

Legitimizing Affective Learning Outcomes Assessment



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KEY TERMS



- Learning Domains
- Affective Learning Domain
- Student Learning Outcome (**SLO**)
- Affective Learning Outcome (**ALO**)
- Accreditation
- Council for Higher Ed Accreditation (**CHEA**)
- National League for Nursing (**NLN**)
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (**AACN**)
- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (**CCNE**)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges (**SACSCOC**)



vs



Cognitive

Affective



Learning Domains

Physical Skills
How we "do"

Psychomotor



Knowledge, skills
What we "know"



Cognitive

Attitudes, values, interests
What we "feel" & "believe"



Affective

Cognitive Vs. Affective



**Bloom's Cognitive Taxonomy
(1956)**

Vs



**Krathwohl's Affective Taxonomy
(1964)**

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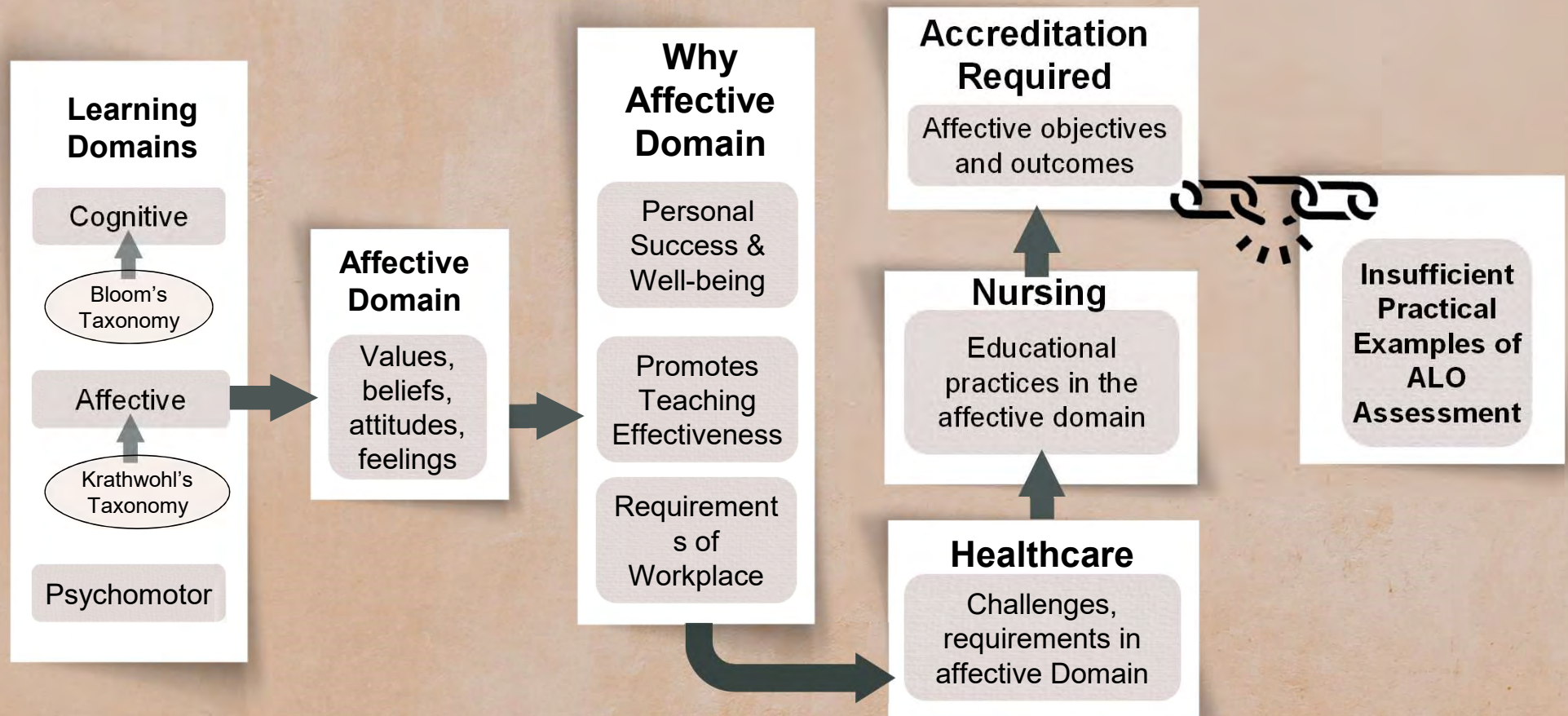
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Why Nursing?



Nursing Education

Core Values

The National League for Nursing implements its mission guided by four dynamic and integrated core values that permeate the organization and are reflected in its work:

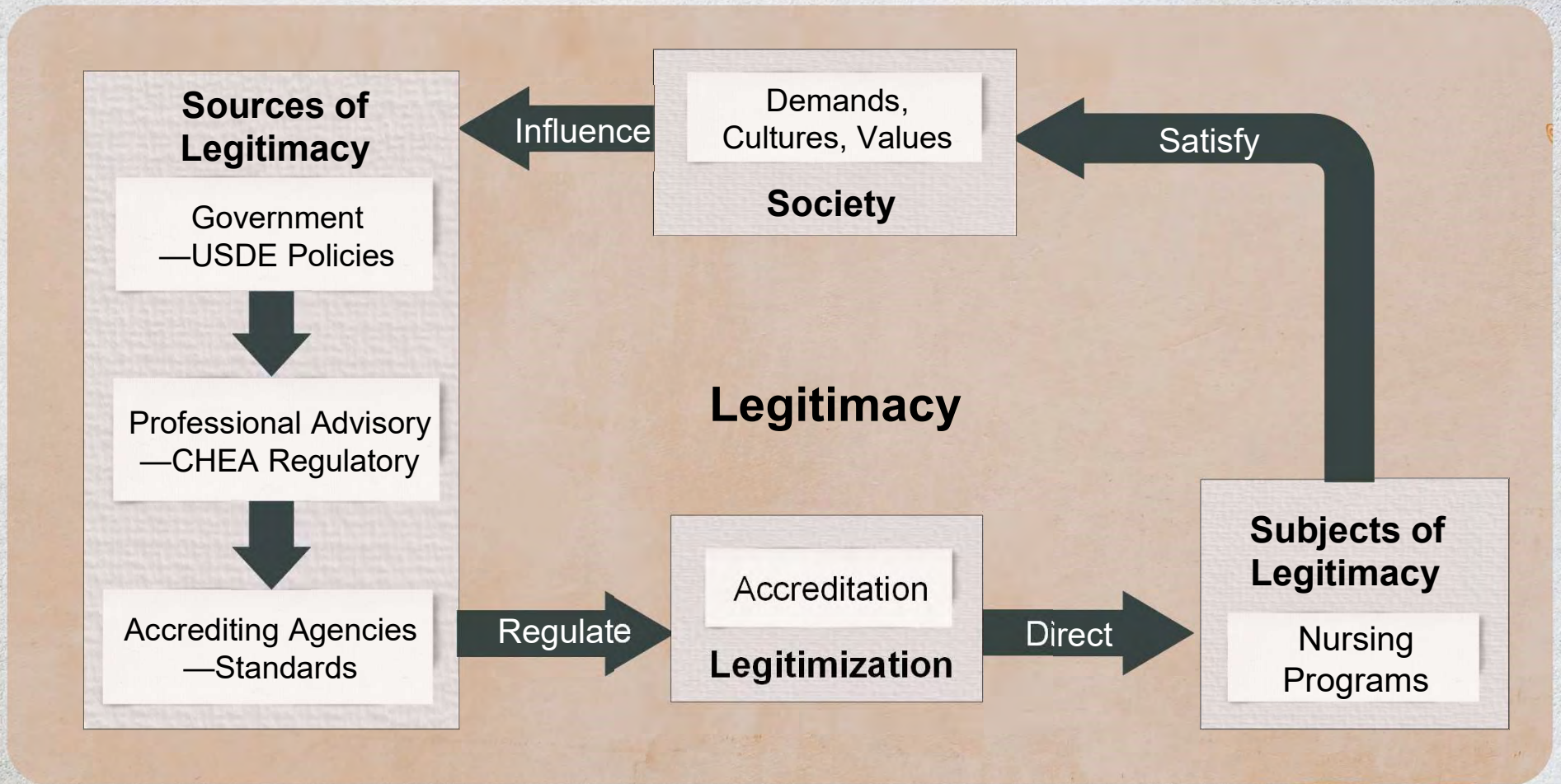
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DIVERSITY
&
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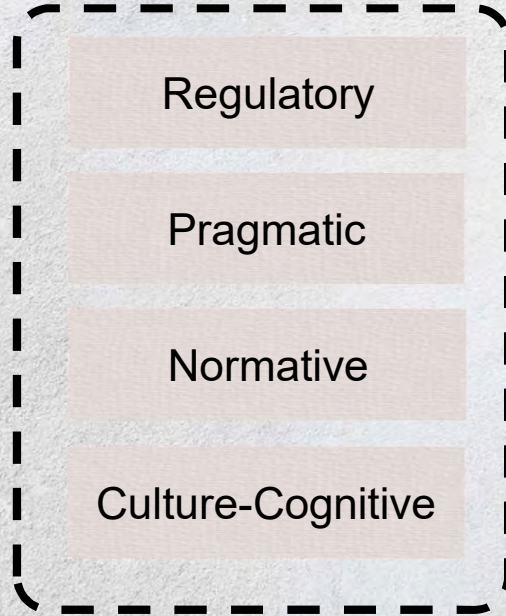
EXCELLENCE

Conceptual Framework



Legitimization

Criteria of Legitimacy



Level of Legitimacy



Note. Adapted from "Organizational legitimacy: Six key questions," by D. L. Deephouse, J. Bundy, L. P. Tost, and M. C. Suchman, 2017, *The SAGE handbook of organizational institutionalism* (2nd., pp. 27-54)

● **Statement of Problem** ●

Insufficient guidelines for incorporating affective-learning outcomes for the affective-learning domain into current general-education assessment practices.

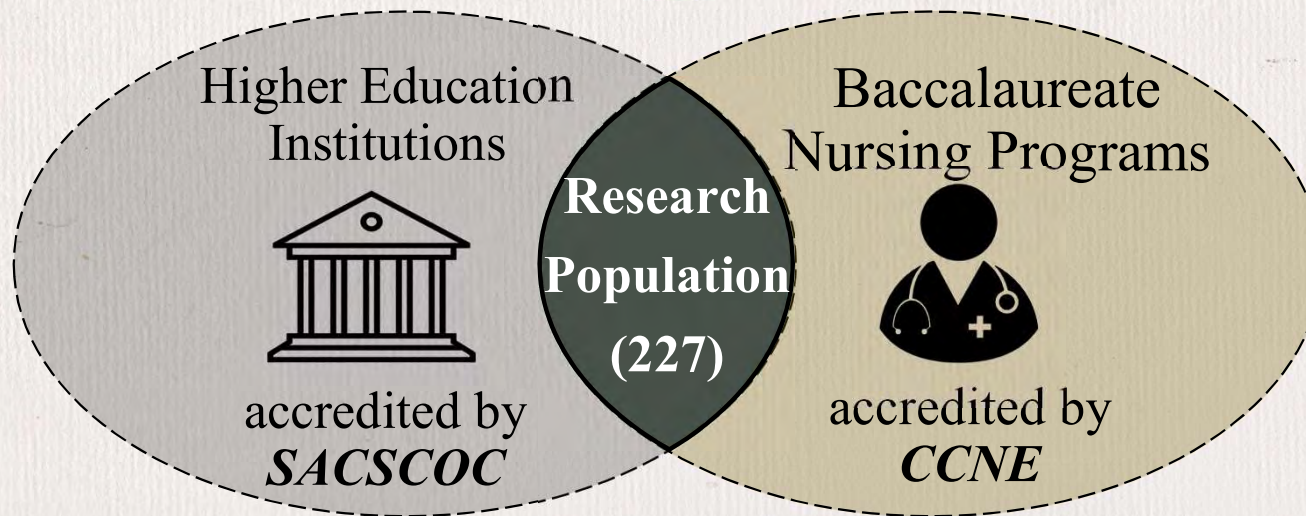


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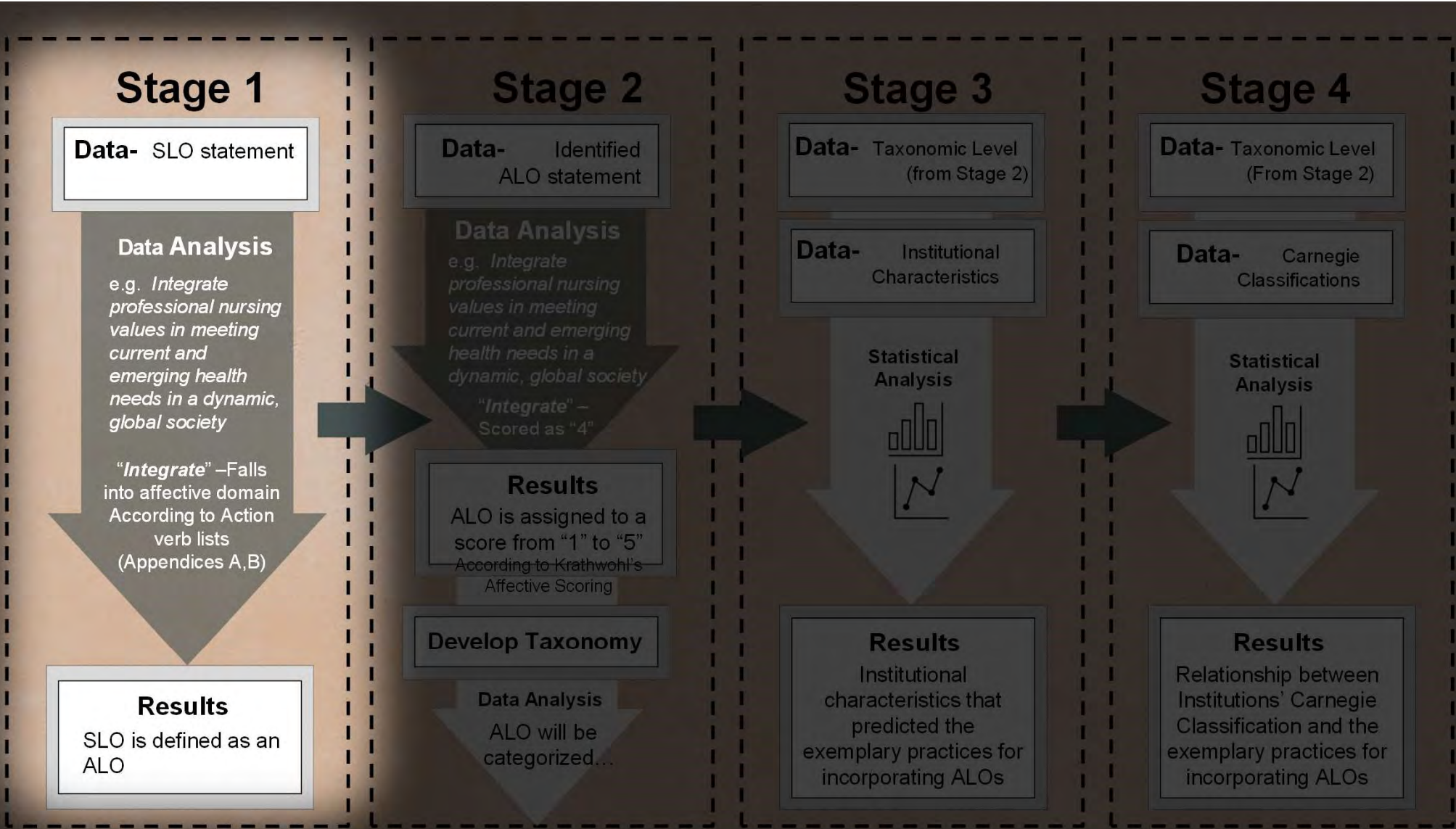
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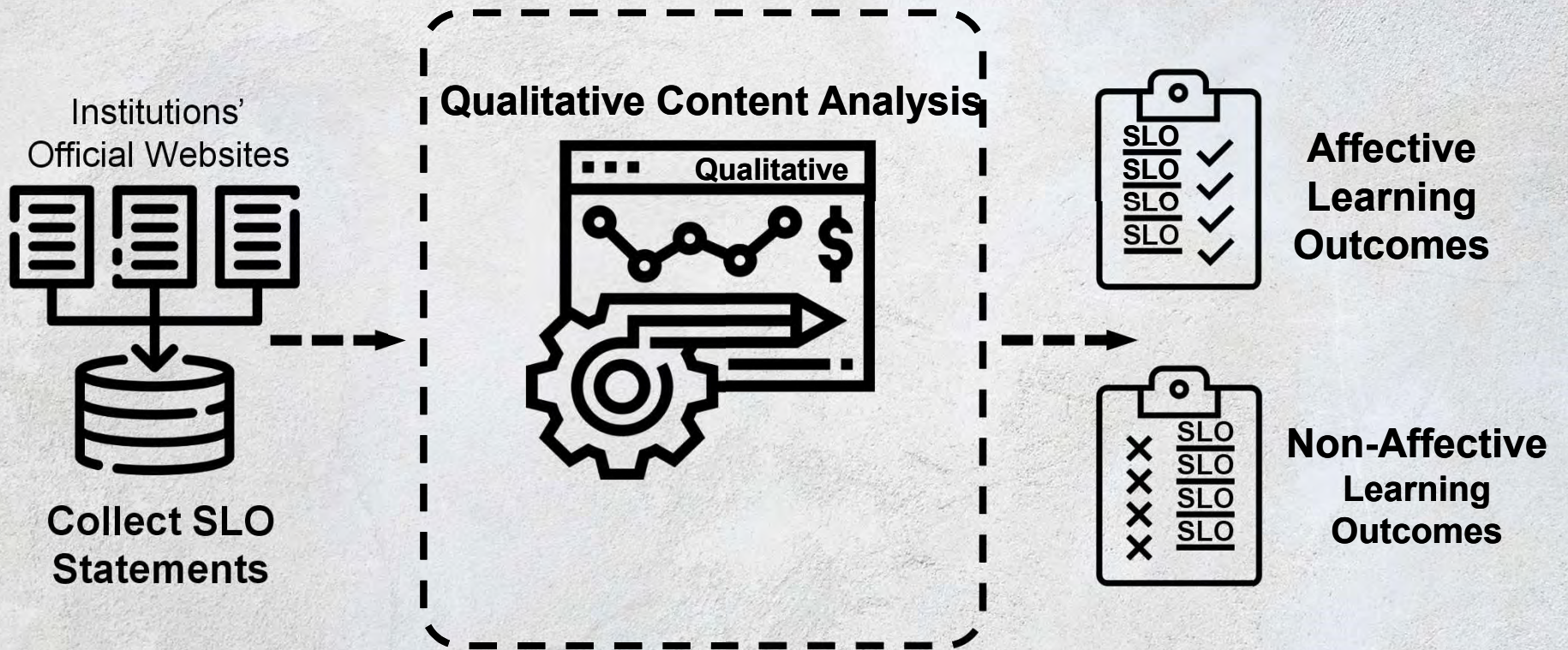
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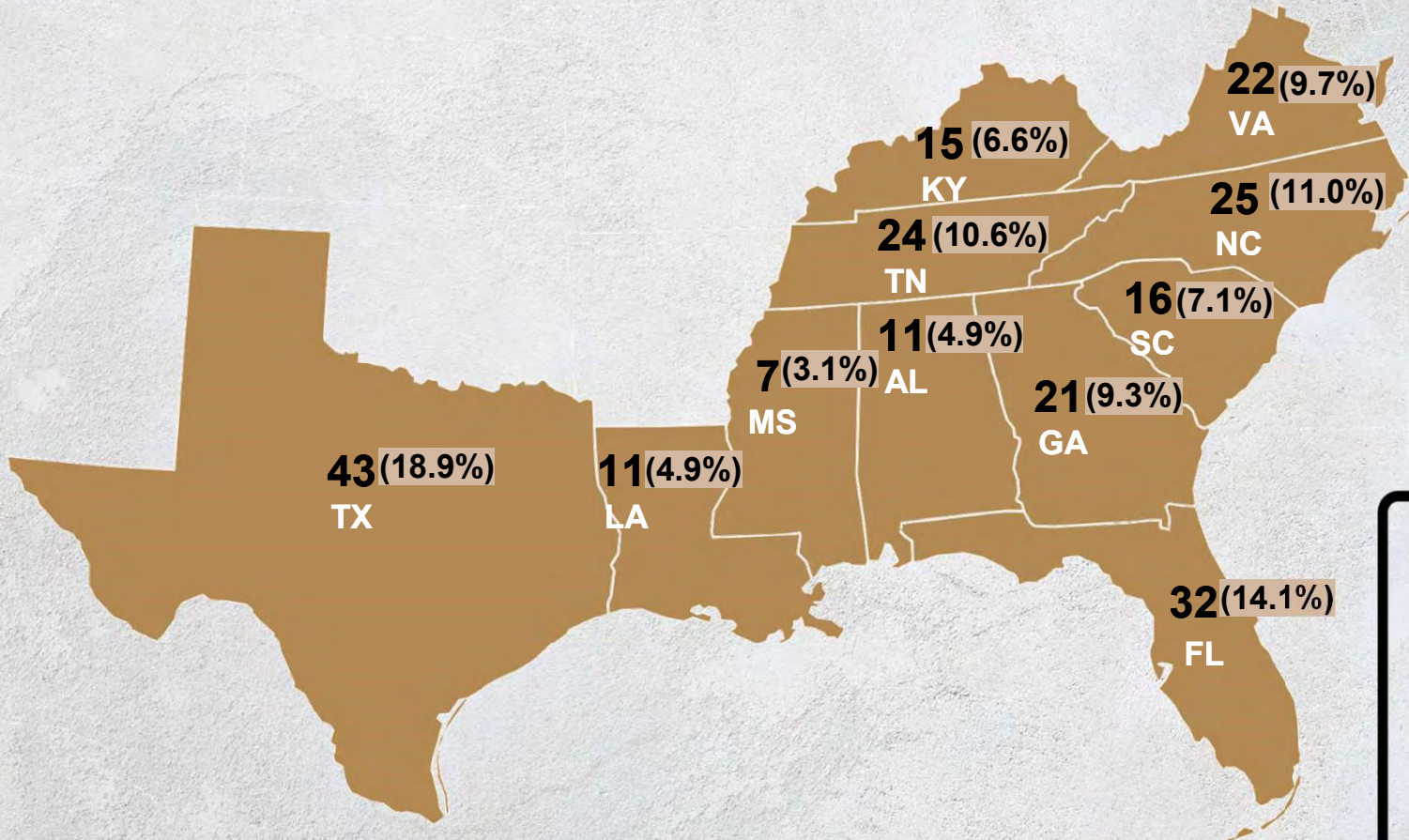
Stage One



Stage

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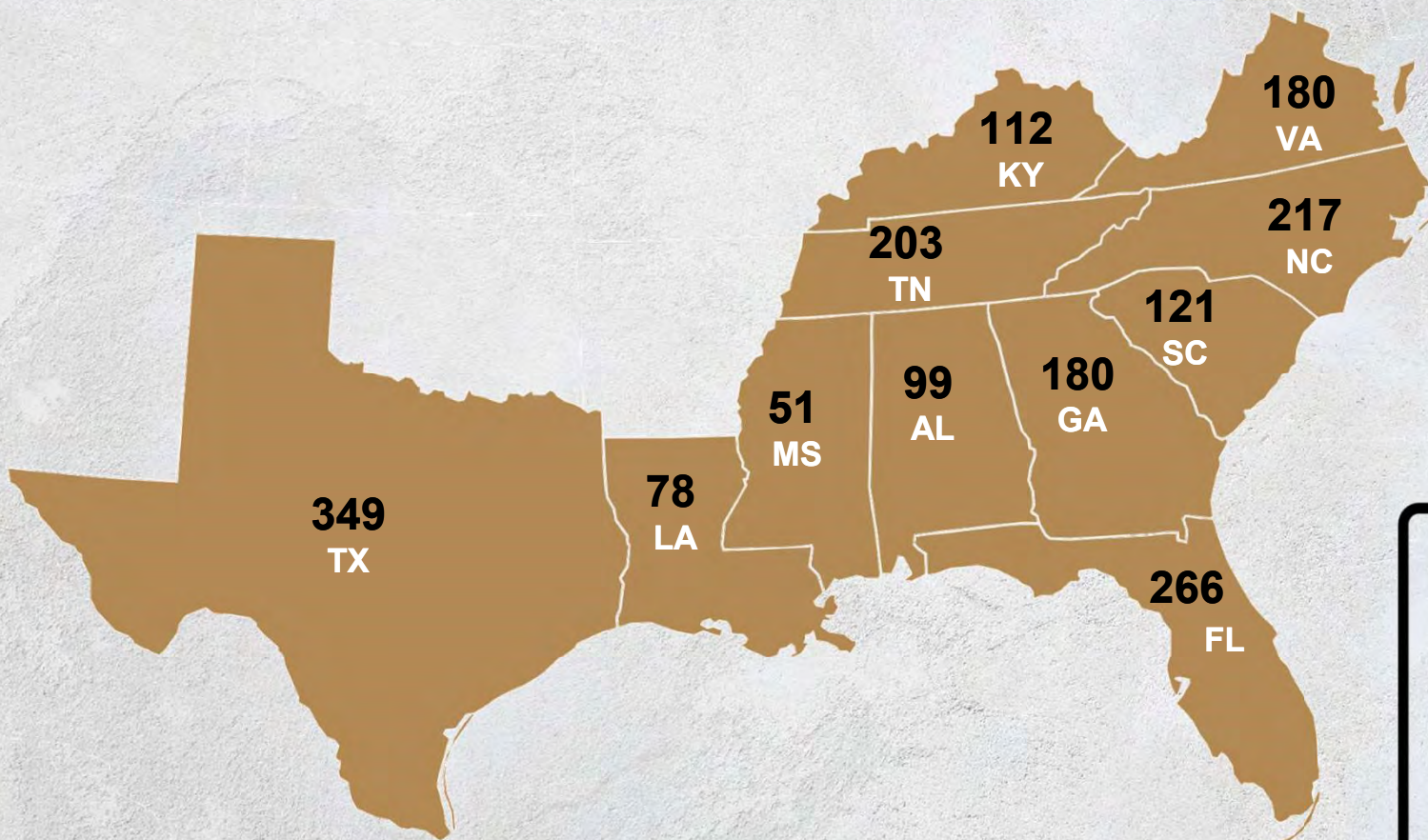


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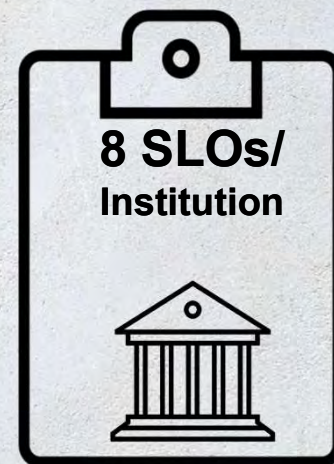
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SLO Statements $N=1,856$



Note — 5 institutions' SLO statements were not found.
8 SLO statements for each institution on average.



Students who have declared the nursing major but are not yet admitted to the upper-level courses are enrolled in this track. NONS-FNL does not end in a degree or certificate.

Pre-Licensure Track

Students who have met all requirements for admission to the upper-level courses in the BSN program are admitted to this track, which is only offered on the residential campus.

Post-Licensure (RN to BSN) Track

Students who have completed an associate's degree or diploma program in nursing and hold an active, unencumbered Registered Nurse license may apply for this track. The post-licensure track is offered only online.

School of Nursing Mission Statement

To inspire and educate students for excellence in professional practice in preparation for Christian leadership and service as professional nurses throughout the world.

Purpose

The faculty at the School of Nursing believe that the professional nursing curriculum of a BSN program should reflect the current professional practice environment in compliance with evidence-based standards and rules of regulatory organizations. The curriculum integrates the mission of the university. Foundational concepts for the curriculum reflect current issues and trends, and were developed from concepts derived from the *Differentiated Essential Competencies of Baccalaureate Nursing Education (DECs)* by the Texas Board of Nursing (2021) and the *Essentials of Baccalaureate Education* by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2021). The foundational concepts are organized under the DEC headings: The Member of Profession, Provider of Patient-Centered Care, Patient Safety Advocate, and Member of the Health Care Team. Concepts reflect the knowledge, judgment, behaviors, skills, attitudes, and values required of a professional nurse. The student outcomes of the program reflect the cognitive, psychomotor and affective domains of learning. The faculty believes that active, participatory student-centered learning is required in baccalaureate generalist education to develop the professional competencies required of the graduate. Each semester, the clinical evaluation tools used demonstrate progression toward program outcomes to assist the students' transition from the novice to advanced beginner stages of professional growth.

Upon graduation and completion of all Texas Board of Nursing requirements, the graduate is eligible to take the NCLEX-RN® (National Council of Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses) that leads to licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN).

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Prior to the start of the nursing program at Abilene Christian University, all potential NCLEX-RN® applicants with outstanding eligibility issues that could prevent them from taking the NCLEX examination upon completion of the nursing program are urged to complete a **Declaratory Order** application. Further information and forms can be retrieved on the following website: [Initial Licensure & Recognition Forms – Declaratory Order](#).

This process permits the Board to make decisions regarding an applicant's eligibility for licensure prior to entering or completing a nursing program. The list below further delineates possible incidences that may prevent eligibility, and require a **Declaratory Order** application:

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Stage One

Institutions'
Official Websites



Collect SLO
Statements



Narrative
Inquiry



3 Affective
Learning
Outcomes



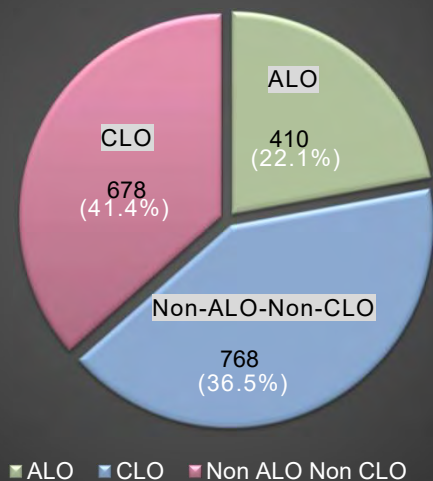
4 Non-Affective
Learning
Outcomes

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Findings

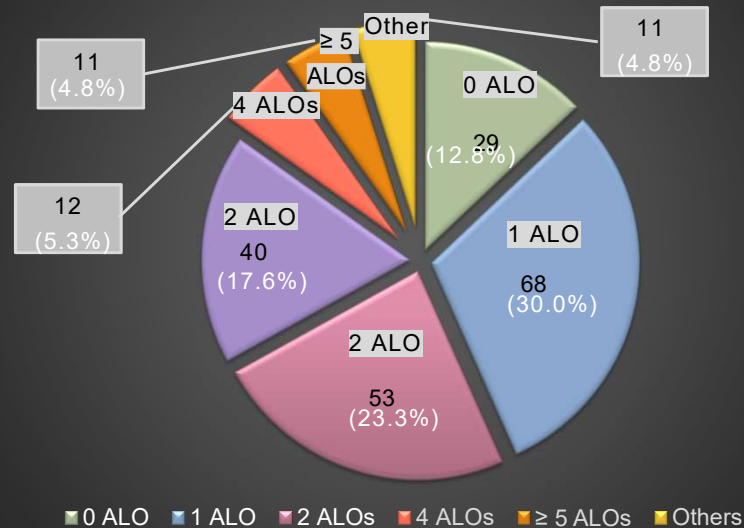
Student Learning Outcomes

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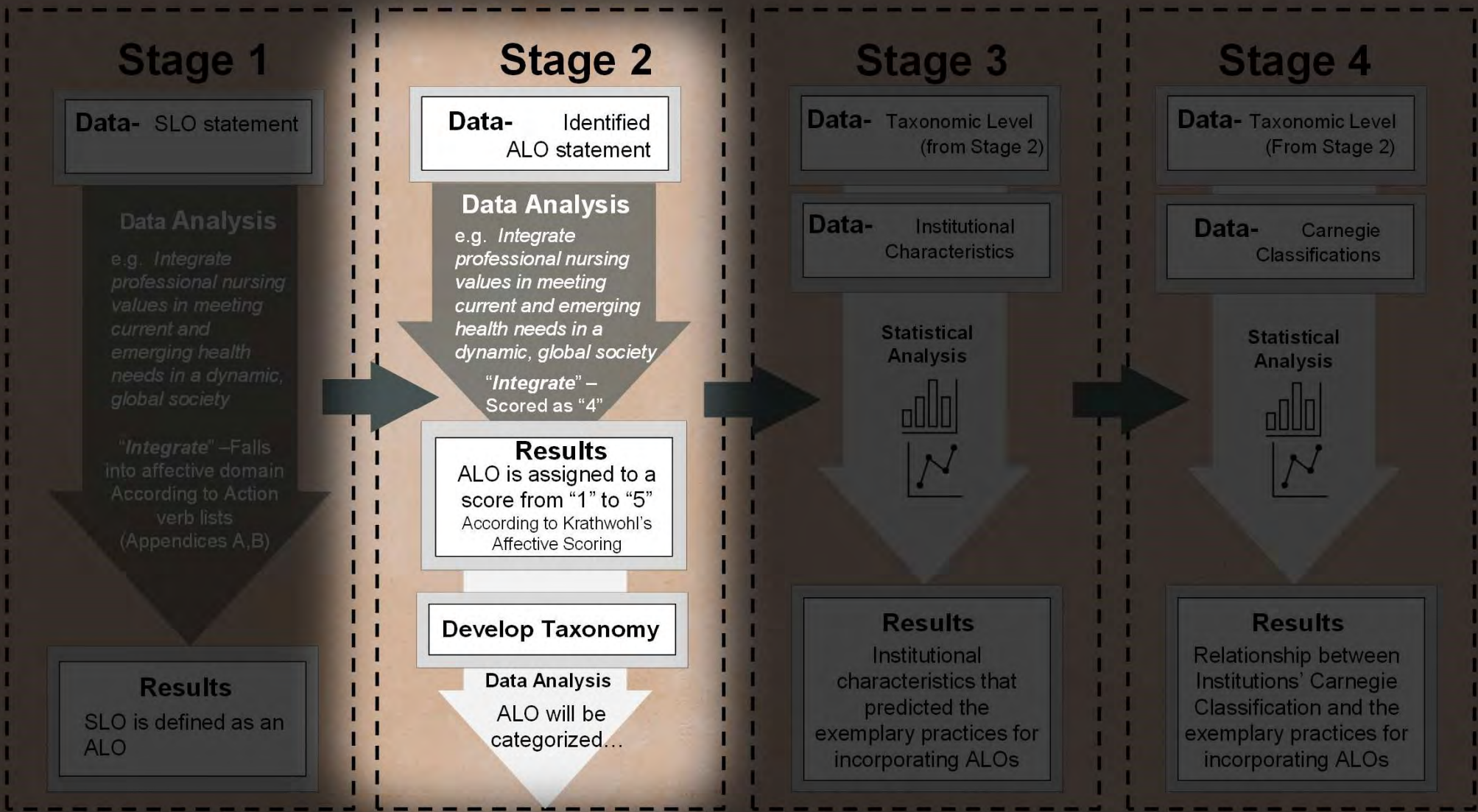
Affective Learning Outcomes - I

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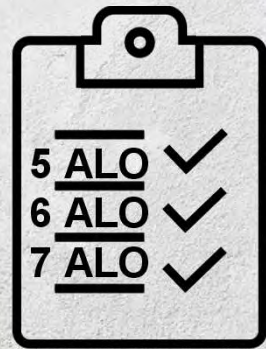


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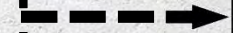
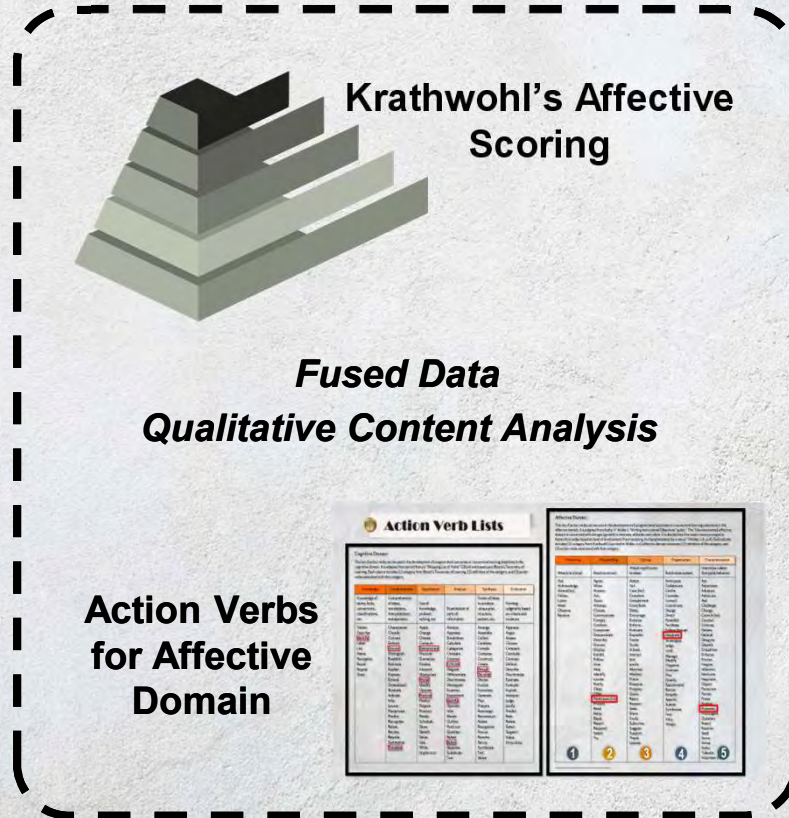
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Stage Two



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Krathwohl's Affective Scoring



**Krathwohl's Affective
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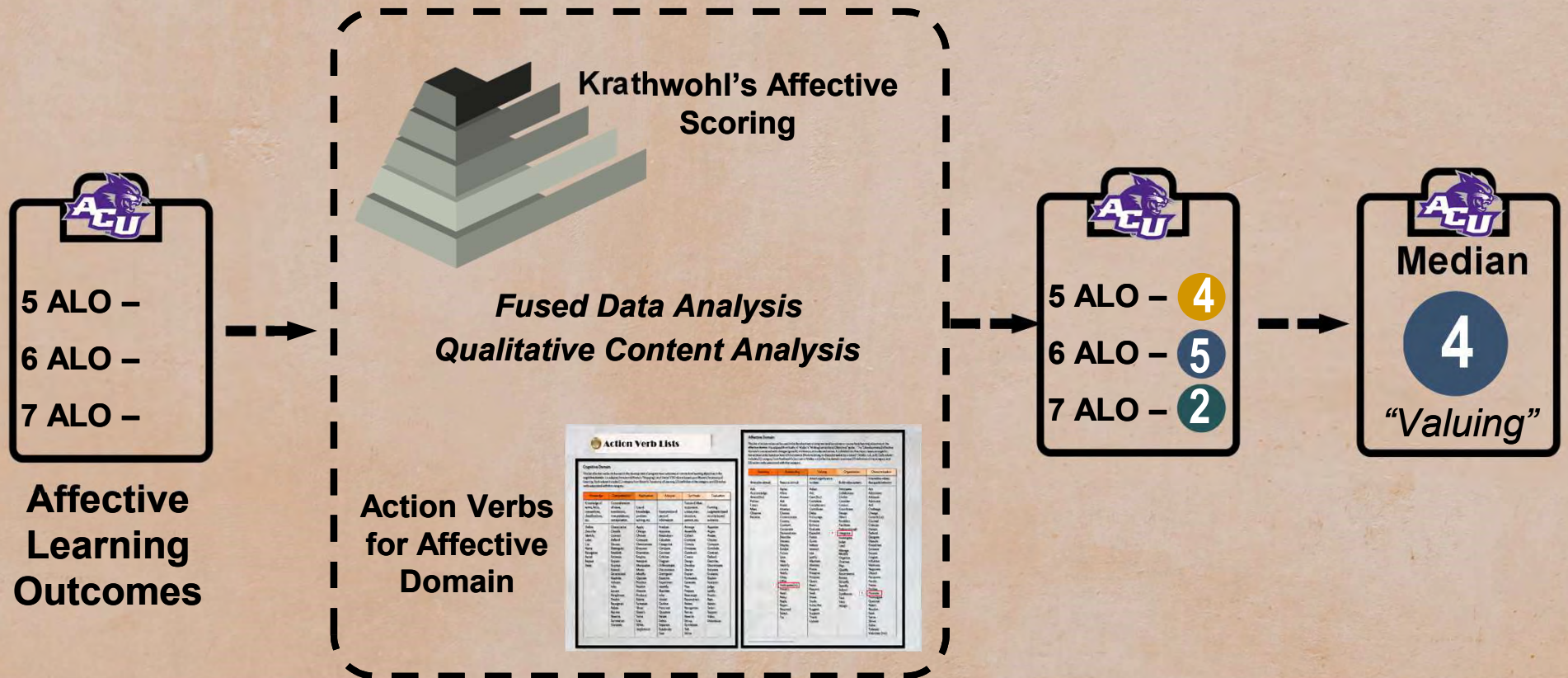
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Stage Two



Taxonomy Development

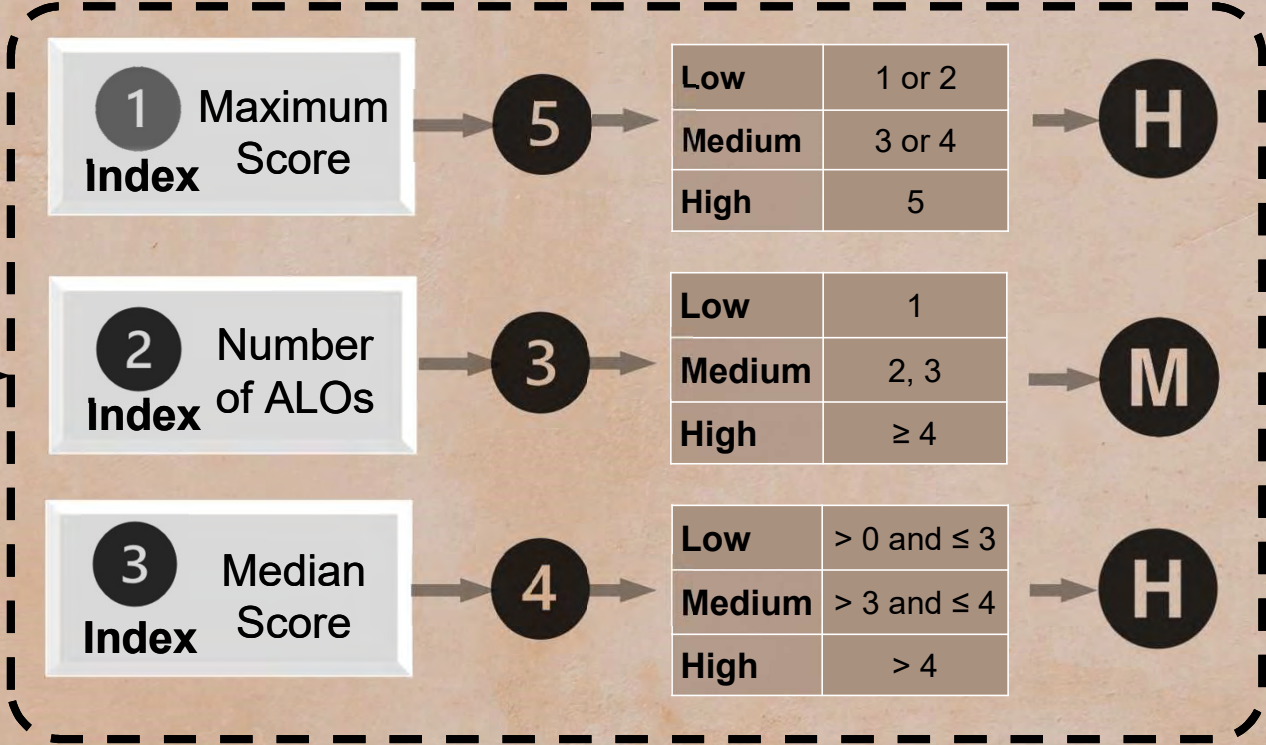
ACU
ALOs

ALO 5 - 4

ALO 6 - 5

ALO 7 - 2

NO ALOs
(from
Stage 1)



Song's Affective Taxonomy

Exemplary

Good

Average

Poor

Taxonomy Development

Taxonomic Level	Indexes Level	Index Max Affective Score			Index Number of ALOs			Index MD of Affective Scores		
		H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L
		(5)	(3or4)	(1or2)	(≥ 4)	(2or3)	(1)	(> 4)	>3, ≤4	≥1, ≤3
Exemplary	HHH	●			●			●		
	HHM	●			●				●	
	HHL	●			●					●
	HMH	●				●		●		
	HMM	●				●			●	
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Taxonomy Development



Taxonomic Level	Indexes Level	1 Index Max Affective Score			2 Index Number of ALOs			3 Index MD of Affective Scores		
		H	M	L	H	M	L	H	M	L
		(5)	(3or4)	(1or2)	(≥ 4)	(2or3)	(1)	(> 4)	>3, ≤4	≥1, ≤3
Good	MHM		●		●				●	
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	MMH		○			○		○		
	MMM		●			●			●	
	MML		●			●				●

Taxonomy Development

Taxonomic Level	Indexes Level	1 Index Max Affective Score			2 Index Number of ALOs			3 Index MD of Affective Scores		
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		(5)	(3or4)	(1or2)	(≥ 4)	(2or3)	(1)	(> 4)	>3, ≤4	≥1, ≤3
Average	MLH		○				●	●		
	MLM		●				●		●	
	MLL		●				●			●
	LHH			●	●			●		
	LHM			●	●				○	
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Stage 2

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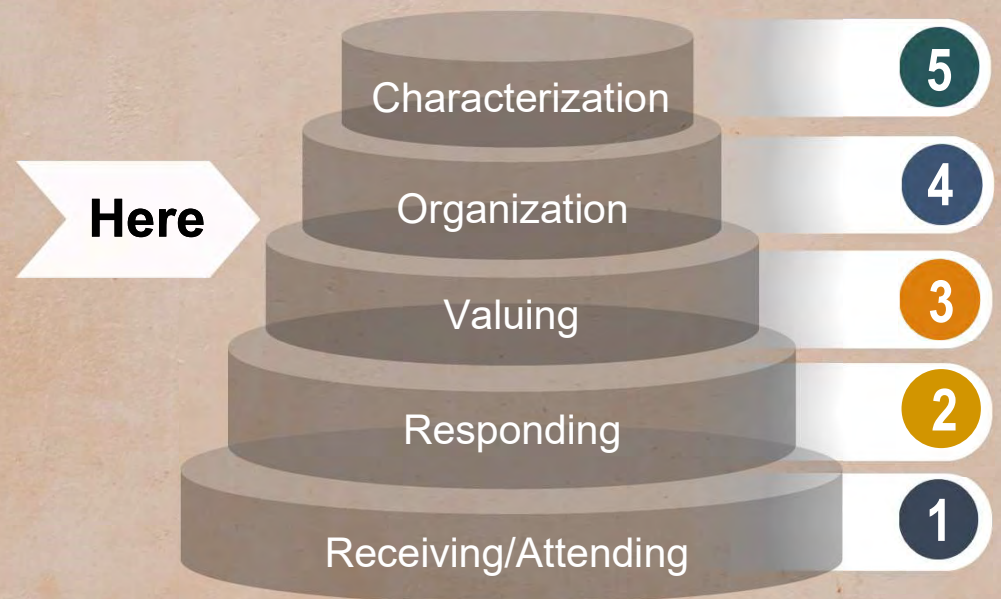
Table 1

Descriptive Statistics: Krathwohl's Taxonomic Level

Variable	Total Count	N*	TrMean	Min	Q1
ALO Krathwohl's Level	227	40	3.61	1.0	3.0

Variable	Median	Q3	Max	IQR	Standard Deviation
ALO Krathwohl's Level	3.5	4.0	5.0	1	0.6

Krathwohl's Taxonomic Level

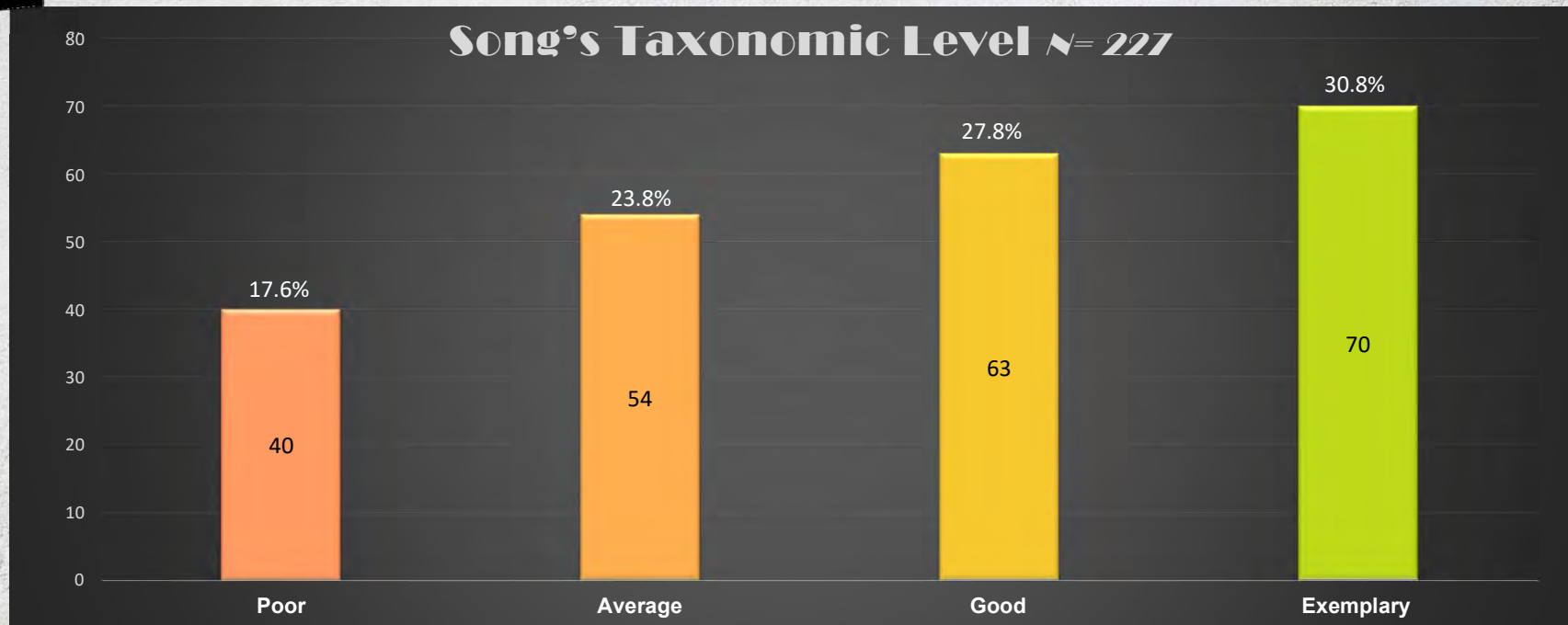


Conclusion:

On average, the Krathwohl's taxonomic level was between "valuing" and "organization"

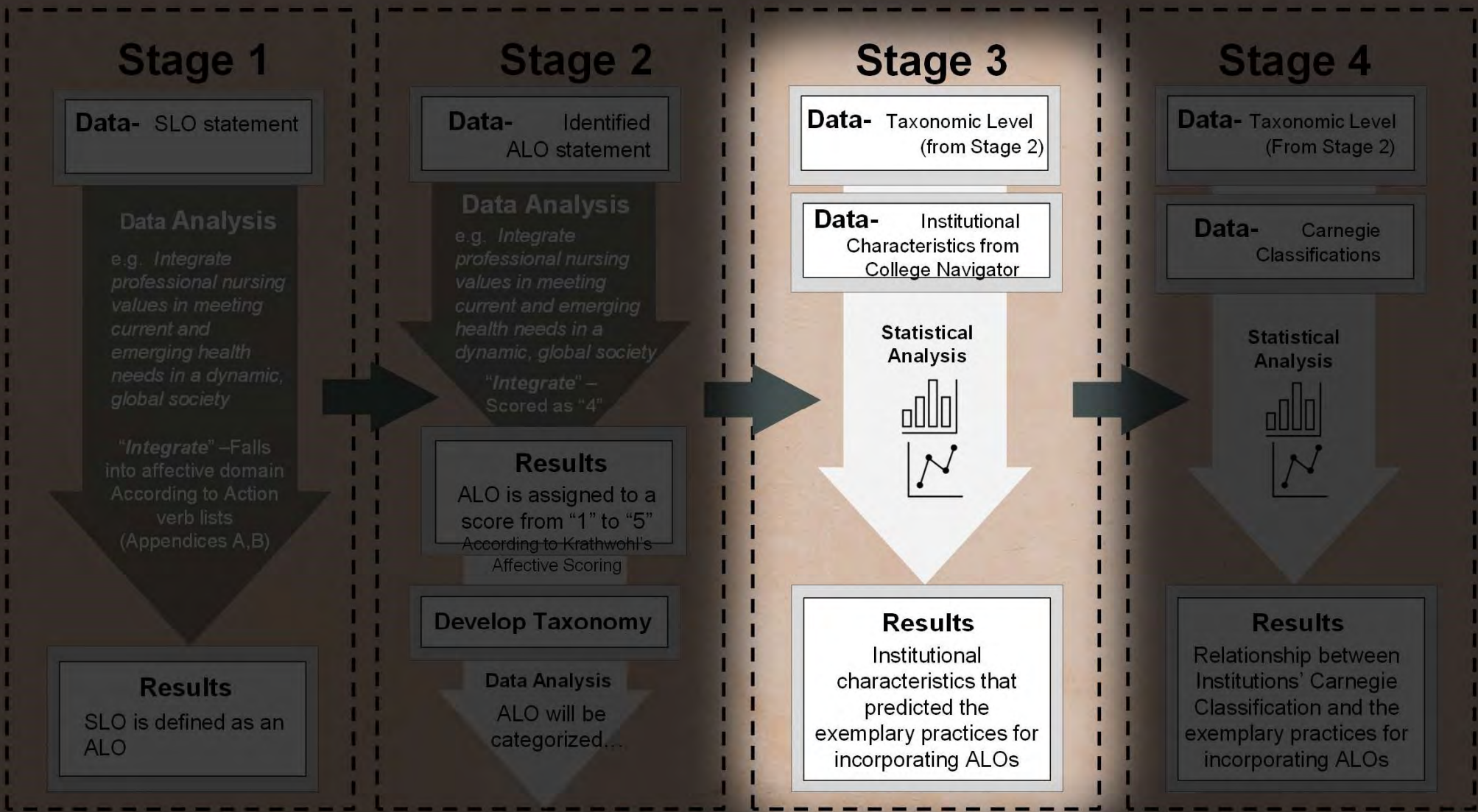
Stage 2

Findings



Conclusion:

- A majority of institutions have implemented ALO assessment practices —met the “*proper*” level of legitimization— and reflected the both “*normative*” and “*pragmatic*” criteria



Stage 1

Data- SLO statement

Data Analysis

e.g. *Integrate professional nursing values in meeting current and emerging health needs in a dynamic, global society*

"Integrate" – Falls into affective domain According to Action verb lists (Appendices A, B)

Results

SLO is defined as an ALO

Stage 2

Data- Identified ALO statement

Data Analysis

e.g. *Integrate professional nursing values in meeting current and emerging health needs in a dynamic, global society*

"Integrate" – Scored as "4"

Results

ALO is assigned to a score from "1" to "5" According to Krathwohl's Affective Scoring

Develop Taxonomy

Data Analysis

ALO will be categorized...

Stage 3

Data- Taxonomic Level (from Stage 2)

Data- Institutional Characteristics from College Navigator

Statistical Analysis



Results

Institutional characteristics that predicted the exemplary practices for incorporating ALOs

Stage 4

Data- Taxonomic Level (From Stage 2)

Data- Carnegie Classifications

Statistical Analysis



Results

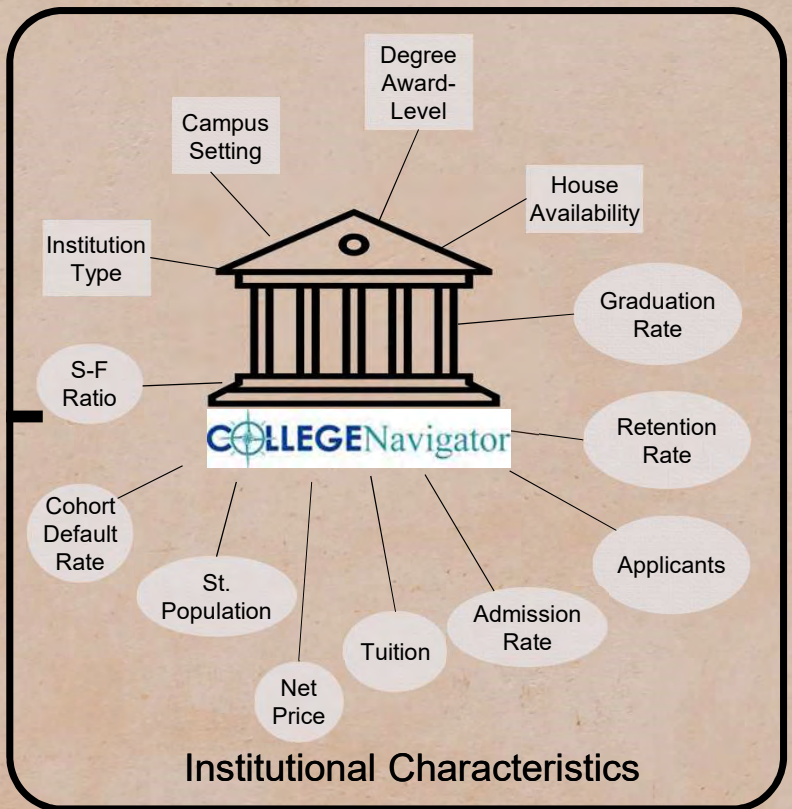
Relationship between Institutions' Carnegie Classification and the exemplary practices for incorporating ALOs

Stage Three

Song's
Taxonomic
Levels

Quantitative Analysis

- Chi-square tests
- General Linear Model
- ANOVA
- Hsu MCB

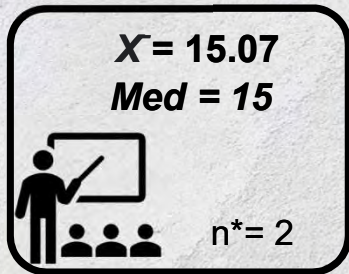


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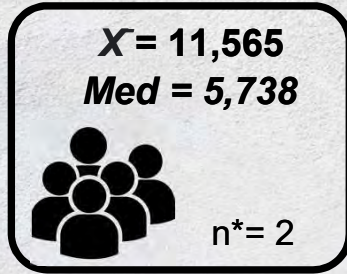
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Institutional Characteristics - I

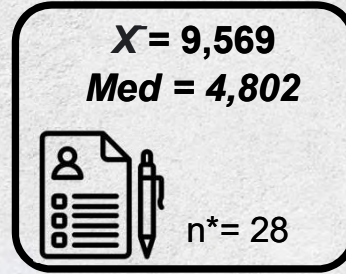
—College Navigator



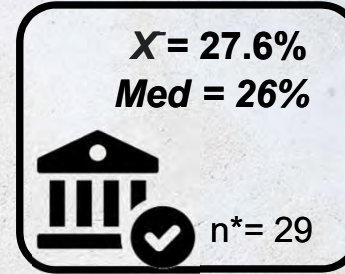
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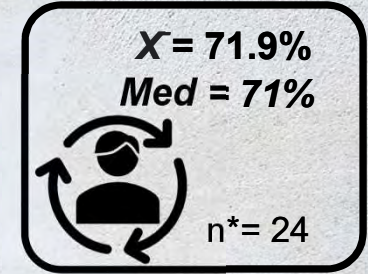
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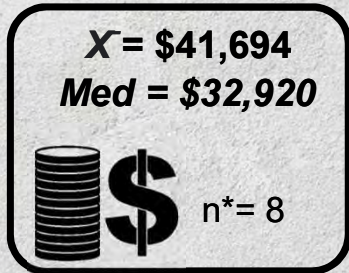
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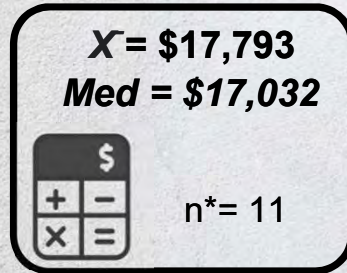
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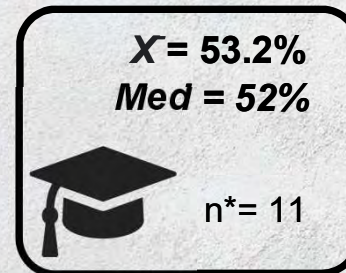
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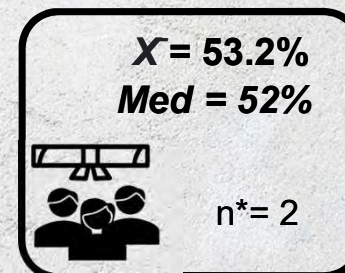
Out-of-State
Tuition



A-Net Price



Graduation Rate



Cohort Default
Rate

Excluded:

- Financial Aid
- Enrollment
- Outcome Measures
- Programs/Majors
- Servicemembers & Veterans
- Varsity Athletic Teams
- Campus Security & Safety

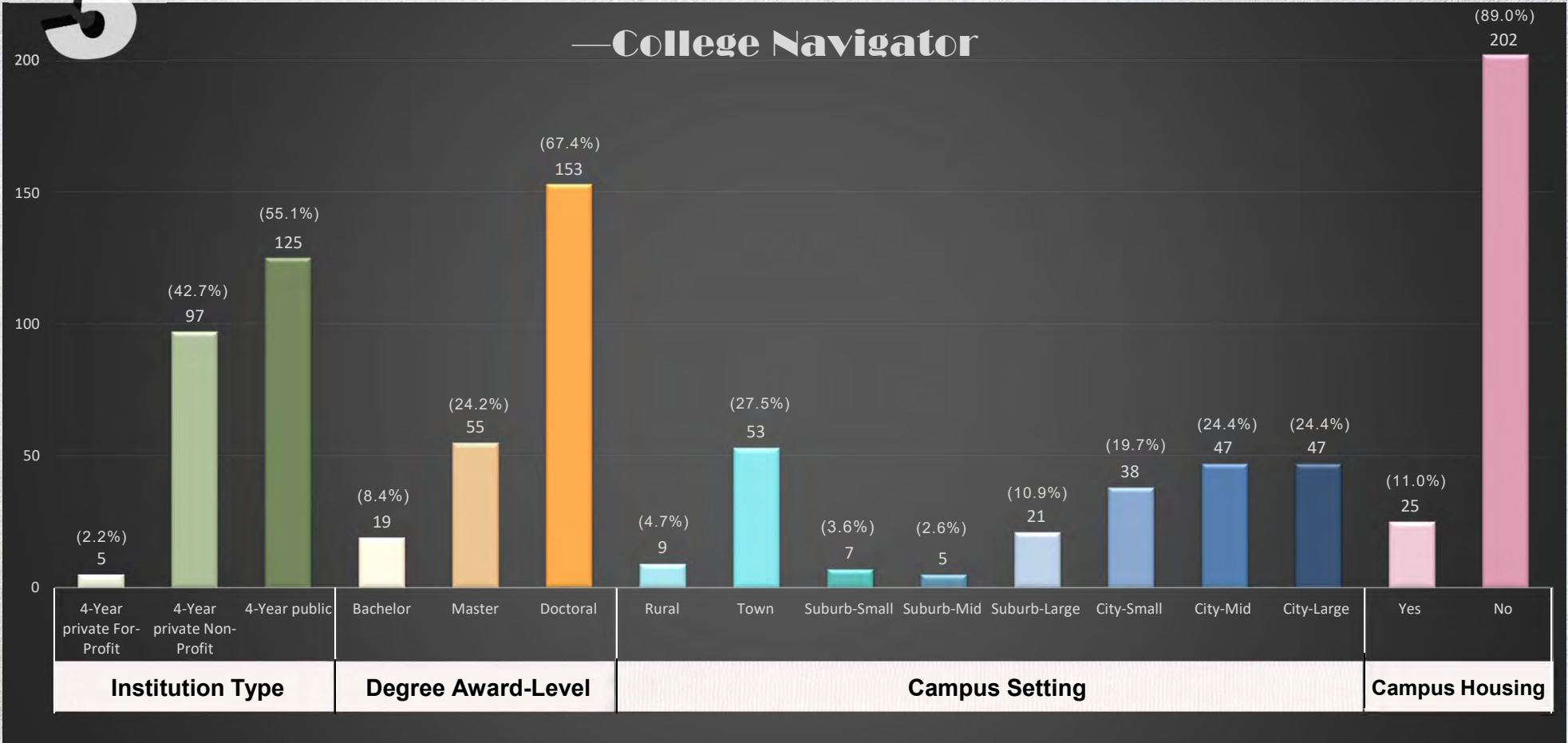
Note — n^* represents the missing values

Stage

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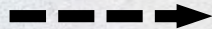
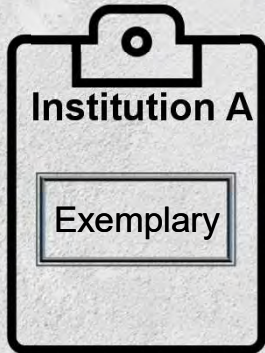
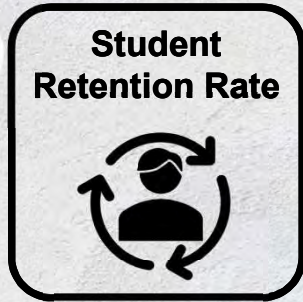
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— College Navigator



Stage

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Table 3

General Linear Model: Student Retention Vs Three Indices

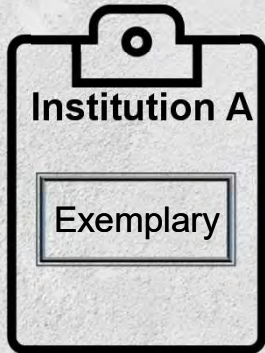
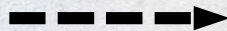
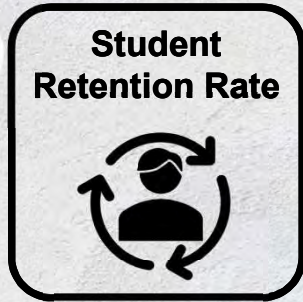
Variable	Degree Freedom	Adj SS	Adj MS	F-Value	P-Value
ALO Percentage	1	0.0028	0.0028	0.22	0.642
Krathwohl's Taxonomic Level	1	0.020	0.020	1.51	0.221
Song's Taxonomic Level	2	0.103	0.052	3.98	0.021

Conclusion:

Student retention rate was significantly impacted by the exemplary ALO assessment practices, but not the other two.

Stage

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Table 4

General Linear Model: Student Retention Vs.

Variable	Degree Freedom	Adj SS	Adj MS	F-Value	P-Value
S/F Ratio	1	0.21	0.21	20.26	0.00
Average Net Price	1	0.12	0.12	11.64	0.00
Campus Setting	2	0.13	0.07	6.55	0.00
State	10	0.21	0.02	2.06	0.03
Song's Taxonomic Level	3	0.08	0.03	2.59	0.05

Table 5

One-Way ANOVA: Song's Taxonomic Level Vs. St. Retention

Variable	Degree Freedom	Contribution	Adj SS	Adj MS	F-Value	P-Value
Song's Taxonomic Level	3	4.72%	0.124	0.041	3.28	0.022

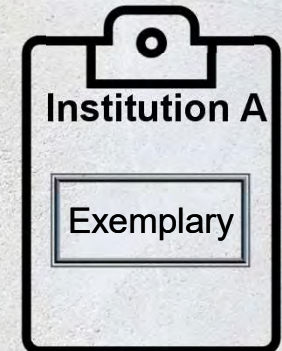
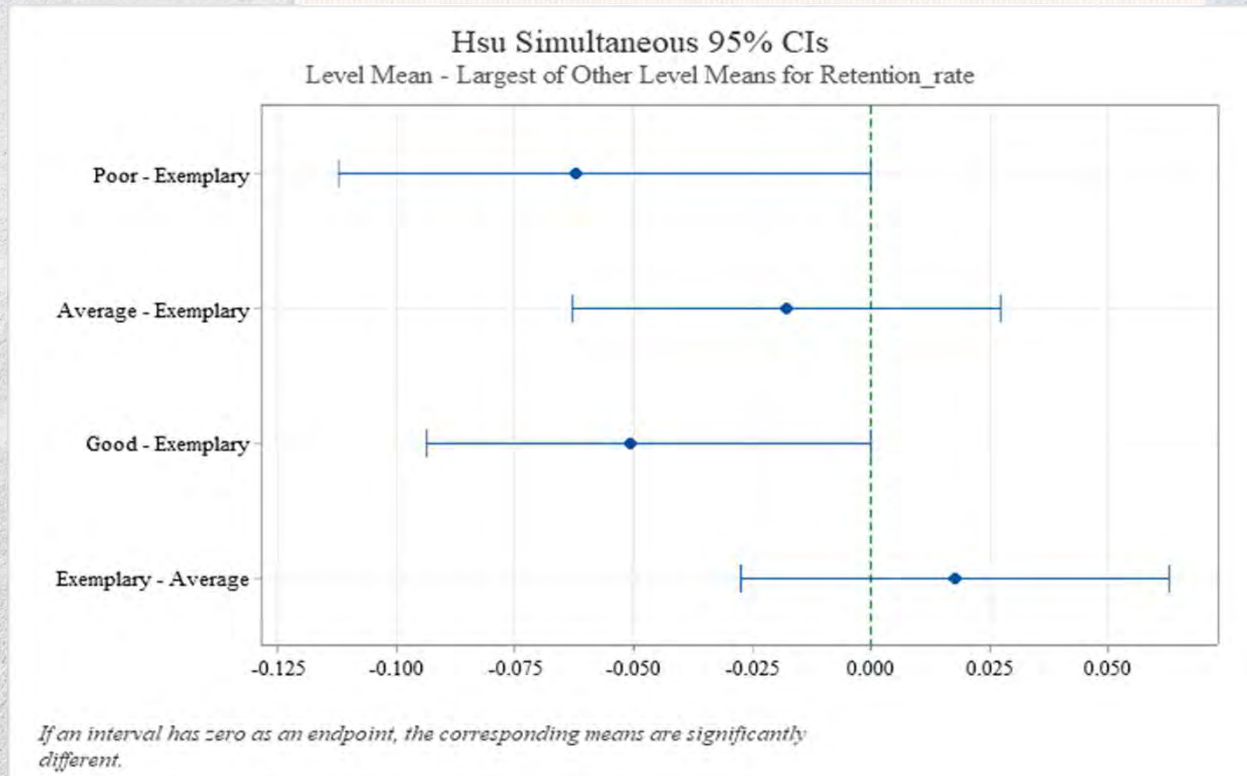
Conclusion:

Student retention rate was still significantly impacted by Song's Taxonomic level alongside four other predictors

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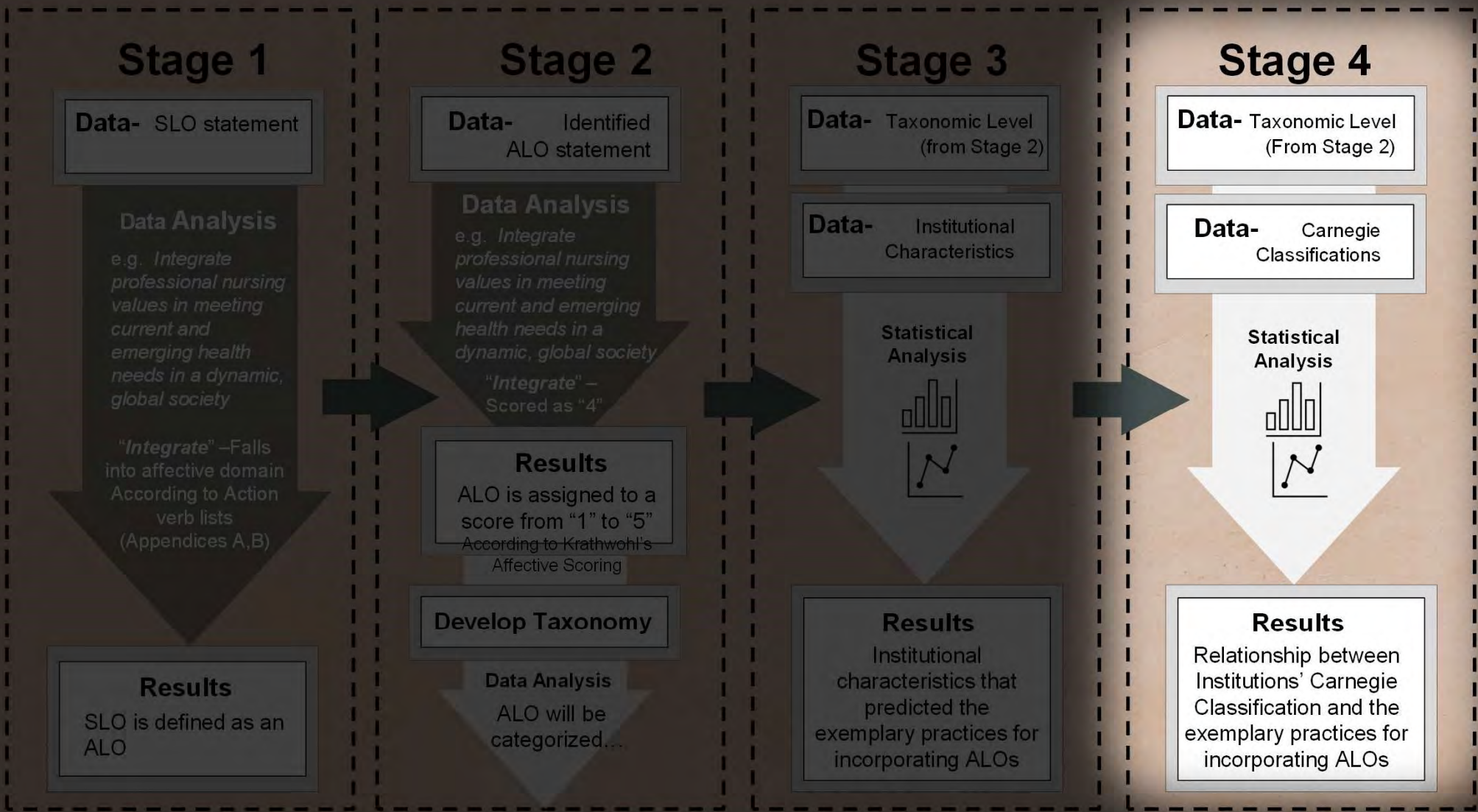
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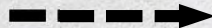


Conclusion:

Poor Vs. Exemplary was the most significant contributor

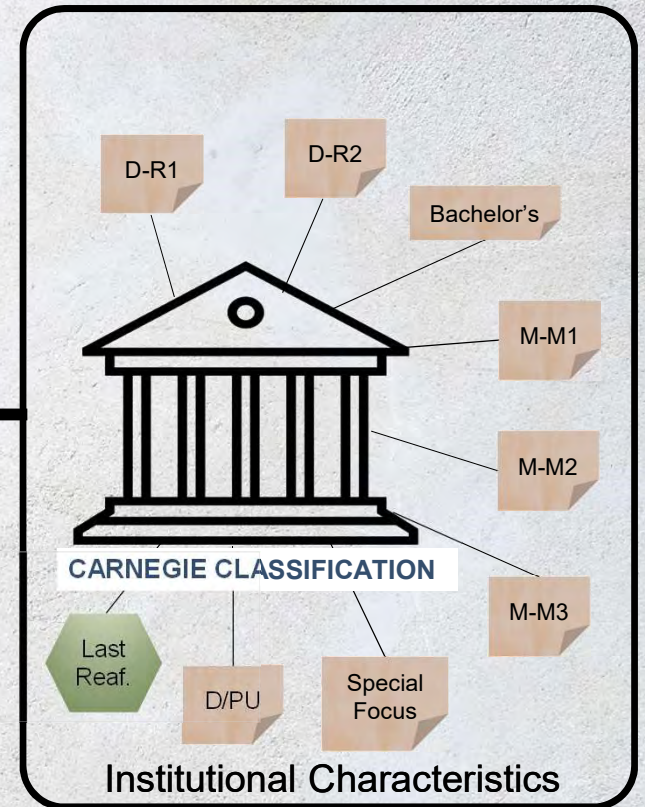
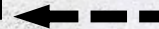


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Quantitative Analysis

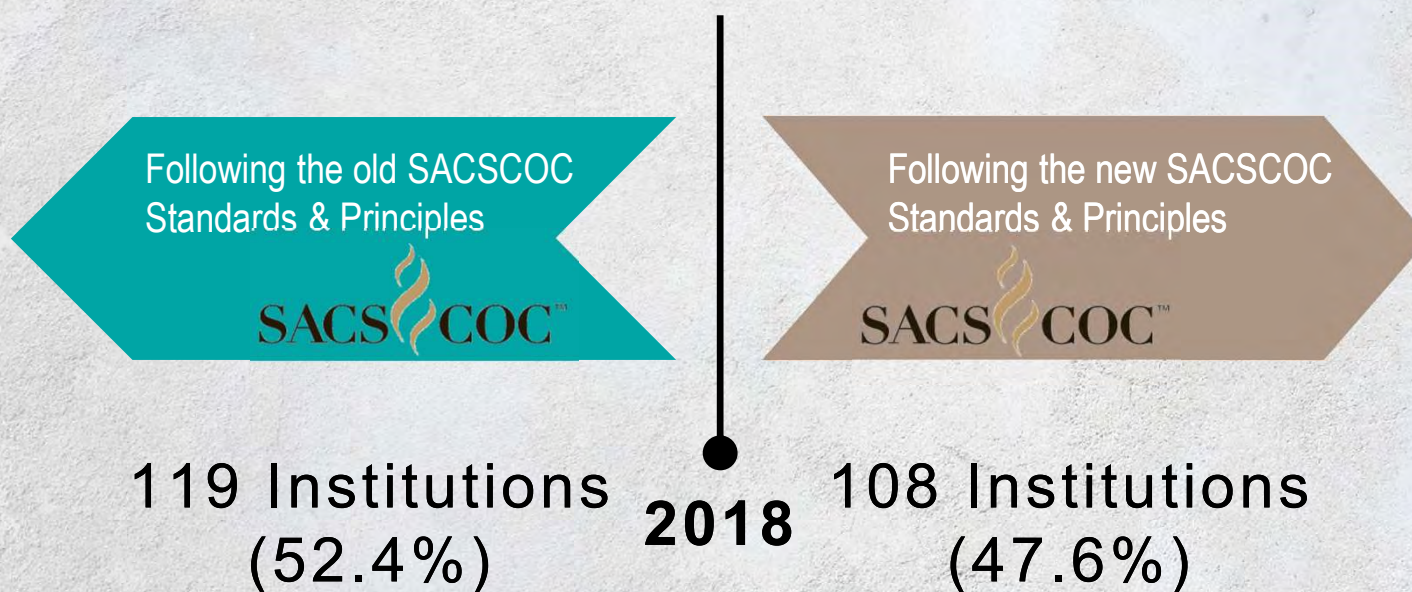
- Chi-square tests
- Logistic Regression test



Stage 4

Institutional Characteristics - III

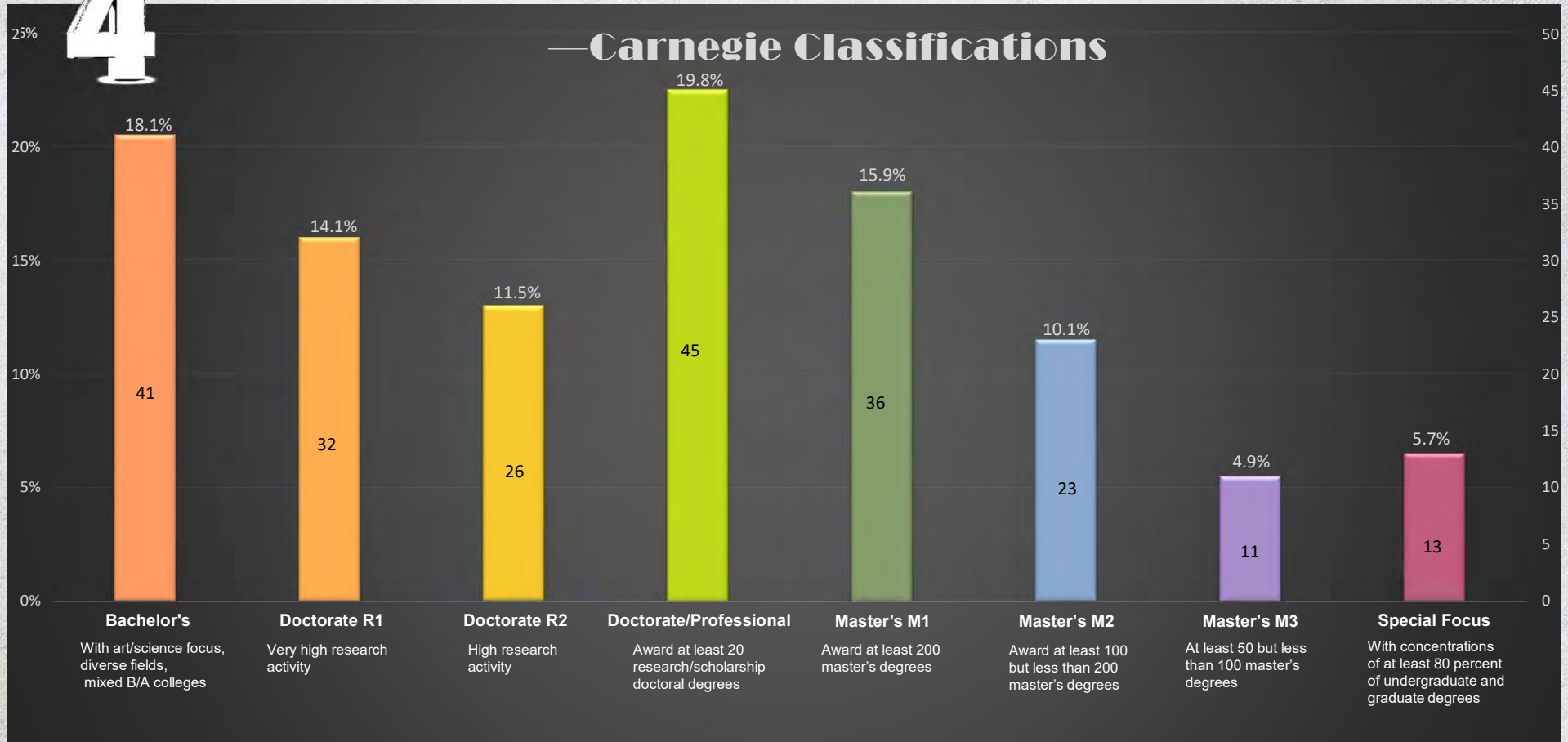
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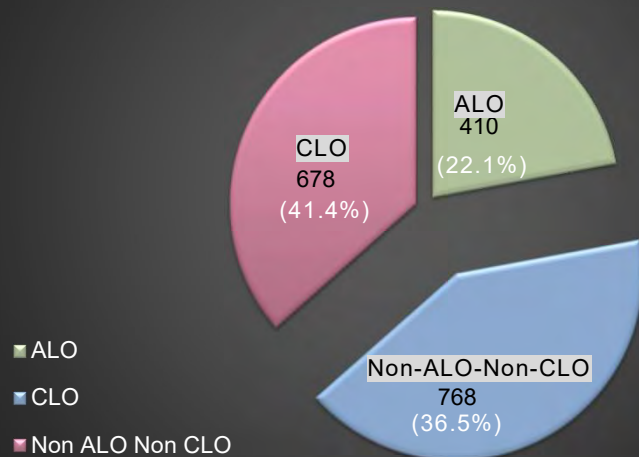
Conclusion:

Nothing was statistically significant in terms of predicting exemplary practice as assessed by Song's Affective Taxonomy

Other Findings

Student Learning Outcomes

N=1,856



Non-ALO-Non-CLO

- Affective action verb leading cognitive contents
e.g., ***Integrate** knowledge and skills in leadership...*
Affective action verb Cognitive content
- SLO with an affective action verb leading cognitive contents
e.g., ***Articulate** the value of lifelong learning ...*
Cognitive action verb Affective content
- SLO contains both affective and cognitive contents
e.g., ***Integrate** knowledge, skills, and values from ...*
Cognitive action verb Cognitive content Affective content
e.g., *communication Management Decision-making*

Conclusion:

Assessment practitioners demonstrated awareness and willingness of implementing ALO assessment yet limited cognitive ability to *distinguish between cognition and affect*.





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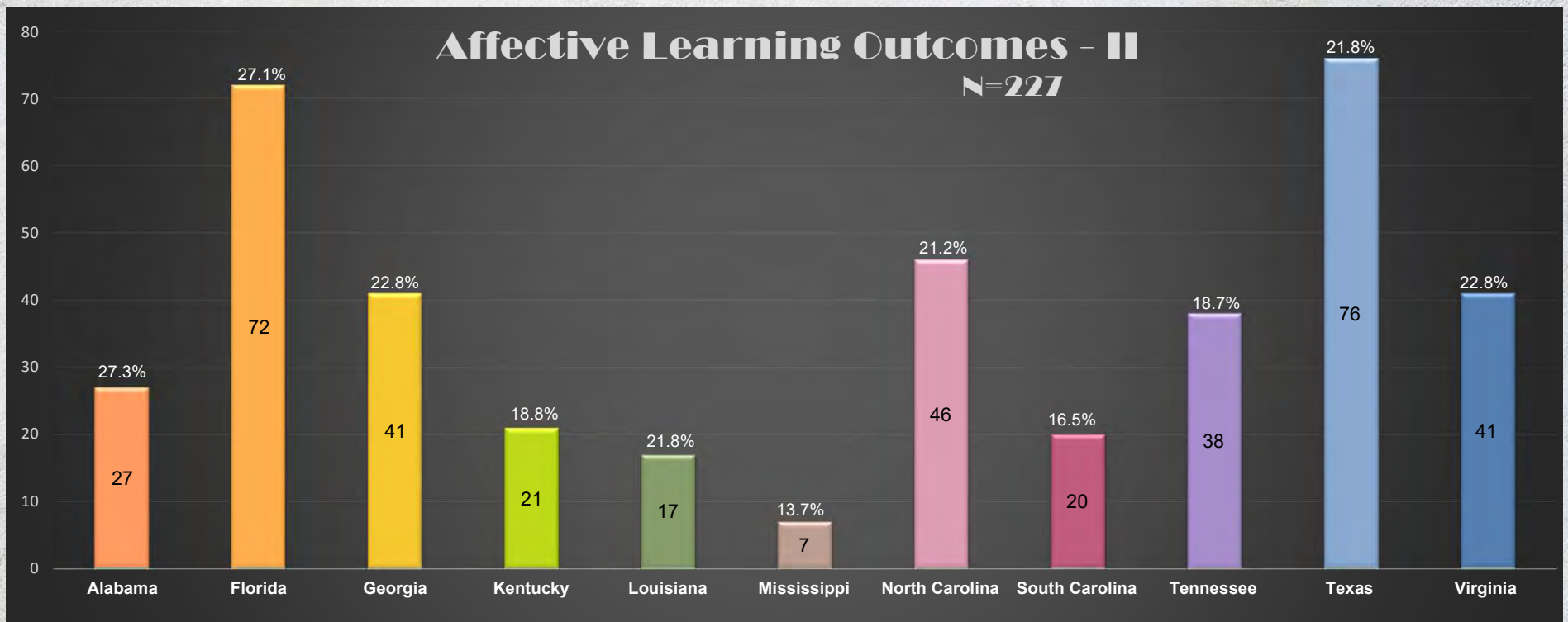


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Conclusion:

22.1 percent of SLOs were ALOs. There was little variation within states across all institutions.

IMPLICATIONS



Implications



Implication 1

Providing definitions for each term as well as sample contents to help programs directors better understand and implement particular essentials.



Implication 2

Providing detailed guidelines that articulate assessment instruments and assessment plans

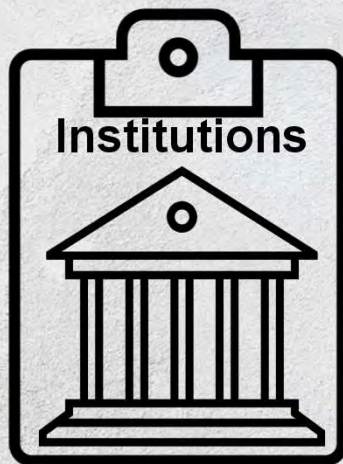


Implication 3

Reinforcing communications with accreditors and educational institutions to obtain opinions, perceptions, and expectations in order to optimize accreditation



Implications



Implication 1

Implementing ALO assessments depend on educational practitioners' efforts instead of being impacted by institutions' reputations and resources



Implication 2

Promoting the focus on affective domain learning and ALO assessment for improving student retention rate



Implication 3

Allocating more resources to improve practitioners' cognitive knowledge and skills focusing on ALO assessment practices



Future Research



Research 1

A qualitative study that obtains perceptions regarding affective domain learning from different perspectives, including accreditation agencies, education institutions, and society at large



Research 2

Studies that focus on ALO assessment practices of programs or institutions accredited by other regional and specialized accreditors



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