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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. Candidates are provided a survey regarding the entire process, from initial registration onward. This report provides a summary of the Fall 2022 survey.

The following table provides a summary of the response submits for the survey by institution/program that qualified them to take the exam. We recommend that this question be converted from open-response to dropdown because respondents often put answers like "at home" or "Cleveland Ohio" or just an acronym.

Program/Eligibility	N
At my home/apartment	2
California State University, Long Beach	1
Cleveland Ohio	1
DC Online	8
Life University	1
Logan University	1
Northeast College of Health Sciences (formerly NYCC)	4
Northwestern Health Sciences	2
Southern California University of the Health Sciences	1
University of Central Arkansas, athletic training program	1
University of Western States	3
West Chester University ATC	1
(blank)	1
Total	27



Survey Results

This section will present and discuss the survey results.

Registration

Candidates were generally happy with the operations of registration. There are three requests to provide more information in preparatory documentation.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

How would you rate the online registration experience?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Excellent (5)			14	51%
Very good (4)			8	29%
Good (3)			3	11%
Fair (2)			2	7%
Poor (1)			0	0%
		Total Responses	27	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Excellent (5)			16	59%
Very good (4)			7	25%
Good (3)			4	14%
Fair (2)			0	0%
Poor (1)			0	0%
		Total Responses	27	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

How would you rate the Written Exam Candidate Orientation Zoom meeting?

		4.20	Number of	Responses Ratio
Answer Choice	0%	100%	Responses	Ratio
Excellent (5)			16	59%
Very good (4)			8	29%
Good (3)			2	7%
Fair (2)			1	3%
Poor (1)			0	0%



The website could be more clear on what documents are required to register for the CCSP written exam if you have a current ATC certification.

orientation i spent 3 hours bot i feel like the proctor was not ready or know what he was doing. Also let us know that the computer for the orientation must be the same computer that is planned on taking the test on. If it was on the email than it is my apology.

Confusion about how the proctor would be able to see you through your phone, would have been nice if someone mentioned to download google Meet prior to the practice exam

Reading List

The reading list was widely known by the examinees and it help them prepare to the exam. All examinees knew about it. But not all examinees felt that the list covered all topics; perhaps that should be made overly clear since it is not likely for a list to cover all topics in the field.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			27	100%
No			0	0%
		Total Responses	27	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

If you answered yes to the above question, did the information regarding the reading list provided on the website help prepare you for the examination?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Strongly agree (5)			6	22%
Agree (4)			13	48%
Neutral (3)			6	22%
Disagree (2)			2	7%
Strongly disagree (1)			0	0%
		Total Responses	27	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Please provide comments below if you answered 3 and below on the question above:

I don't recall seeing the ethics/relationship info

There were many questions on the exam that were not directly from the reading list or coursework. The Emergency procedures, Concussion, and radiology sections were excellent however the other questions in my opinion were not.

The reading helped to prepare me on the major topics. Felt like during the exam there was a lot of little points taken from the readings. Did not feel like it captured the big picture of what was really important from the readings.



Handbook

Candidates knew of the handbook but did not strongly agree that it was useful to prepare.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes			26	96%
No			1	3%
		Total Responses	27	100%

MULTIPLE CHOICE

If you answered yes to the above question, did the information regarding certification maintenance and the candidate handbook, provided on the website help prepare you for the examination?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Strongly agree (5)			8	30%
Agree (4)			11	42%
Neutral (3)			4	15%
Disagree (2)			3	11%
Strongly disagree (1)			0	0%
		Total Responses	26	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Please provide comments below if you answered 3 and below on the question above:

See above.

No CEU questions and question on sexual relationship with patient timing was not found in handbook before test

Test Plan

Not all candidates knew about the test plan, but all responses about it were neutral or positive. One comment was about the ACBSP website in general.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

Answer Choice	0%	100	Number of Responses	
Yes			24	88%
No			3	11%
		Total Respons	es 27	100%



MULTIPLE CHOICE

If you answered yes to the above question, did the test plan provided on the website help prepare for you for the examination:

Answer Choice	0 %	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Strongly agree (5)			11	45%
Agree (4)			9	37%
Neutral(3)			4	16%
Disagree (2)			0	0%
Strongly disagree (1)			0	0%
		Total Responses	24	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Please provide comments below if you answered 3 and below on the question above

seems like the website is down currently.

Helped structure my studying based on the percentage of questions per topic

There were quite a few topics on the test plan that were emphasized but did not show up on the CCSP exam.

Exam Day

Perception of the exam delivery and proctoring was strongly positive. One person asked about physical test centers; they also mentioned it in the in-exam survey. However, this would be a lot of effort and expense for a small portion of examinees.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Excellent (5)			19	70%
Very good (4)			7	25%
Good (3)			1	3%
Fair (2)			0	0%
Poor (1)			0	0%
		Total Responses	27	100%

OPEN QUESTION

Please provide comments below if you answered 3 and below on the question above.

Honestly, it was my first online proctored exam experience so just uncomfortable due to being new. It would be nice to have to option to go to a testing center.



Prep Course

The responses to this question were not as positive. However, not all examinees took such courses. Perhaps courses should be provided some additional information to help them align with the test plan. Online courses were more positive, but had a similar comment about coverage.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Did the information provided through the in-person courses help prepare you for the examination?

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Strongly agree (5)		:	9	33%
Agree (4)			9	33%
Neutral (3)			8	29%
Disagree (2)			1	3%
Strongly disagree (1)			0	0%
		Total Responses	27	100%

OPEN QUESTION

If you answered 3 or below to the question above, please provide comments below:

Did not take in-person courses.

I feel like instruction didn't cover it all. Many questions I felt that way and I also did the DC ONLINE review.

Wasn't in the in-person course.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Did the information provided through the online courses help prepare you for the examination:

Answer Choice	0%	100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Strongly agree (5)			11	40%
Ageee (4)			7	25%
Neutral (3)			9	33%
Disagree (2)			0	0%
Strongly disagree (1)			0	0%
		Total Responses	27	100%

OPEN QUESTION

If you answered 3 or below to the question above, please provide comments below:

See above

Felt that the online course emphasized things that weren't tested

See above



Overall Experience and Stress

Some candidates reported external factors causing stress. One was related the WebLock browser but was easily addressed. External factors like family and life cannot be addressed by ACBSP. However, there is another not on course alignment.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

Answer Choice	0%		100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Yes				8	29%
No.				19	70%

OPEN QUESTION

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

Worry of Wi-Fi disconnecting Had to ask my family to leave home while I took exam

Life stress and work stress. Also had to use a different computer due to WebLock not working on my personal laptop

I really felt like the exam did not reflect the courses I took. I felt very unprepared for what was tested.

8 Response(s)

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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

Answer Choice	0%		100%	Number of Responses	Responses Ratio
Excellent (5)				13	48%
Very good (4)				10	37%
Good (3)				4	14%
Fair (2)				0	0%
Poor (1)				0	0%
Total Responses 27				100%	

Suggestions

Overall, candidates are happy with the process, from registration to courses to exam day. There are some suggestions below.



OPEN QUESTION

How could the written examination be improved for future candidates?

At some points I felt like they were not watching closely, but cant really attest to that. Other than that, It was a good experience. I also think that having the scrap paper gives you the opportunity to write down questions and could potentially have other DC's sharing test questions. Even though you tear it up, it can easily be pieced back together.

Checking spelling for grammatical errors on questions.

Instead of liters/kg add ounces/pound as well

10 Response(s)

OPEN QUESTION

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

The CCSP exam was perfect when taken however the diplomate was less. I have been working with teams for 30 years and have not experienced some of these topics asked on the test. As a whole, I believe the coursework and communication about the exam were well put together and I do value the hard work that went into compiling the test questions by the committee.

Νo

I recommend continuing offering the test like this, at home or preferred choice. It made the experience much easier and less stressful.

5 Response(s)

Suggested Improvements

Below is a summary of the key points.

- 1. Additional, or more noticeable, documentation about the test plan, proctoring process, exam day, etc. However, there will always be some candidates that do not avail themselves of this.
- 2. Copyediting of items before publishing the exam form.
- 3. Continued communication with the courses to align instruction to the test plan.
- 4. Ensure that candidates know the reading list cannot cover *everything*.