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Purdue DRC-ATC & PTC Co-location

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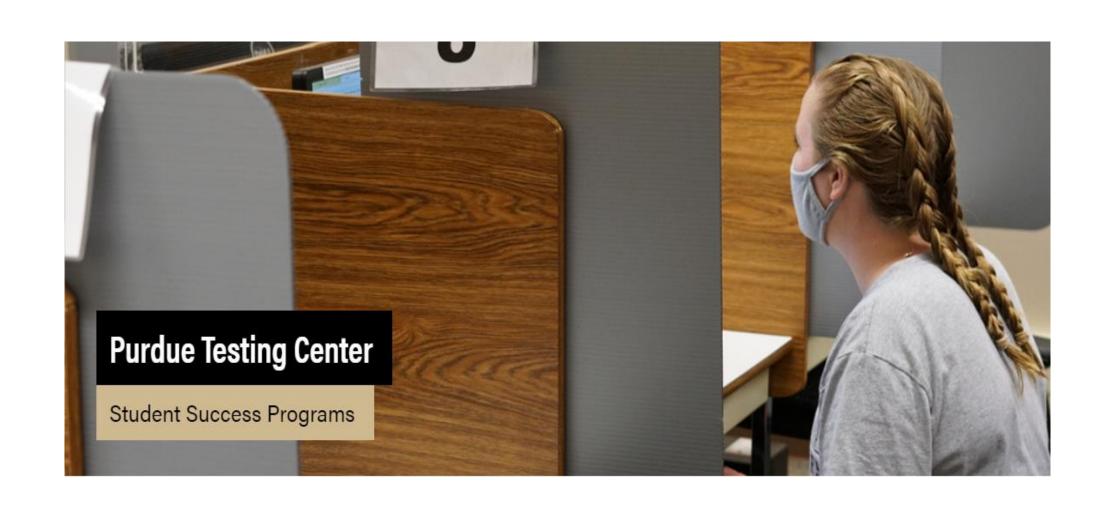
Introduction

The Purdue Student Success Program (PSSP) has requested a group of Industrial Engineers to work on a process improvement project. The project involves two organizations: Purdue Testing Center (PTC) and Disability Resource Center: Accommodated Testing Center (DRC-ATC). The mission of the DRC-ATC is to provide a service to faculty by administering their course-based exams to students who have disability accommodation regarding testing. The mission of the PTC is to help both Purdue students and the surrounding community to be able to take various performance assessments, such as the GRE.

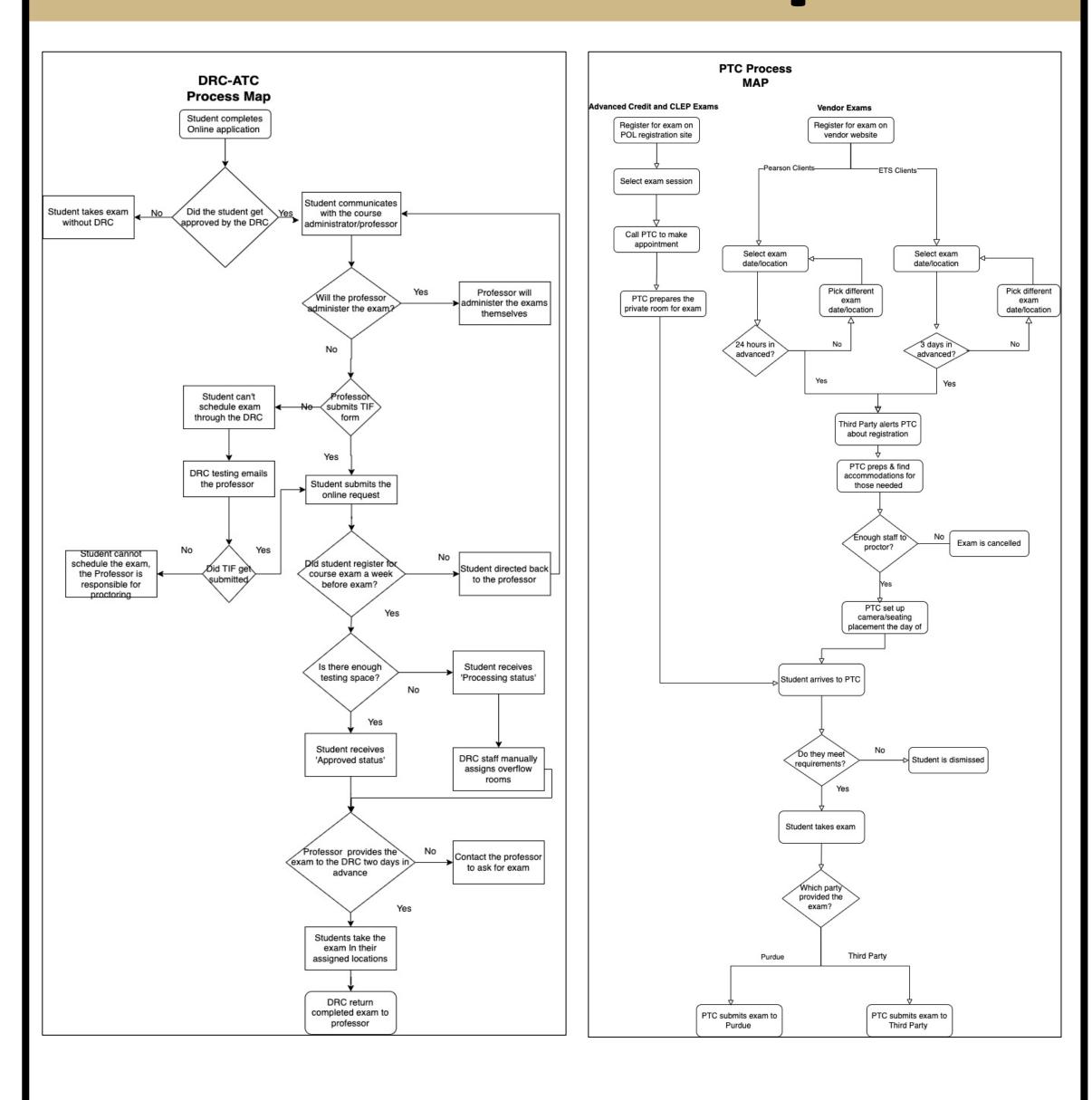


Objectives

The objective of this project is to synchronize the processes of the two centers (DRC-ATC and PTC) while making sure to optimize arrangement of spaces and resources. Additionally, the team took advantage of synergies and highlighted opportunities to consolidate spending and save time. The project does not pertain to other centers of the PSSP (such as the Orientation Program or Purdue Promise). The constraints of the project are the timeline (deadline by the end of the semester), undefined budget (both unknown and no specific amount allocated towards a particular resource), number of current staff members, and space of the facility.



Process Map



To help us understand the processes and identify areas of improvement, we developed process maps to highlight how the DRC-ATC and the PTC distribute the exams from registering students to submitting the completed exams to the correct vendors.

Solutions

Primary/Secondary Roles



Weekly Scheduling Meeting



All-Gender & Inclusive Bathrooms



Cross Training



Signage





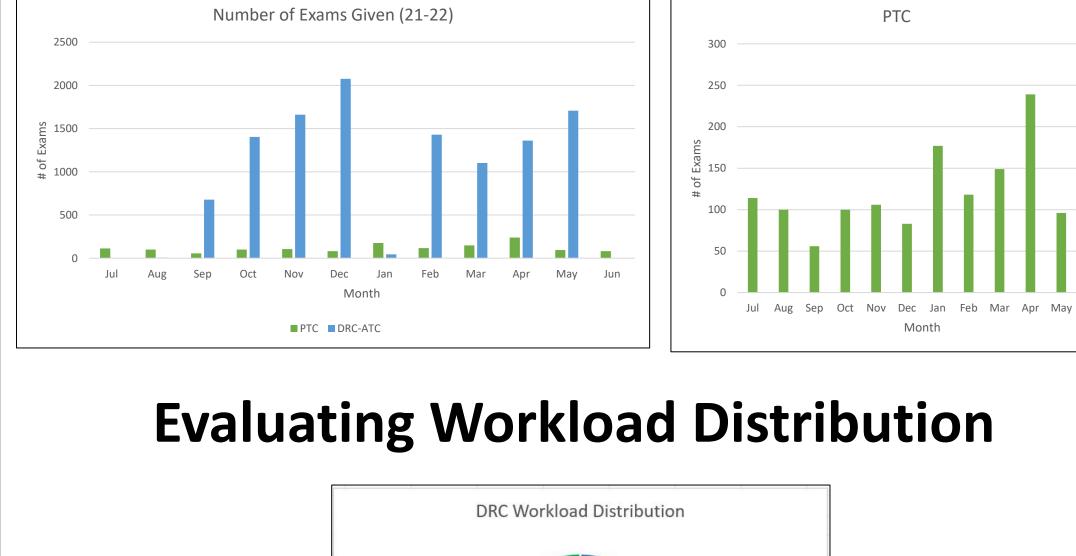
Marketing (©)

Benefits

- Roles clearly defined
- Responsibilities given to proper roles
- Save time from unfair overload
- Mutual understanding on workload
- Optimize workforce to workload needs
- Facilities that can be used for anyone regardless of gender
- Easily accessible for people with various disabilities
 - Gain skills to work for both organizations
 - Can cover each other in the future
 - Stronger understanding and empathy for other organization
 - Help students find their way to center
 - Reduce student time spent lost and anxious
 - Clearly distinct the two organizations
 - Automatically sends reminders
 - Handy for later referral
 - Instant and noninvasive communication
 - Eliminate need to create manual Excel sheet
 - Reduce time for workload
 - Easier to manage the data
 - Increases collocation awareness
 - Advertises services and deadlines

Data Analysis

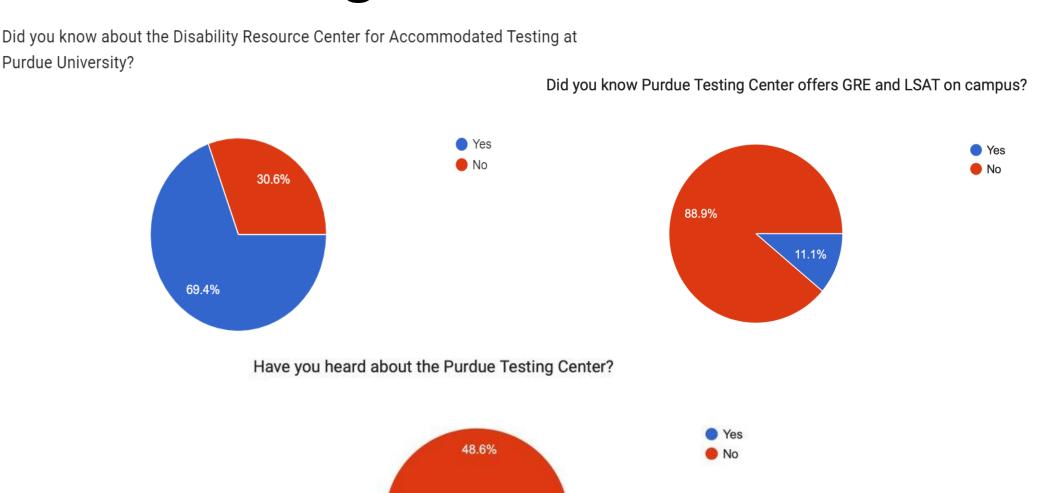
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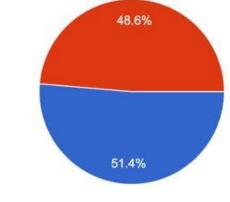


DRC Workload Distribution 17% 67% Admin/Testing Coordinatio Accomodated Testing Coordinator Test Proctor

Student Survey

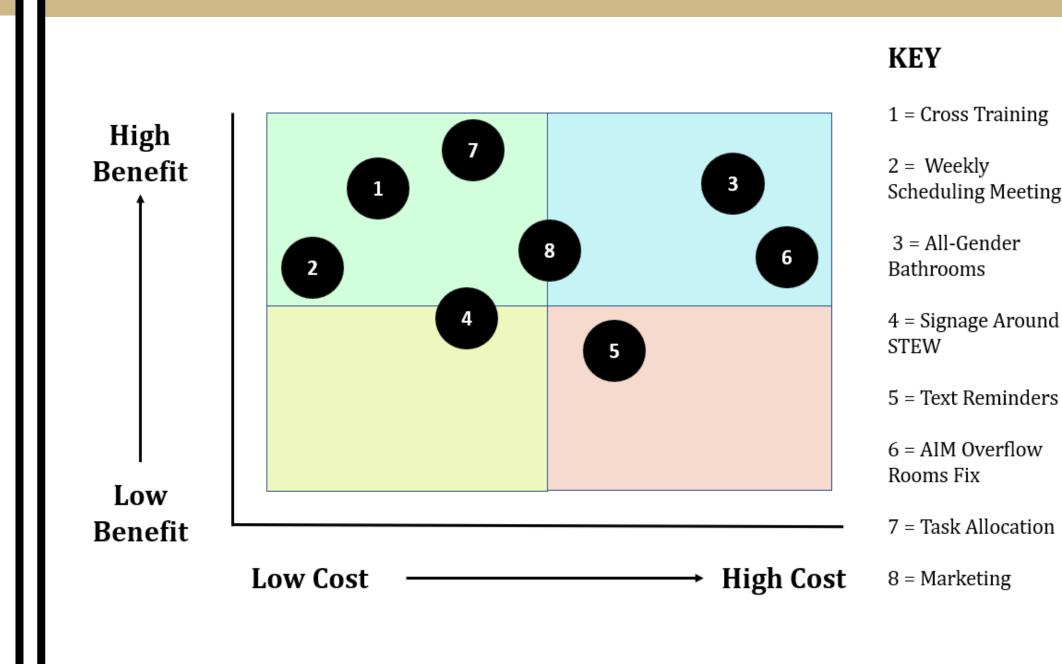
Evaluating Student Awareness





Survey data suggest that many Purdue students are not aware of the Purdue testing centers. This result guided to our marketing solution, as well as adding signs around STEW so more students can learn about the available services of the testing centers.

Conclusion



We were able to develop eight different solutions targeting the opportunities. Some of the highest benefit with the lowest cost include cross training, task allocation, and weekly scheduling meetings. All three of these solutions revolve around the two test centers working with each others to maximize their productivity without having to hire more staff.