

CODA standard

“Assessment of student performance should measure not only retention of factual **knowledge**, but also the development of **skills, behaviors, and attitudes** needed for subsequent education and practice. The education program should assess **problem solving, clinical reasoning, professionalism, ethical decision-making, and communication skills**. In an environment that emphasizes critical thinking and humanistic values, it is essential for students to develop the capacity to **self-assess**. Self-assessment is indicative of the extent to which students take responsibility for their own learning.” (Standard 2-5, Intent, p. 24)



Advanced Features of ExamSoft For Assessment and Learning

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Agenda

- Alternative question types
- Rationale as exam feedback to students
- Categories (taxonomy)
- Summary report (including item analysis)
- Strengths and Opportunities report
- Longitudinal report

Alternative question types

- Case-based MCQ
 - Integrated national board dental exam (INBDE): Patient boxes
- Short answer/essay
- Fill in the blank/matching
- Hot spot (New)

INBDE practice question: Patient box example 1


| Patient |
|---|
| Male, 60 years old |
| Chief Complaint |
| "My gums are bleeding for no apparent cause." |
| Background and/or Patient History |
| Prosthetic heart valve Medications: lithium (Lithobid®) metformin (Glucophage®) atorvastatin (Lipitor®) warfarin (Coumadin®) |
| Current Findings |
| Vital signs stable No acute distress Spontaneous gingival bleeding INR: 5 |

Which mechanism of action most likely explains the current complaint?

- A. Vitamin K inhibition
- B. Direct thrombin inhibition
- C. Antithrombin III activation
- D. Platelet aggregation inhibition

Key: A
CC09, CC20
FK8, FK1
Field Test A

INBDE practice question: Patient box example 1

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| Patient | Male, 37years old | What is the etiology of this condition? |
| Chief Complaint | | |
| | "I have white stuff on my tongue." |  |
| Background and/or Patient History | | |
| | Recurrent low grade fever, fatigue, periodically feels cold and a little ill | A. Bacterial infection B. Fungal infection C. Viral infection D. Vitamin B12 deficiency |
| Current Findings | | |
| | White coating can be wiped off | Key: B CC42 FK7 |

Short answer question: Example


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Title: RDS137

Folder: UOPITest


Group: n/a

Status: Approved


Categories 

Add or Remove Category 

Patient Care
Critical thinking

Options 

Weight: 5.0
Character Limit: 100


Attachments 




[Injections What Not to Do.mov \(32.4 MB\)](#)

EXPAND QUESTION

Essay Question

Identify and list 5 inappropriate behaviors seen in this video when preparing for anesthesia, delivering anesthetic, and completing anesthesia.



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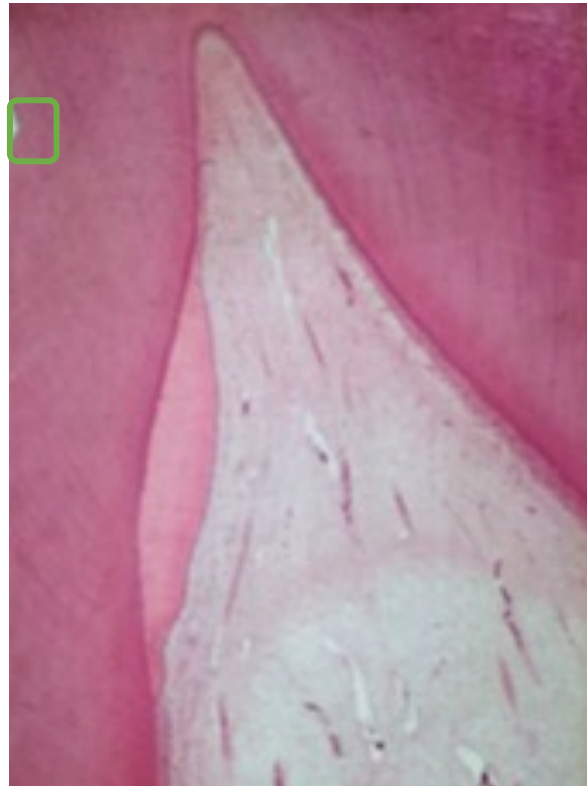
Fill in the blank question: Example

Which two major arteries provide blood supply to the brain? and


| Number | Correct Answer | Actions |
|--------|--|---|
| 1 | Vertebral artery Internal carotid artery |  |
| 2 | Internal carotid artery Vertebral artery |  |


Hot spot question: Example

Identify the location of stimulus on the image.




Rationale: Example

Categories 

Add or Remove Category 

[Quiz 9 \(2018\)](#)

Options 


Weight: 1.0

Multiple Answers:


Randomize Choices

Partial Credit

Select All That Apply

Attachments 

No attachments have been applied to this question.

Rationale 

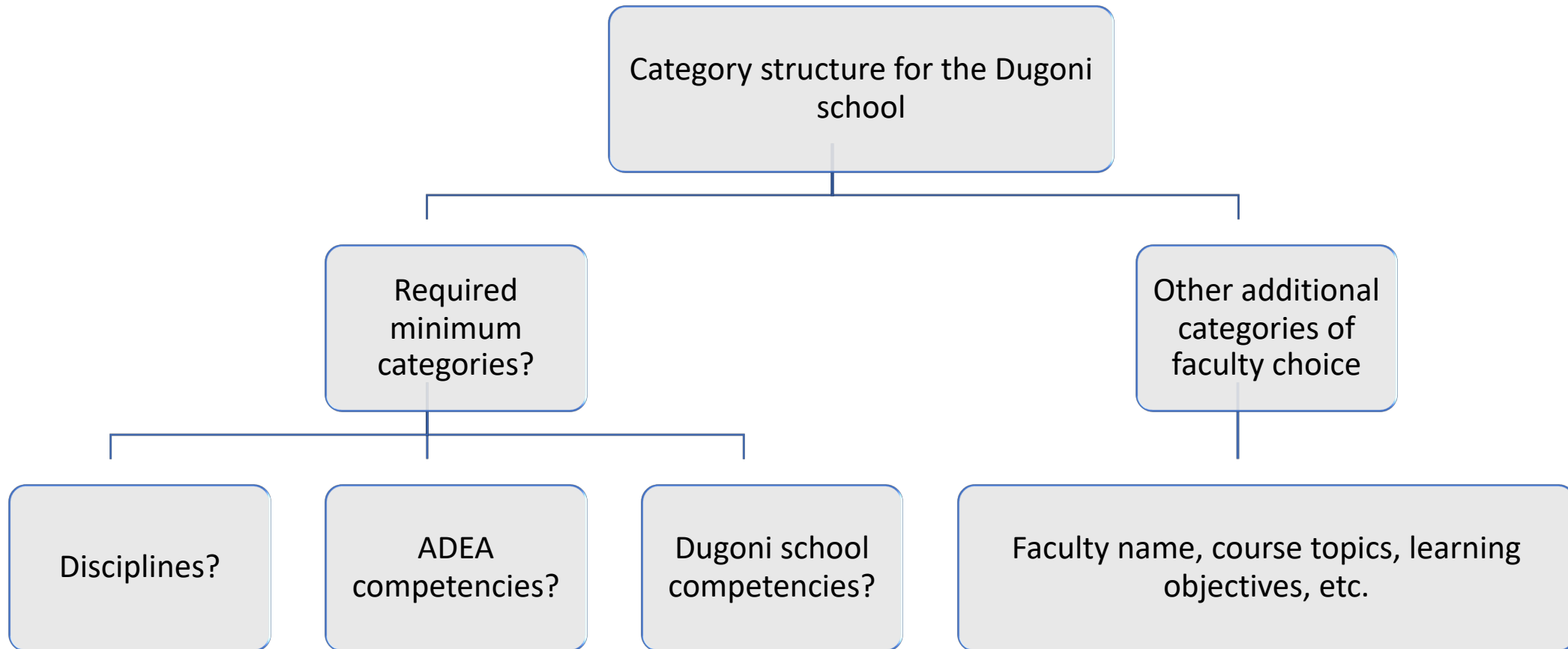
The primary initiating agent of periodontal disease is plaque biofilm accumulation around tooth and gingiva. Nutrient deficiencies, excesses, or imbalances do not initiate periodontal disease. Megadoses of supplements neither prevent nor cure periodontal disease. (p369)

Which is the most likely to initiate periodontal disease?

- | Seq | Answer Choice |
|-----|--------------------------|
| a) | Nutrient deficiencies |
| b) | Nutrient excesses |
| c) | Nutrient imbalances |
| d) | Plaque biofilm |
| e) | Megadoses of supplements |

Categories (taxonomy)

Group discussion: Category structure for the Dugoni school



Categories (taxonomy)

Group discussion: Required categories?

01 - Disciplines

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 - D1-Biomedical science
 - D1a-Human anatomy/Physiology
 - D1b-Histology
 - D1c-Biochemistry
 - D1d-Microbiology/Immunology
 - D1e-Pharmacology
 - D2-Diagnostic sciences
 - D2a-Radiology
 - D2b-Pathology
 - D2c-ODTP
 - D3-Endodontics
 - D4-Periodontics
 - D5-Pediatrics
 - D6-Restorative dentistry
 - D7-Orthodontics
 - D8-Oral surgery

02 - ADEA Competencies

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 - A1-Critical thinking
 - A2-Professionalism
 - A3-Communication and Interpersonal Skills
 - A4-Health Promotion
 - A5-Practice Management and Informatics
 - A6-Patient Care
 - A6a-Assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning
 - A6b-Establishment and maintain of oral health

03 - School competencies

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 - *S1-Basic and clinical science integration
 - *S2-Critical thinking
 - *S3-Systemic disease impact on oral health
 - *S4-Oral healthcare impact on systemic health
 - *S5-Health promotion and disease prevention
 - *S6-Bioethics
 - *S7-Behavioral science
 - *S8-Trust, rapport, and empathy
 - *S9-Needs of different populations (complex needs, etc.)
 - S10-Diagnostic evaluations and risk assessment at all life stages
 - S11-Obtain, select, and interpret images and tests
 - S12-Treatment planning
 - S13-Informed consent
 - S14-Infection control
 - S15-Preserve and restore hard and soft tissue
 - S15a-Head and neck cancer
 - S15b-Local anesthesia and pain control
 - S15c-Therapeutic and pharmacological agents
 - S15d-Orofacial pain
 - S15e-Communicate with dental lab technicians
 - S15f-Caries
 - S15g-Restore and replace teeth
 - S15h-Periodontal disease
 - S15i-Dental emergencies
 - S15j-Pulpal therapy and endodontics
 - S15k-Oral mucosal and osseous disorders
 - S15l-Bony and soft tissue surgery
 - S15m-Malocclusion and space management
 - S15n-Treatment outcomes and continuing care
 - S16-Medical emergencies
 - S17-Interact with diverse stakeholders
 - S18-Practice and refer within scope of practice
 - S19-Lead oral health care team
 - S20-Contemporary models of care and role in larger system
 - S21-Interprofessional collaboration
 - S22-Evaluate and implement modern dental technology
 - S23-Quality assurance
 - S24-Professionalism
 - S25-Local, state and federal policies
 - S26-Reflective and lifelong learning
 - S27-Self-care
 - S28-Participate in professional activities

How to tag a question?


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Title:

Folder:

Group:

Status: **Draft**

Categories 





Add Categories to Question

Available Categories

- CATEGORIES
 - 01 - Disciplines
 - D1-Biomedical science
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 - D1b-Histology
 - D1c-Biochemistry
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Summary report

- Overall performance of the whole class on the assessment
- Category performance
- Effectiveness of exam questions (psychometric analysis)

Summary report: Example

ASSESSMENT PERFORMANCE

74%

Average Score
(36.9/50)

38%

Low Score
(19/50)

100%

High Score
(50/50)

Assessment Score Reliability (KR-20)

0.0

0.77

1.0

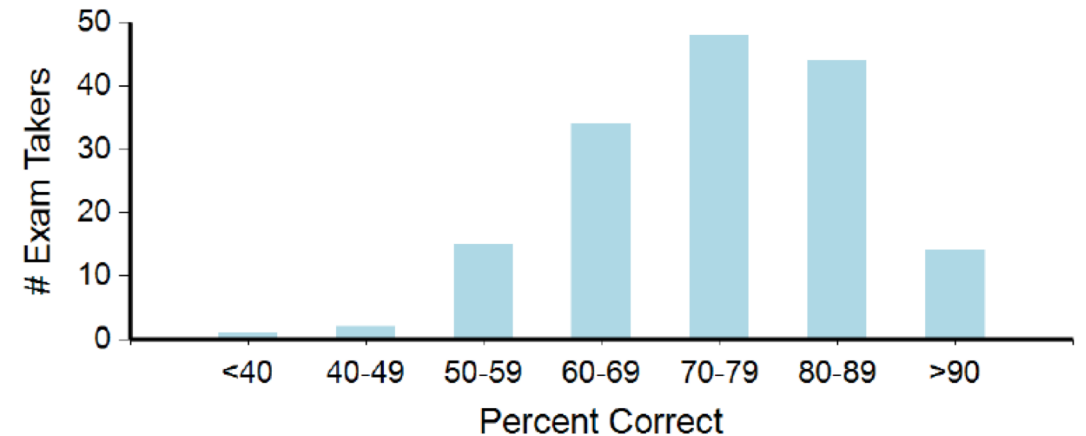
POOR

SATISFACTORY

GOOD

Likelihood of students repeating the same performance.

Total Student Performance Histogram

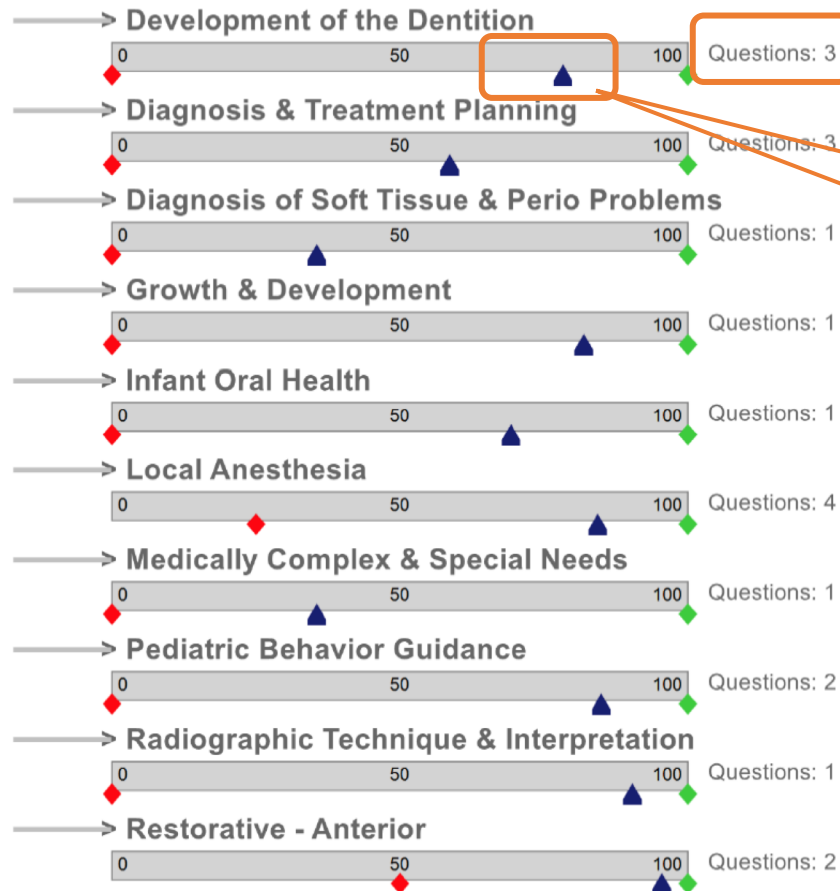


Summary report: Example

LEARNING OUTCOMES (Category Performance)

◆ Low ▲ Avg ◆ High

Pediatrics



Total number of questions in **this** assessment that are tagged to this category.

Blue: Class average (% correct) on the set of 3 questions tagged to this category
Red: Lowest score on the set of 3 questions tagged to this category
Green: Highest score on the set of 3 questions tagged to this category

Summary report: Example

(Lowest 27% of Scorers on this Assessment Posting)

AT RISK STUDENTS

PacificNet ID Last Name First Name % Correct

| | |
|--|-----|
| | 48% |
| | 48% |
| | 52% |
| | 52% |
| | 56% |
| | 56% |
| | 60% |
| | 60% |
| | 60% |
| | 60% |
| | 60% |
| | 60% |
| | 64% |
| | 64% |

Summary report: Example

QUESTION PERFORMANCE *(Items; Shows Up to 5 Distractors/Choices per Question)*

| Seq # | Item ID | Item Stem | Correct | Upper | Lower | Point BiSerial | Disc Index | Response Frequencies | | | | |
|-------|---------|-------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------|---------------|----------------------|------|------|------|----|
| | | | | 27% | 27% | | | A | B | C | D | E |
| 1 | 42784 | Aung is in Piaget's... | 82% | 100% | 64% | 0.45 | 0.36 | *136 | 7 | 15 | 8 | |
| 2 | 42785 | You decide that you... | 90% | 93% | 82% | 0.27 | 0.11 | *150 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 3 |
| 3 | 42815 | Administering 2 carp... | 99% | 100% | 97% | 0.15 | 0.03 | 0 | *146 | *18 | 2 | |
| 4 | 42816 | You are planning to... | 95% | 96% | 94% | 0.07 | 0.02 | 4 | *157 | 5 | 0 | |
| 5 | 42817 | Which of the followi... | 58% | 84% | 39% | 0.42 | 0.45 | *97 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 45 |
| 6 | 42818 | You are preparing to... | 75% | 95% | 57% | 0.46 | 0.38 | 0 | 38 | 4 | *124 | 0 |
| 7 | 42819 | Based on your clinic... | 81% | 91% | 75% | 0.27 | 0.16 | 4 | 4 | 3 | *135 | 20 |
| 8 | 42826 | For restoration of A... | 91% | 95% | 84% | 0.27 | 0.11 | 1 | 2 | *151 | 10 | 2 |

Strengths and Opportunities report

- Student performance compared with class average
- Student performance in each question
- Rationale as feedback to students

- Can be released online to students' ExamSoft portal
- Help students self-reflect and identify areas of strengths and weakness

Strengths and Opportunities report: Example

StdDev = 0.88 • Mean = 4.27 • Median = 4 • Rank = 2/15 • Percentile Rank = 76.6667

83.33%

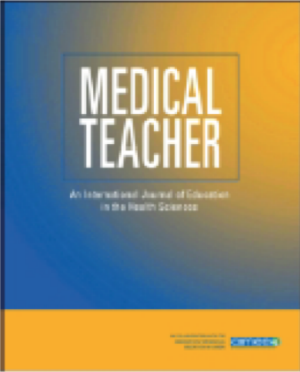
My Score
(5/6)

71.11%

Average Score
(4.26/6)

| QUESTION | POINTS |
|---|--------|
| <p data-bbox="504 664 1274 696">● CORRECT ■ INCORRECT ◐ PARTIAL CREDIT</p> <p data-bbox="512 715 1289 768">1 Cause of periodontal disease Which is the most likely to initiate periodontal disease?</p> <p data-bbox="504 786 879 951">X A: Nutrient deficiencies X B: Nutrient excesses X C: Nutrient imbalances > D: <i>Plaque biofilm</i> X E: Megadoses of supplements</p> <p data-bbox="504 958 2007 1053">Rationale: The primary initiating agent of periodontal disease is plaque biofilm accumulation around tooth and gingiva. Nutrient deficiencies, excesses, or imbalances do not initiate periodontal disease. Megadoses of supplements neither prevent nor cure periodontal disease. (p369)</p> | 1/1 |
| <p data-bbox="512 1079 1829 1132">2 Periodontal surgery considerations Each is an important consideration for a patient who is scheduled for periodontal surgery EXCEPT:</p> <p data-bbox="504 1150 1141 1279">X A: <i>Extent of the surgery</i> X B: Potential postoperative discomfort X C: Patient's ability to eat after the surgery > D: Limitation/restriction of kilocalories to be consumed</p> <p data-bbox="504 1286 1989 1382">Rationale: In preparation for surgery and after surgery, patients should consume adequate kilocalories to meet anabolic (formation of new cells and tissues) needs. Before surgery, the patient should be given a tailored meal plan using nutrient-dense foods and beverages to consume during recovery. The patient's food preferences and dislikes are other factors to be considered. (p372)</p> | 0/1 |

Research on ExamSoft as a learning tool



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Evaluating outcomes of computer-based classroom testing: Student acceptance and impact on learning and exam performance

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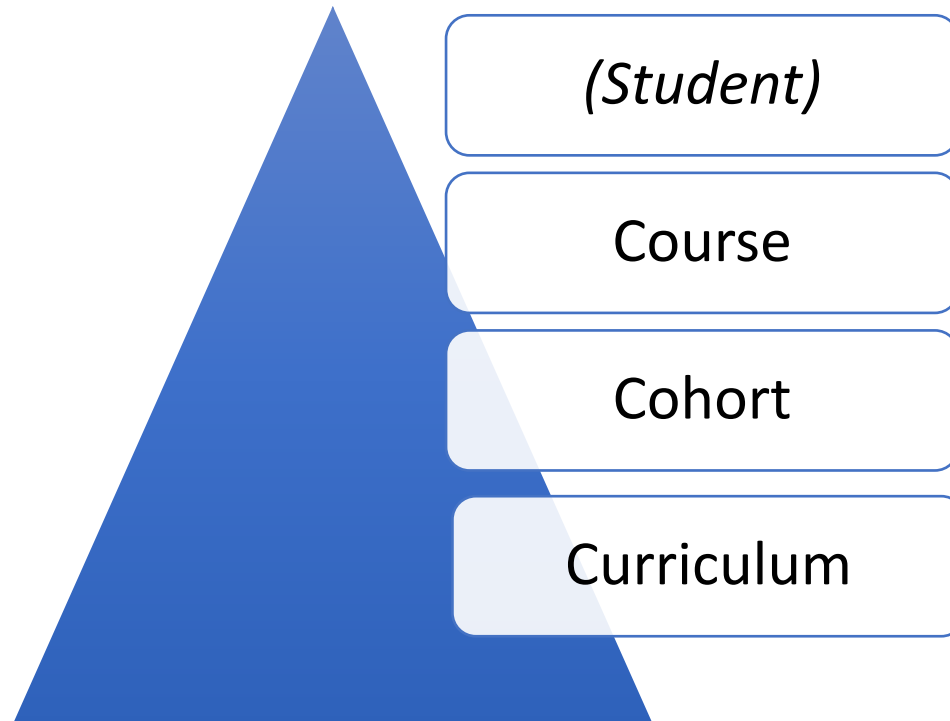
Key findings from student survey and focus groups

(Zheng & Bender, 2018)

- Strengths and Opportunities report is very helpful for learning.
- Rationale as exam feedback is very helpful for learning.
- Faculty teaching 1st year courses are significantly more likely to release the Strengths and Opportunities report to students than faculty teaching 2nd year courses.
- As a result, D1's perceived value of ExamSoft as a learning tool is significantly higher than D2.
- D1 reviewed the Strengths and Opportunities report when it was released to them.
- Both D1 and D2 want the Strengths and Opportunities report to be released to them.

Longitudinal report

- Performance in **categories over time** across multiple assessments in a **single** course or across **multiple** courses.
- Multiple levels of analysis



Course level report: Example

Average performance of the class in a *single course*

| Course learning outcomes | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Adverse effects | Drug classification | Drug interaction | Mechanism of action | Monitoring | Brand and generic | Normal dose |
| # Assessments | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| # Items | 60 | 65 | 158 | 32 | 48 | 42 | 45 |
| Group average | 78.45% | 82.52% | 76.46% | 77.80% | 85.88% | 69.53% | 92.42% |
| James Lee | 74.34% | 80.45% | 74.45% | 68.45% | 88.56% | 63.56% | 90.23% |
| David Young | 59.79% | 83.42% | 79.56% | 78.56% | 81.23% | 76.91% | 78.51% |
| Jennifer Smith | 76.34% | 67.44% | 80.34% | 72.25% | 92.92% | 65.40% | 94.57% |
| Michelle Wong | 75.68% | 86.78% | 75.67% | 94.55% | 88.44% | 77.34% | 88.53% |
| Patrick Williams | 82.55% | 78.58% | 72.49% | 80.91% | 78.22% | 76.91% | 100% |

Cohort level report: Example 1

Compare performance of *different cohorts*

| Course topics | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|---|
| | Acid base balance | Autonomic nervous system | Central nervous system | Heart | Vessels | Action potentials | Biochemistry of saliva, pellicle and plaque |
| DDS2020 | | | | | | | |
| # Assessments | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| # Items | 60 | 68 | 72 | 32 | 46 | 48 | 53 |
| Group average | 81.34% | 80.18% | 80.22% | 93.45% | 87.20% | 78.56% | 83.58% |
| DDS2019 | | | | | | | |
| # Assessments | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| # Items | 60 | 68 | 72 | 32 | 46 | 48 | 53 |
| Group average | 81.10% | 80.67% | 78.30% | 89.11% | 88.45% | 78.45% | 85.56% |
| DDS2018 | | | | | | | |
| # Assessments | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 2 |
| # Items | 60 | 68 | 72 | 32 | 46 | 48 | 53 |
| Group average | 81.55% | 81.20% | 79.10% | 89.35% | 88.64% | 80.32% | 83.04% |

Cohort level report: Example 2

Compare performance in *different program year* of the *same cohort*

| Bloom's taxonomy (collapsed) | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| | Level 1 and 2 (Knowledge and Understanding) | Level 3 and 4 (Analysis, synthesis, and evaluation) | Level 5 and 6 (Application) |
| DDS2019 in their first program year | | | |
| # Assessments | 28 | 20 | 8 |
| # Items | 318 | 142 | 84 |
| Group average | 86.40% | 84.34% | 70.50% |
| DDS2019 in their 2nd program year | | | |
| # Assessments | 18 | 15 | 12 |
| # Items | 163 | 99 | 86 |
| Group average | 85.55% | 85.40% | 82.63% |
| DDS2019 in their 3rd program year | | | |
| # Assessments | 10 | 13 | 15 |
| # Items | 119 | 187 | 168 |
| Group average | 89.32% | 87.82% | 87.46% |

Curriculum level report: Example

Redesigned *Biomedical Science* curriculum analysis

| Biomedical science | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | Human anatomy/Physiology | Histology | Biochemistry | Microbiology/Immunology | Pharmacology |
| DDS2022 in the 1st program year | | | | | |
| # Assessments | 15 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| # Items | 1200 | 390 | 586 | 35 | 34 |
| Group average | 82.33% | 84.18% | 82.22% | 83.45% | 85.28% |
| DDS2022 in the 2nd program year | | | | | |
| # Assessments | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| # Items | 468 | 54 | 88 | 200 | 400 |
| Group average | 83.10% | 80.67% | 78.70% | 82.45% | 84.45% |
| DDS2022 in the 3rd program year | | | | | |
| # Assessments | 2 | 4 | 1 | | 3 |
| # Items | 19 | 12 | 8 | | 18 |
| Group average | 82.45% | 91.65% | 79.10% | | 83.60% |

Curriculum level report: Example

School curriculum analysis

Biomedical science

Diagnostic sciences

Disciplines

| Human anatomy/ Physiology | Histology | Biochemistry | Microbiology /Immunology | Pharmacology | Radiology | Pathology | ODTP | Endodontics | Periodontics | Pediatrics | Restorative dentistry | Orthodontics | Oral surgery |
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------|-------------|--------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|

DDS2022 in the 1st program year

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| # Assessments | 15 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 4 | 14 | 6 | 3 |
| # Items | 1200 | 390 | 586 | 35 | 34 | 300 | 9 | 11 | 350 | 500 | 45 | 705 | 320 | 26 |
| Group average | 82.33% | 84.18% | 85.22% | 83.45% | 85.28% | 77.01% | 80.33% | 76.56% | 80.44% | 85.50% | 81.00% | 79.21% | 78.30% | 77.43% |

DDS2022 in the 2nd program year

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| # Assessments | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 11 | 20 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 9 |
| # Items | 468 | 54 | 88 | 200 | 400 | 27 | 490 | 164 | 293 | 560 | 342 | 612 | 320 | 45 |
| Group average | 83.10% | 80.67% | 78.70% | 82.45% | 90.45% | 83.65% | 82.10% | 80.24% | 82.45% | 84.76% | 82.47% | 86.50% | 80.25% | 82.432% |

DDS2022 in the 3rd program year

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--|--------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| # Assessments | 2 | 4 | 1 | | 3 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 10 |
| # Items | 19 | 12 | 8 | | 18 | 19 | 520 | 550 | 109 | 56 | 15 | 32 | 48 | 58 |
| Group average | 82.45% | 91.65% | 77.10% | | 84.60% | 89% | 81.78% | 85.55% | 84.15% | 88.44% | 85.43% | 86.34% | 81.56% | 82.48% |

Reflection activity

- 3 most important things you have learned today
- 2 ideas for application in your course
- 1 more thing you want to learn (or 1 more question you have)

Resources

- **Course Director Orientation:** March 6 and 13, 2019
- School website: Information for faculty and staff → Faculty Resources → Assessment Resources
 - <http://dental.pacific.edu/information-for/faculty-and-staff/faculty-resources>
- How to run a Summary report
 - <https://examsoft.force.com/emcommunity/s/article/Legacy-Portal-Summary-Report>
- How to release the Strengths and Opportunities report to students
 - <https://examsoft.force.com/emcommunity/s/article/Legacy-Portal-Releasing-Results-to-Exam-Takers>
- Longitudinal Report
 - <https://examsoft.force.com/emcommunity/s/article/Legacy-Portal-Longitudinal-Analysis-Report>
- Categories and Longitudinal Reports (video recording)
 - <https://examsoft.force.com/emcommunity/s/article/End-of-Semester-Reflection-Categories-and-Longitudinal-Reports-Recording>