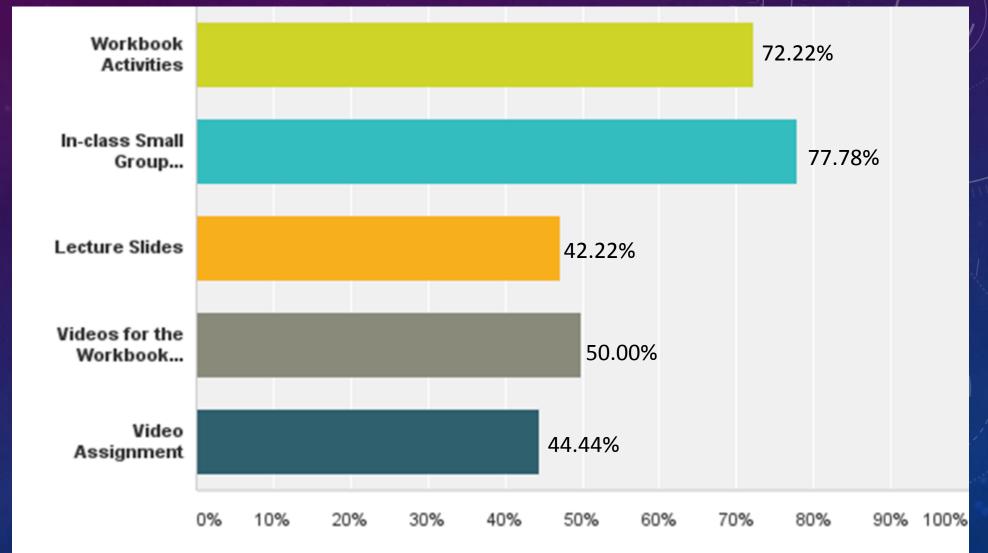
IMPLEMENTING NON-TRADITIONAL TEXTBOOK OPTIONS IN A SOCIAL WORK SKILLS COURSE

- Evaluating a workbook created by social work department for a social work class
 - Workbook was small (53pages) with four chapters or lessons.
 - Cost \$10 on Amazon
 - Contained activities and homework to be done in conjunction with videos on the online portion of the class.
- A total of 36 respondents
- Students ages were between 19 and 52 (M=25.83), SD=9.038)
- Respondents were from Salisbury University (main Campus), a Satellite location, or UMUC.

MECHANICS

- Closed-ended questions were used to determine what aspect of the class they found most beneficial (more the one option could be selected.)
- 5-pont Likert scales (strongly agree to strongly disagree) were used to determine the convince of the workbook and its use.
- Opened-ended questions were used to determine what they liked, disliked, and other comments

WHAT SPECIFIC COMPONENTS WERE THE MOST BENEFICIAL TO YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN THIS COURSE?



STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

- Coded age as traditional to nontraditional. •
 - Age 23 and up were nontraditional
- Nontraditional (N=16, M=32.75, SD=9.883) •
- Traditional (N=20, M=20.3, SD=.923) •

What specific components		Value	df	Asymptotic Significance (2- sided)	Exact Sig. (2-sided)	Exact Sig. (1-sided)
were	Pearson Chi-Square	1.170 ^a	1	.279		
beneficial to	Continuity Correction ^b	.500	1	.479		
your leaning	Likelihood Ratio	1.200	1	.273		
experience?	Fisher's Exact Test				.456	.242
Workbook	Linear-by-Linear Association	1.138	1	.286		
Activities	N of Valid Cases	36				

Chi-Square Tests

a. 1 cells (25.0%) have expected count less than 5. The minimum expected count is 4.44.

b. Computed only for a 2x2 table

FINDINGS

- 88.89% of students agreed or strongly agreed that the workbook was affordable for their budget.
- 83.33% of students agreed or strongly agreed that they completed the additional activities in the workbook on a regular basis.
- 91.67% of students agreed or strongly agreed that that were more likely to read a workbook, like the one used in their class, compared to a traditional textbook.
- 83.33% of students agreed or strongly agreed that the workbook helped them better understand the material
- 91.67% of students agreed or strongly agreed that they prefer to utilize a workbook, instead of a traditional textbook, for the course.
- 86.11% of students agreed or strongly agreed that the workbook was easier for them to understand than some of their traditional textbooks

QUALITATIVE QUESTIONS

- When students were asked to list one thing that they liked about the workbook:
 - 10 students mentioned supplementary material (e.g. activities, homework, examples)
 - 5 mentioned how applicable the information is to activates outside of the classroom
 - 6 students mentioned the amount of material covered
 - 3 students mentioned how convenient the workbook is
- When asked how they would change the workbook:
 - 10 students mentioned they the wanted more information on subjects covered
 - 4 students mentioned they wanted more and better examples for the text, activities, and homework
 - 4 students mentioned they wanted better instructions for the homework and activities

DISCUSSION AND SUGGESTIONS

- Students liked the workbook more than a traditional textbook
- Students found the workbook to be convenient and affordable
- Students liked that the workbook was straight to the point short, but wanted more in depth information about the subjects covered
 - Add more information but keep the workbook smaller and more concise than a traditional textbook
 - Add vocab words and definitions
- Students liked having examples and supplementary material
 - Add more examples in the book and try to improve the existing ones
 - Put links for videos in the workbook

MY EXPERIENCES

- Challenges
 - SurveyMonkey
 - Study was not created to be quantitative
 - Asking for help
- Classroom experiences
 - Could easily navigate SPSS
 - Knew how to analyze most of the data
- What I learned
 - How to split data
 - Cross tabulation
 - Chi-squares

THANK YOU!!

ANY QUESTIONS???