

Survey Report: 2022 Written Exams

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Introduction

The CCSP and DACBSP

The American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians® (ACBSP) provides two certifications to the field: Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician® (CCSP) and Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians® (DACBSP). ACBSP administers the written CCSP and DACBSP exams twice each year. Both consist of 4-option multiple choice items in a linear format, in two sections. This report provides a summary of the 2022 results.

The following table provides a summary of the response submits for the survey by institution/program that qualified them to take the exam.

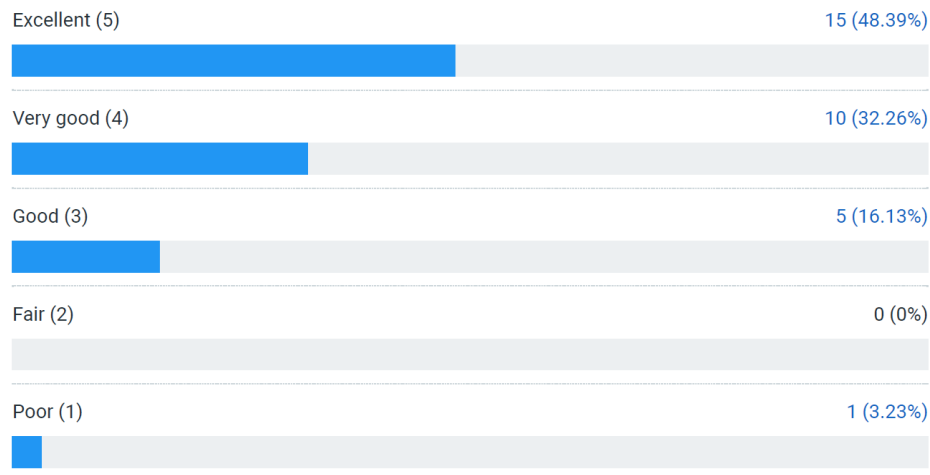
Eligibility/Program	Examinees
DC Online	5
Northwestern Health Sciences University	4
University of Western States	4
Logan University	4
Northeast College of Health Science	3
ATC	1
CCSP	1
West Chester University	1
NYCC	1
Levittown CCSP	1
Life University	1
University of Southern Maine	1
Not answered	4
Total	31

Survey Results

This section will present and discuss the survey results.

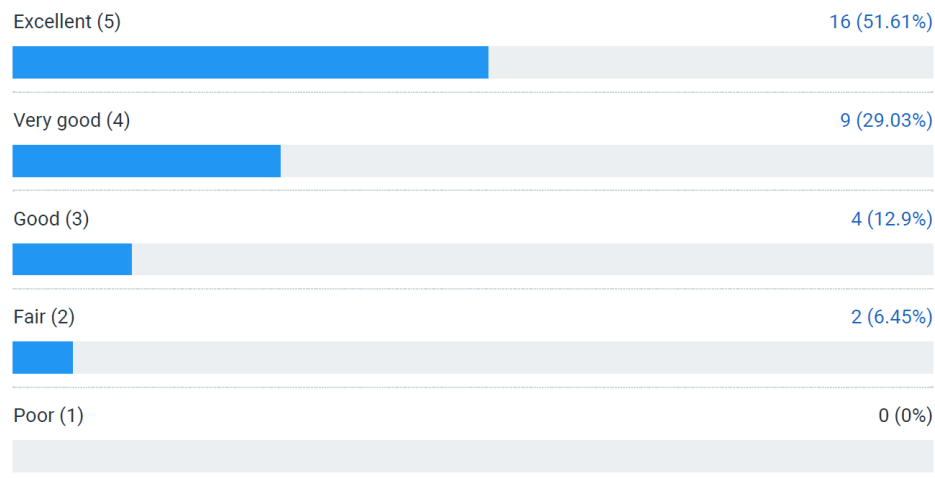
How would you rate the online registration experience?

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How would you rate the communication post-registration (i.e. emails, website)?

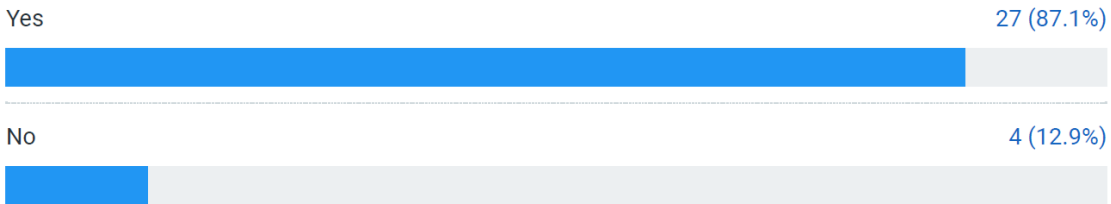
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The registration process is fine, but more information could be provided. See below for suggested topics.

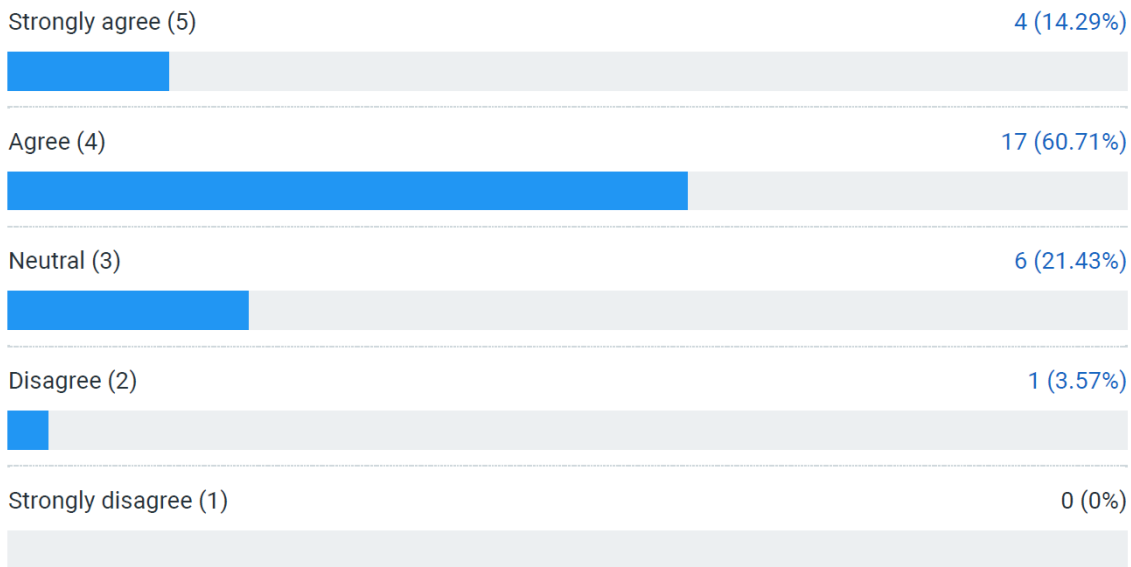
Did you know about and reference the CCSP® / DACBSP® reading list on the ACBSP™ website?

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If you answered yes to the above question, did the information provided on the website (i.e. recommended reading list, position papers, etc.) help prepare for you for the examination:

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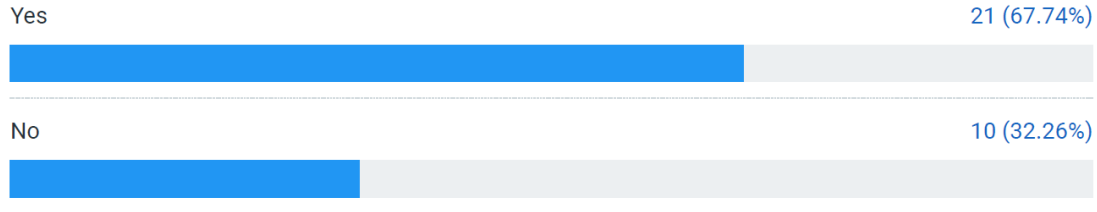
The reading list was widely known by the examinees and it help them prepare to the exam. But this information can still be improved, as we can see in the next question.

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Need better review material
Multiple answers on the tests were not found in the position papers including one on ACSBP stance on sexual conduct with patients. Not aware of reading these materials and went through all the recommended papers.
Some of the questions in the exam that made reference to these articles, did not display right answers. Information outside those articles, are contradicted based on information posted on the internet.
I felt like there were some questions that were not covered in any of my online courses, nor touched on in the reading list
I did ask a few times if I could have more specific information on what the test consisted of. I was looking for these are the topics, and these are the books to support each topic. Or if you are weak in these 2 areas you can take these classes, etc.
I felt like the readings were quite broad and vague about the specific topics, but the questions had VERY specific answers. Specifically, the position papers didn't really have a position, very neutral about where the ACBSP stood on some points.
Some questions there seemed to not be enough information. Ex. An athlete hurts his ankle what is most appropriate. 1. Tape and return if cleared 2. Begin rehab It was unclear an extent of an injury or the time and setting.

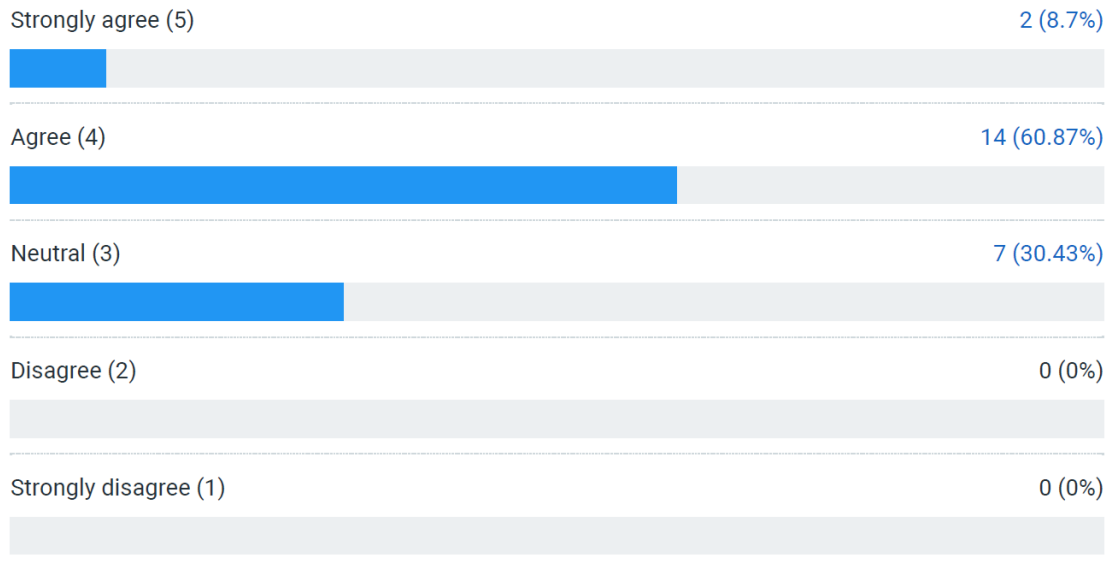
Did you know about and reference the CCSP® / DACBSP® handbook on the ACBSP™ website?

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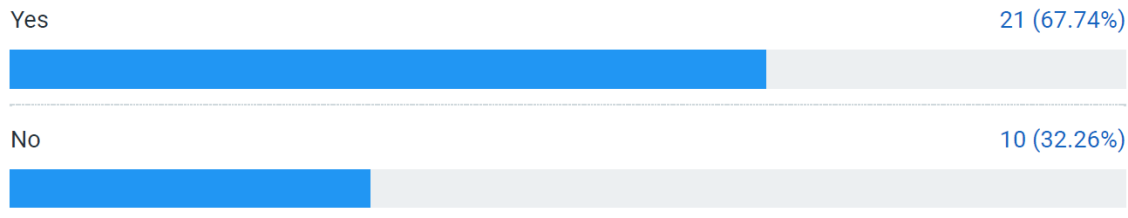
Unlike the reading list, the handbook wasn't known by a considerable proportion of the students.

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Need more
Asked questions on the exam.
I felt like there were some questions that were not covered in any of my online courses, nor touched on in the reading list
Did not know there was a handbook. I had to ask friends what and where to study.
While I did browse the handbook, I did not necessarily study it, as I did not think the info had anything to do with our clinical knowledge of treating athletes.
Again, I though the handbook was more bureaucratic and vague rather than giving more true guidelines.

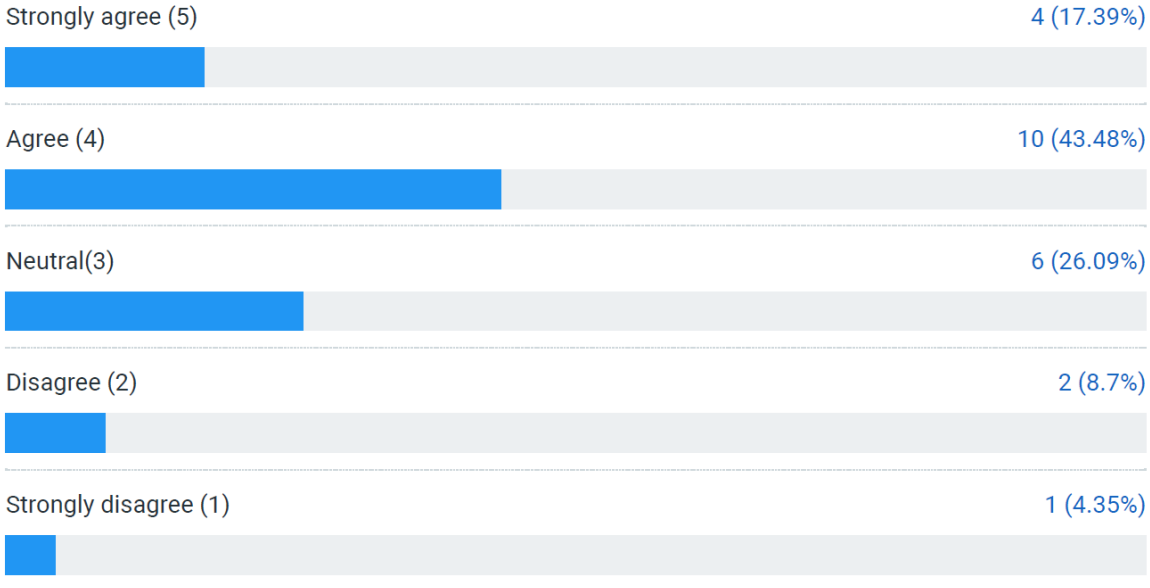
Did you know about and access the test plan on the ACBSP™ website?

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If you answered yes to the above question, did the information provided on the website (i.e. recommended reading list, position papers, etc.) help prepare for you for the examination:

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In the case of the test plan, both its divulgation and the information it provides can be improved.

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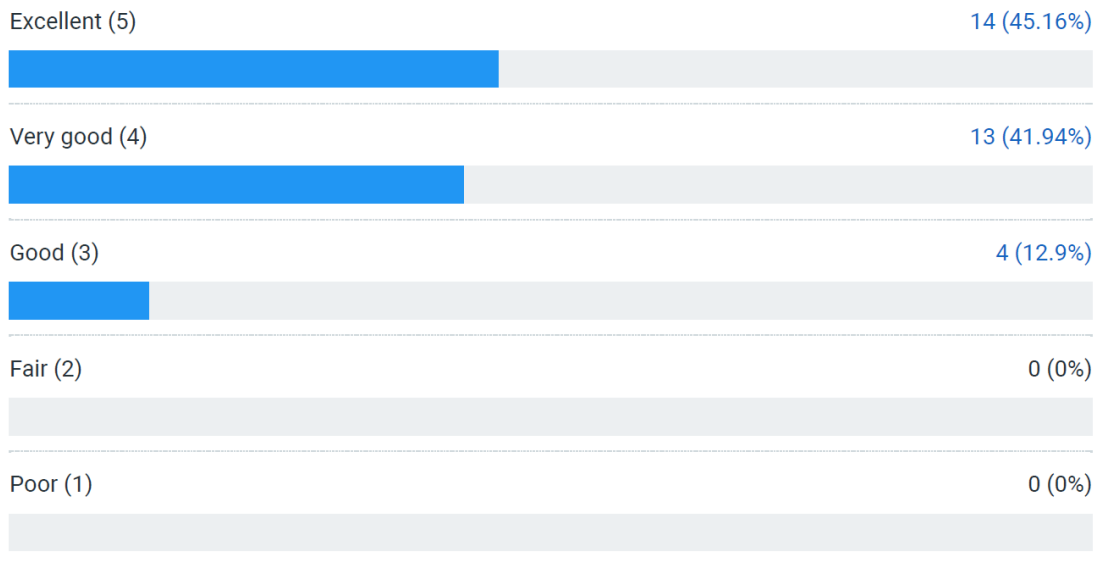
Need more
The current DACBSP test plan listed on the website is a poor representation of the written examination.
I don't recall a test plan
I don't recall a test plan.
The question number did not add up to the information I was sent to prior to the exam.

I hope if I did not pass that I will be able to learn more about how to focus on my weaknesses and learn, so I can pass next time. By that I mean read these books, take these couple of modules online or in person, etc.

The test plan was helpful (I'd give the actual plan a 4), but the ACBSP website does NOT make it easy to find these documents. The website needs some work, as most links are broken and there isn't an organized resource list that is easy to navigate.

How was your test experience via a remote-proctored, computer-based testing platform?

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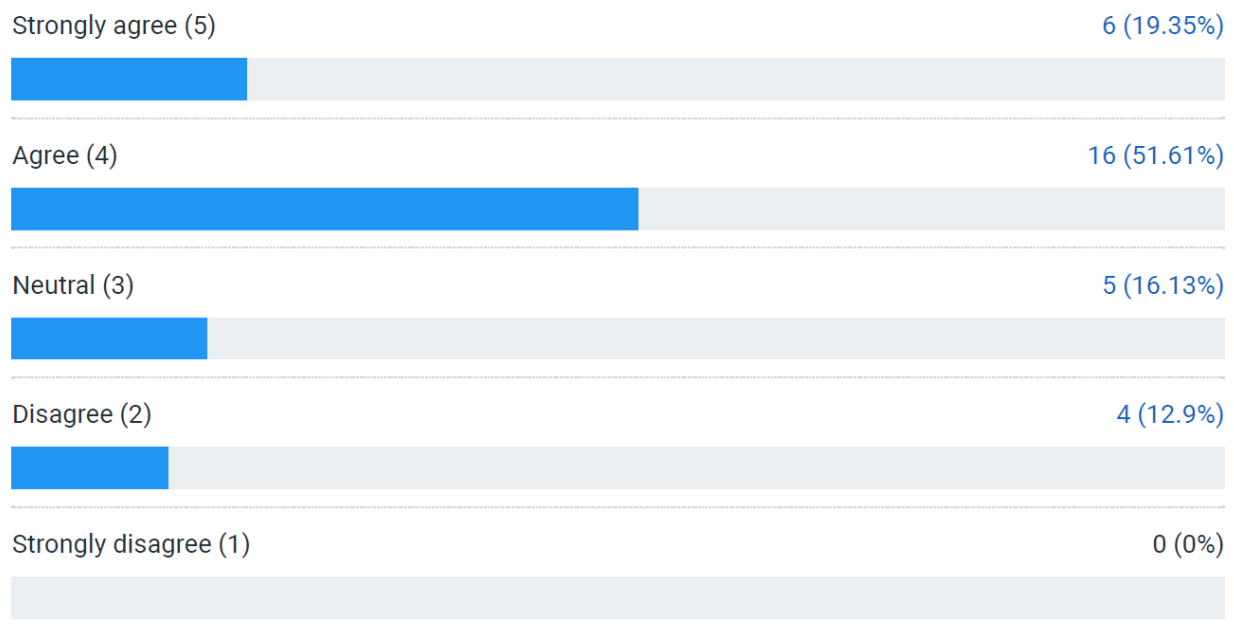
I was in the pacific time zone, the exam was too early for me.

It was my first time with remote proctor. I don't think I performed as well as I planned on the first section as I was assimilating to the process, I hope it doesn't negatively effect my test score.

The proctor did not have the right password after a few tries, which was frustrating in an already stressful setting
The proctoring setup was fine, however, the directions of the test were not always clear. The imaging section did not preface that the blue links were used to open actual x-rays. I answered the first couple of questions based purely on clinical info.
My proctor was amazing! She was super helpful because I even had internet issues during my exam but she was able to help me get my test working again.
It was to do

The information provided through the in-person courses helped prepare you for the examination?

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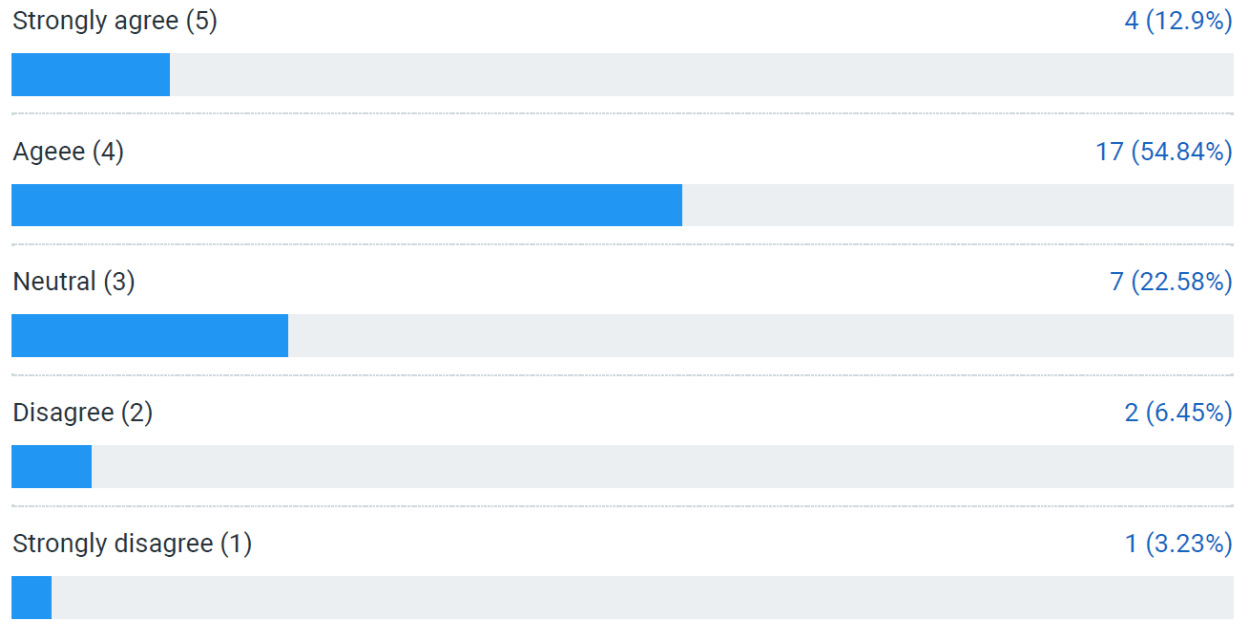


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Need better info
The courses were online.
There was only one in-person session, which I felt was more geared towards the practical examination. All lecturers were fantastic!
Some of the material on the exam did not seem to pertain to the information taught in some sections. Some questions were very general as well.
Some questions could be argued as to which is the „Úmost,À correct. It depends on which source the information is coming from.
Some lectures were pointless and did not help me. I had to look outside to help me study.
Information did not focus on tested material
I did not take any in-person classes, I did the ATC route.
My masters gave me a ton of resources and allowed a lot of practical experience.
Obviously, a lot of the classes prepared me for the exam, as a lot of the material was covered. Since it had a been awhile since the classes, I felt slightly unprepared for the exam but I actually retained a lot from my previous coursework.

The information provided through the online courses helped prepare you for the examination:

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The online courses provide good materials for the program. But it could do much better by adding more practice questions for preparing the exam. More lectures may need to be added for the physiology, bio-mechanic and modalities sessions.
Didn't take any of the online courses
I did not do an online course.
See above
I felt like there were some questions that were not covered in any of my online courses, nor touched on in the reading list

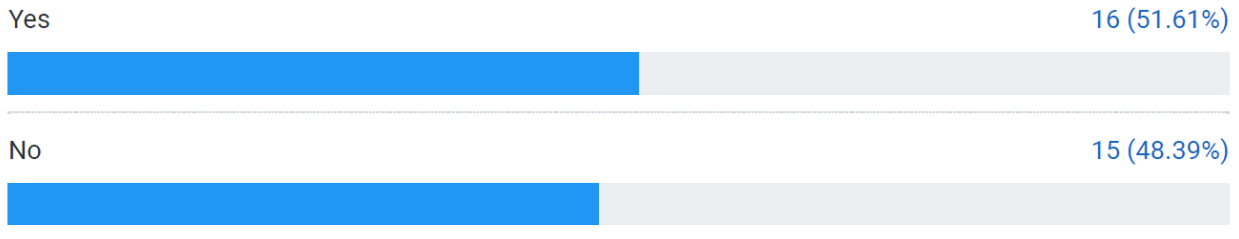
I did many online courses over the years, but none specific to this program. I would love to learn more about what you have to offer, especially if I need to retake the exam.

ATC

Did not take an online course, although some of the classes from my Masters was completed online to supplement the in-person.

Were there any external factors that added stress to your experience?

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If you answered yes to the question above, please provide comments.

I was originally not on the list when I logged on for the examination. Called Headquarters and got a voicemail. After 30 minutes, things were ironed out and I was able to start the examination. Took about 10 questions for me to settle down.

The practice test was a good exposure to the exam process, but I was expecting an actual test on the material studied and planned for at least an hour. Please, inform candidates that this is a trial for familiarity with the process and to plan 15 min

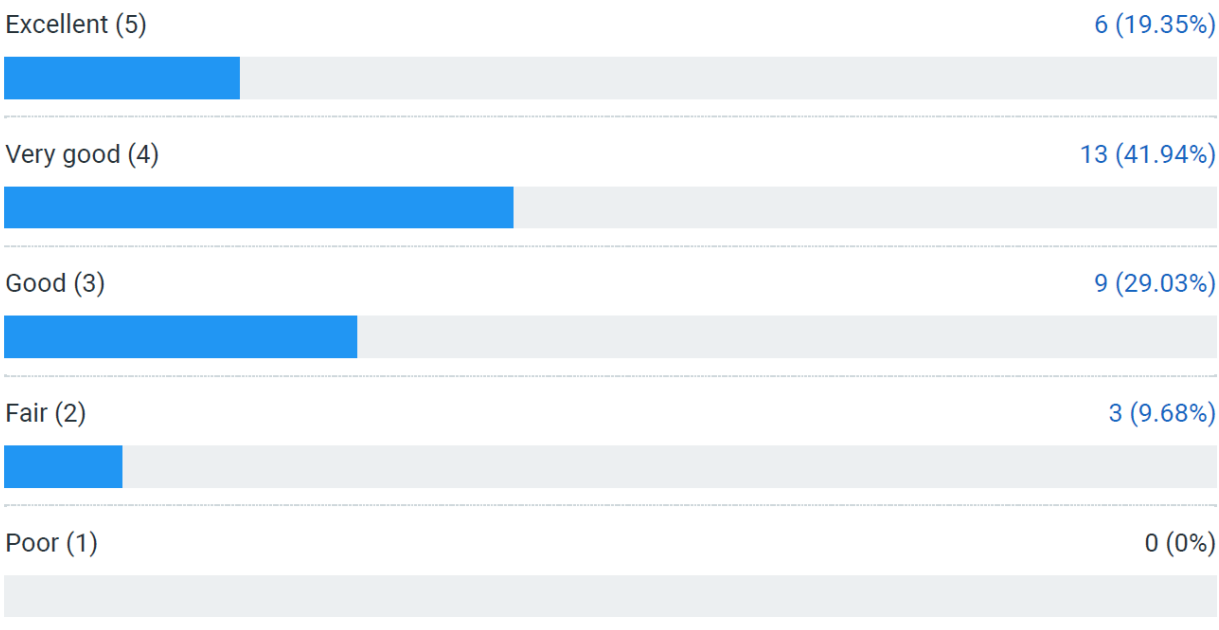
The Website is very hard to navigate and it is not updated. Pretty unsettling overall to have to search for long hours for the test registration and information and still had to email.

First time with online testing like this. My neighbor tenant upstairs was making a lot of noise. Kids jumping causing distractions during test.

First time on the remote proctor exam. Noises of the tenants above me were distracting while taking the exam. The tenants above me in my apartment have kids and they were yelling and jumping around during my test.
Amount of workload and personal life stress to balance preparing for the exam as there is a wide range to study from and no real practice exams that accurately tell of you are prepared adequately.
Why the imaging section was after the survey. Did not mention clock was reset for that section. Very major issue and led to rushing towards the end. Very unfair to test takers.
Lost internet service while testing
Listed above with the proctor not having the correct password. We also were in a huge thunderstorm so I was concerned I would lose power during the exam
My MacBook Siri feature was not off before the exam so I briefly was stressed before figuring out how to disable it
Being 38 weeks pregnant
Just that my dogs kept barking a lot, but no big deal.
I had internet issues during my exam (CenturyLink had an outage in my area but was able to hotspot internet to my computer from my phone with the assistance of my proctor).
I work full time and was battling an illness
Finding a quiet setting in a clear room

Overall, how would you rate your experience with the written examination?

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How could the written examination be improved for future candidates?

Allow examiner to write a comment for the questions during exam and not after the section has been completed.
Instructions need to be added for the radiography questions. I missed those questions because I did not see the instruction indicated there were several views of the radiography I will need to read.
I did not feel the examination was a very accurate representation of evaluating a Physician's expertise in sports medicine. I believe that 200 questions is too small of a sample size with the tremendous amount of diverse content covered in the DACBSP program. Remove all questions pertaining to writing research papers. The written requirement for obtaining the DACBSP determines a candidate's competency in this subject matter.
Make the x-rays easier to view and maneuver, contrast, zoom in/out etc....

Ok
Ok
Since test is digital, possibly finding a more immediate way to give results. Avoid questions that ask for MOST correct. If there are multiple correct answers, what is most correct may be too subjective.
Mentioned immediately following exam. 2 questions had confusing wording.
More clarity on what it is on, and what books, references, online courses, and in-person courses go with each section so if you are weak in that area you can do more studying to prepare.
Make the test plan better known and easier to find on the website because that helped guide what is actually important in knowing what to study and review.

Would you like to provide any additional feedback concerning your written exam experience?

More variety with the musculoskeletal conditions questions, At least 3-4 questions pertaining to dequervains/intersection syndrome. Very little test representation of emergency training, concussion and special populations. The Xray portion of the examination was challenging because the questions weren't condition identification but rather patient management questions which can be very subjective. If all candidates were required to have a CSCS, all exercise physiology questions could be removed.
There was a lag of about 2-5 seconds to load each question.
More sports specific questions about athletes especially concussion!!! None on the exam?!
didn't take the written exam
Ok
Ok
None

No, and just to clarify I am not complaining about the above comments. If you did not send out a survey I would not have thought about it. I appreciate that I qualified for it being an ATC as I have to spend a lot of time and money to maintain that certification every year for the past 25 years. I am so glad I could use that towards something else in my profession. I look forward to learning more and possibly doing the diplomate program. Thanks.

There was poor communication with the practice test. The proctors didn't seem to know much about what test I was supposed to be taking and told me the test wasn't available until late April.

The formatting of the online exam wasn't great, often unable to scroll. Not sure if that is due to the weblock program or if it is from the exam itself. Definitely should be looked into, especially for the radiology questions because those were so frustrating to try and navigate and see the image. There were multiple imaging studies where you couldn't even see the area being tested on because we couldn't scroll down far enough.

Suggested Improvements

Below is a summary of the key points.

1. More divulcation is needed regarding all the available material, including information such as what can examinees find in there and where they can access it.
2. There is some misalignment between what is being taught and what is being assessed; this might require more information to be sent to the schools, not just the candidates. A review of the practical exam content and scoring, comparing to the reading list and school training, is warranted.
3. Further work and development on the website might be required, as some candidates find it hard to navigate, register and get the information they're looking for.
4. Candidates had additional stress due to external noise, Internet connection and other factors, but they are beyond ABCSP's scope.