

USING AGGREGATE UNIT PRE/POST ASSESSMENT RESULTS ACROSS CLASSROOMS

A Monte Carlo Study Proof of Concept in Program Evaluation

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MATERIALS AND AGENDA

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- c. Findings & Recommendations

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THE DATA SET



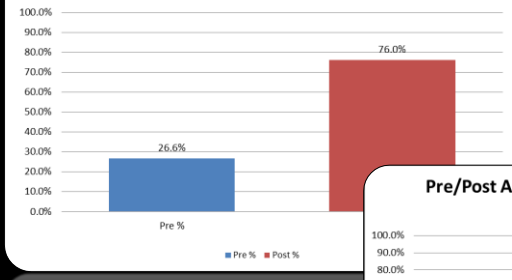
Teacher Work Sample (TWS)

Student Teaching						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Oct 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Pre	TWS Unit				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	TWS Unit				Post	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

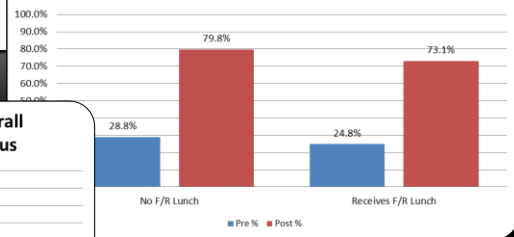
Excel spreadsheet showing TWS GraphMaker 5.1.2_MATH.xlsx. The spreadsheet contains various data entry sections for student information, school demographics, and assessment results. Key sections include: Candidate's Identifying Information, School Demographic Information, Pre/Post Assessment Information, and Student Demographic and Assessment Data. The data is organized into columns for various demographic factors and assessment scores.



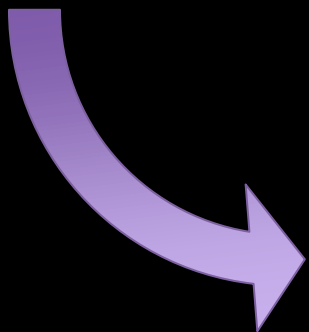
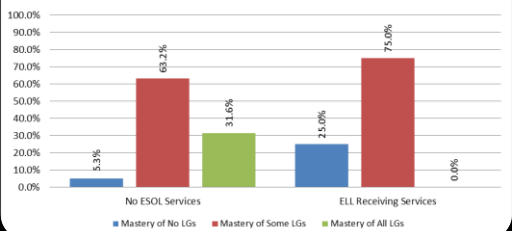
Pre/Post Assessment Averages for All Students



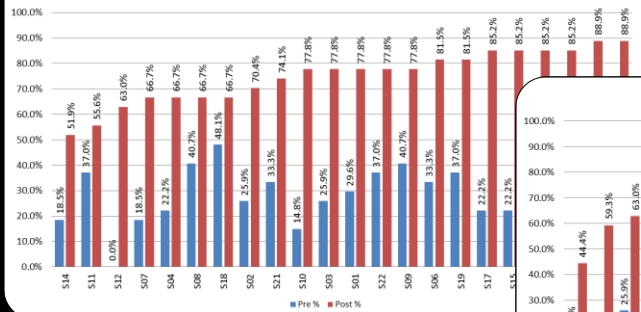
Pre/Post Assessment Averages by Socioeconomic Status



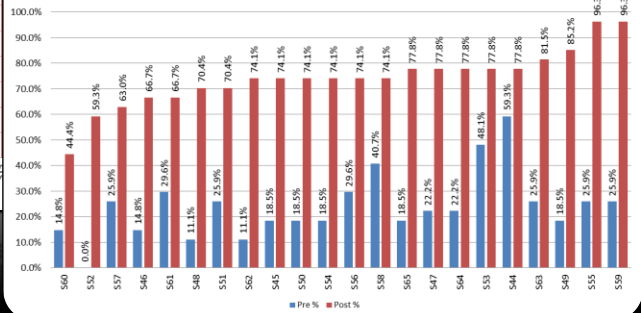
Percent of Students Demonstrating Overall Mastery of Learning Goals by ESOL Status



Pre/Post Assessment Scores for Class 1



Pre/Post Assessment Scores for Class 4



All TWS training materials and resources (including the TWS GraphMaker) are available at <http://education.ucf.edu/clinicaexp/TWS.cfm>

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The screenshot displays the TWS GraphMaker software interface. On the left, there is a 'Candidate Information' form with fields for Name, ID, and other details. Below this is a 'Student Demographic and Assessment Data' section with a table for entering student information. The main area of the interface is a large data table with columns for TCID, Degree, Program, Endorsed, Student, Gender, Ethnicity, LowSES, SWD, EL, Minority, Pre, Post, MeanPre, MeanPost, SchoolMinRate, SchoolLowSESRate, SchoolELLRate, SchoolSWDRate, SchoolSize, and var. The table contains 37 rows of data, representing different students and their performance metrics. The interface also includes a menu bar at the top with options like File, Edit, View, Data, Transform, Analyze, Direct Marketing, Graphs, Utilities, Add-ons, Window, and Help. A status bar at the bottom indicates 'Data View' and 'Variable View'.

TCID	Degree	Program	Endorsed	Student	Gender	Ethnicity	LowSES	SWD	EL	Minority	Pre	Post	MeanPre	MeanPost	SchoolMinRate	SchoolLowSESRate	SchoolELLRate	SchoolSWDRate	SchoolSize	var
1	TC001	0	2	1 S00015	0	4	0	0	0	0	20.0	28.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
2	TC001	0	2	1 S00016	0	4	0	0	0	0	48.0	28.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
3	TC001	0	2	1 S00017	1	4	0	0	0	0	32.0	40.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
4	TC001	0	2	1 S00018	0	1	0	0	0	1	.0	46.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
5	TC001	0	2	1 S00019	0	4	0	0	0	0	16.0	56.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
6	TC001	0	2	1 S00020	0	4	0	1	0	0	24.0	56.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
7	TC001	0	2	1 S00021	1	4	0	0	0	0	24.0	68.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
8	TC001	0	2	1 S00022	1	3	0	0	0	1	44.0	72.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
9	TC001	0	2	1 S00023	0	3	0	0	0	1	48.0	72.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
10	TC001	0	2	1 S00024	1	4	0	0	0	0	84.0	72.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
11	TC001	0	2	1 S00025	1	4	1	0	0	0	40.0	76.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
12	TC001	0	2	1 S00026	1	4	0	0	0	0	36.0	80.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
13	TC001	0	2	1 S00027	1	4	0	0	0	0	.0	84.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
14	TC001	0	2	1 S00028	1	4	0	0	0	0	56.0	84.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
15	TC001	0	2	1 S00029	1	4	0	1	0	0	58.0	88.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
16	TC001	0	2	1 S00030	1	4	0	0	0	0	32.0	100.0	35.1	65.8	240	.130	.010	.170	639	.
17	TC002	0	2	1 S00031	0	4	0	0	0	0	6.7	80.0	45.8	94.6	239	.130	.010	.173	.	.
18	TC002	0	2	1 S00032	0	4	1	0	0	0	.0	86.7	45.8	94.6	239	.130	.010	.173	.	.
19	TC002	0	2	1 S00033	0	4	0	0	0	0	26.7	86.7	45.8	94.6	239	.130	.010	.173	.	.
20	TC002	0	2	1 S00034	1	2	0	0	0	1	53.3	86.7	45.8	94.6	239	.130	.010	.173	.	.
21	TC002	0	2	1 S00035	1	2	1	0	0	1	6.7	93.3	45.8	94.6	239	.130	.010	.173	.	.
22	TC002	0	2	1 S00036	1	2	1	0	0	1	13.3	93.3	45.8	94.6	239	.130	.010	.173	.	.
23	TC002	0	2	1 S00037	1	4	0	0	0	0	33.3	93.3	45.8	94.6	239	.130	.010	.173		

QUITE THE DATA SET, BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT?

Data Set has Many Useful Qualities:

- TWS completed by all teacher candidates (TCs) in all programs
- Contains anonymized demographic data on K-12 learners (*level-1 units*)
 - Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Low SES, Disability, and English Learner status
- Contains TC (*level-2 units*) data on program and degree level
- Annually, ≈ 500 TCs teach ≈ 15,000 K-12 students in student teaching

Many Potential Problems:

- Teacher Candidates teach different content for their TWS Unit
- Each classroom uses different assessments to measure learning
- Different instruments will have different psychometric properties
- Teacher-made tests tend to show great variation in quality

QUITE THE DATA SET, BUT WHAT GOOD IS IT?

During the year analyzed,
compiled TWS GraphMaker data contained
anonymized data for **$n = 14,613$ K-12 students**
taught by **$n = 498$ teacher candidates**.

THE MONTE CARLO SIMULATION



ASSUMPTIONS OF SIMULATION

- Tests vary in content and domain
- Teachers select (or develop) tests aligned w/ intent to teach
- Teachers give identical (or parallel) pre and post-tests
- Teachers use tests of varying quality
- Scores follow Classical Test Theory:
 $X = T + E$
- Floor/ceiling effects apply to scores;
($X = 0|T < 0$) and ($X = 100|T > 100$)
- E has random (E_r) and systematic (E_s) components ($E = E_s + E_r$)
- Within clusters, $\bar{E} = E_s$ and $\sigma_E = E_r$
- Some tests are too easy ($E_s > 0$), others too challenging ($E_s < 0$)
- Some have a lot of E_r (i.e., σ_E is very large), others are more reliable
- E is approximately normally distributed across tests ($\bar{E}_s = 0$)
- Cannot compare clusters to clusters

RESEARCH QUESTIONS / OBJECTIVES

- How does the use of different tests, with E that varies by test and by student, affect the Type I & Type II error, and bias when estimating...
 - Level-1 fixed effects?
 - Level-2 fixed effects?
 - Cross-level interaction effects?
- Develop sample-size guidelines for TWS GraphMaker data, or data which exhibits similar properties, when estimating...
 - Level-1 fixed effects
 - Level-2 fixed effects
 - Cross-level interaction effects

MONTE CARLO SIMULATION

- Developed simulation in **SAS® Studio 3.6 (Enterprise Edition)**
- Simulation runs had $n = 10, 25, 50, 100$, or **200** Teacher Candidates
- Simulation runs had mean class sizes of $n = 15, n = 25$, or $n = 30$ students
- Generated student demographics to reflect observed data (*including co-occurrence*)

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IF StNum <= NumELs THEN DO;
  EL = 1;
  Minority = RAND('BINOMIAL',0.9293,1);
  IF Minority = 1 THEN DO;
    LowSES = RAND('BINOMIAL',0.7417,1);
    IF LowSES = 1 THEN SWD=RAND('BINOMIAL',0.1835,1);
    ELSE SWD = RAND('BINOMIAL',0.1550,1); END;
  ELSE DO;
    LowSES = RAND('BINOMIAL',0.3421,1);
    IF LowSES = 1 THEN SWD = RAND('BINOMIAL',0.1154,1);
    ELSE SWD = RAND('BINOMIAL',0.1400,1); END; END;
ELSE DO;
  EL=0;
  Minority = RAND('BINOMIAL',0.4935,1);
  IF Minority = 1 THEN DO;
    LowSES = RAND('BINOMIAL',0.6104,1);
    IF LowSES = 1 THEN SWD = RAND('BINOMIAL',0.1400,1);
    ELSE SWD = RAND('BINOMIAL',0.0952,1); END;
  ELSE DO;
    LowSES=RAND('BINOMIAL',0.3080,1);
    IF LowSES=1 THEN SWD=RAND('BINOMIAL',0.1799,1);
    ELSE SWD=RAND('BINOMIAL',0.1059,1); END; END;
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MONTE CARLO SIMULATION

Pre-test scores generated such that:

$$Pre_{ij} = \gamma_{0j} + \beta_1 Minority_{ij} + \beta_2 LowSES_{ij} + \beta_3 SWD_{ij} + \beta_4 EL_{ij} + E_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij}$$

Where

- γ_{0j} is $\sim N(45.5, 17)$
- β_1 is $\sim N(-1.9064, 0.5138)$
- β_2 is $\sim N(-4.1273, 0.5290)$
- β_3 is $\sim N(-5.5083, 0.6837)$
- β_4 is $\sim N(-4.7077, 0.6677)$
- E_{ij} is $\sim N(E_{sj}, E_{rj})$ where
 - E_{sj} is $\sim N(0, 0.5—5.5)$
 - E_{rj} is $\sim N(0.5—3.0, 0—1)$

MONTE CARLO SIMULATION

Post-test scores generated such that:

$$\begin{aligned} Post_{ij} &= \gamma_{0j} + \beta_0 Pre_{ij} + \beta_1 Minority_{ij} + \beta_2 LowSES_{ij} + \beta_3 SWD_{ij} + \beta_4 EL_{ij} \\ &+ \gamma_{1j} Group_{ij} + \beta_5 EL_{ij}(Group_{ij}) + E_{ij} + \varepsilon_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Where

- $\beta_4 EL_{ij}$ is the level-1 effect of interest
- $\gamma_{1j} Group_{ij}$ is the level-2 effect of interest
- $\beta_5 EL_{ij}(Group_{ij})$ is the cross-level interaction effect

SIMULATION REPLICATIONS

Variable	Conditions							
Number of TCs	10	25	50	100	200	← These 15 combinations were run 250 times for each effect size condition below (for 90,000 total runs)		
Students per TC	15	25	30					
$\beta_4 EL_{ij}$	$d = 0.010$ (0.182)	$d = 0.025$ (0.455)	$d = 0.050$ (0.909)	$d = 0.100$ (1.819)	$d = 0.200$ (3.637)	$d = 0.300$ (5.456)	$d = 0.400$ (7.275)	$d = 0.500$ (9.094)
$\gamma_{1j} Group_{ij}$	$d = 0.010$ (0.179)	$d = 0.025$ (0.448)	$d = 0.050$ (0.897)	$d = 0.100$ (1.793)	$d = 0.200$ (3.586)	$d = 0.300$ (5.380)	$d = 0.400$ (7.173)	$d = 0.500$ (8.966)
$\beta_5 EL_{ij}(Group_{ij})$	$d = 0.010$ (0.182)	$d = 0.025$ (0.456)	$d = 0.050$ (0.912)	$d = 0.100$ (1.824)	$d = 0.200$ (3.649)	$d = 0.300$ (5.473)	$d = 0.400$ (7.298)	$d = 0.500$ (9.122)

TYPE I ERROR RATES

Level-1 Fixed Effects TCs (Lvl-2)	Class Size			
	15	25	30	Total
10	0.048	0.046	0.070	0.055
25	0.054	0.052	0.058	0.055
50	0.050	0.046	0.070	0.055
100	0.050	0.038	0.062	0.050
200	0.048	0.054	0.072	0.058
Total	0.050	0.047	0.066	0.055

TYPE I ERROR RATES

Level-2 Fixed Effects TCs (Lvl-2)	Class Size			
	15	25	30	Total
10	0.044	0.056	0.054	0.051
25	0.058	0.032	0.064	0.051
50	0.052	0.040	0.056	0.049
100	0.048	0.050	0.044	0.047
200	0.056	0.048	0.044	0.049
Total	0.052	0.045	0.052	0.050

TYPE I ERROR RATES

Cross-Level Interaction TCs (Lvl-2)	Class Size			
	15	25	30	Total
10	0.066	0.058	0.048	0.057
25	0.062	0.048	0.076	0.062
50	0.062	0.072	0.080	0.071
100	0.052	0.048	0.064	0.055
200	0.054	0.052	0.082	0.063
Total	0.059	0.056	0.070	0.062

TYPE II ERROR RATES

TCs (Lvl-2)	$d = 0.010$	$d = 0.025$	$d = 0.050$	$d = 0.100$	$d = 0.200$	$d = 0.300$	$d = 0.400$	$d = 0.500$	
Class Size	-0.182	-0.455	-0.909	-1.819	-3.637	-5.456	-7.275	-9.094	Total
10									
15	0.960	0.920	0.864	0.680	0.272	0.056	0.008	0.004	0.471
25	0.912	0.912	0.892	0.596	0.164	0.020	—	—	0.437
30	0.940	0.912	0.792	0.540	0.068	0.012	—	0.004	0.409
10 Total	0.937	0.915	0.849	0.605	0.168	0.029	0.003	0.003	0.439
25									
15	0.912	0.856	0.792	0.444	0.044	—	—	—	0.381
25	0.940	0.876	0.720	0.276	0.012	—	—	—	0.353
30	0.944	0.860	0.648	0.196	0.008	—	—	—	0.332
25 Total	0.932	0.864	0.720	0.305	0.021	—	—	—	0.355
50									
15	0.916	0.868	0.680	0.176	—	—	—	—	0.330
25	0.912	0.768	0.512	0.108	0.004	—	—	—	0.288
30	0.900	0.812	0.456	0.036	—	—	—	—	0.276
50 Total	0.909	0.816	0.549	0.107	0.001	—	—	—	0.298
100									
15	0.900	0.760	0.368	0.040	—	—	—	—	0.259
25	0.904	0.612	0.224	0.008	—	—	—	—	0.219
30	0.884	0.616	0.164	0.012	—	—	—	—	0.210
100 Total	0.896	0.663	0.252	0.020	—	—	—	—	0.229
200									
15	0.900	0.596	0.132	—	—	—	—	—	0.204
25	0.756	0.416	0.084	—	—	—	—	—	0.157
30	0.760	0.356	0.048	—	—	—	—	—	0.146
200 Total	0.805	0.456	0.088	—	—	—	—	—	0.169
Grand Total	0.896	0.743	0.492	0.207	0.038	0.006	0.001	0.001	0.298

**Level-1
Fixed Effect**

TYPE II ERROR RATES

TCs (Lvl-2)	$d = 0.010$	$d = 0.025$	$d = 0.050$	$d = 0.100$	$d = 0.200$	$d = 0.300$	$d = 0.400$	$d = 0.500$	
Class Size	0.179	0.448	0.897	1.793	3.586	5.38	7.173	8.966	Total
10									
15	0.932	0.948	0.960	0.944	0.908	0.880	0.860	0.764	0.900
25	0.932	0.920	0.964	0.952	0.928	0.892	0.816	0.744	0.894
30	0.956	0.948	0.920	0.964	0.912	0.860	0.812	0.756	0.891
10 Total	0.940	0.939	0.948	0.953	0.916	0.877	0.829	0.755	0.895
25									
15	0.940	0.952	0.948	0.948	0.864	0.760	0.544	0.356	0.789
25	0.924	0.928	0.948	0.928	0.848	0.736	0.516	0.416	0.781
30	0.944	0.952	0.948	0.908	0.836	0.776	0.580	0.392	0.792
25 Total	0.936	0.944	0.948	0.928	0.849	0.757	0.547	0.388	0.787
50									
15	0.968	0.928	0.912	0.876	0.728	0.588	0.260	0.112	0.672
25	0.956	0.988	0.960	0.928	0.784	0.532	0.268	0.128	0.693
30	0.952	0.964	0.920	0.872	0.712	0.504	0.284	0.152	0.670
50 Total	0.959	0.960	0.931	0.892	0.741	0.541	0.271	0.131	0.678
100									
15	0.944	0.956	0.952	0.808	0.552	0.188	0.092	0.004	0.562
25	0.940	0.944	0.928	0.820	0.584	0.280	0.044	0.008	0.569
30	0.924	0.972	0.920	0.840	0.520	0.248	0.012	0.004	0.555
100 Total	0.936	0.957	0.933	0.823	0.552	0.239	0.049	0.005	0.562
200									
15	0.956	0.944	0.892	0.704	0.280	0.020	—	—	0.475
25	0.944	0.936	0.884	0.780	0.240	0.036	—	—	0.478
30	0.928	0.944	0.908	0.688	0.280	0.032	0.008	—	0.474
200 Total	0.943	0.941	0.895	0.724	0.267	0.029	0.003	—	0.475
Grand Total	0.943	0.948	0.931	0.864	0.665	0.489	0.340	0.256	0.679

**Level-2
Fixed Effect**

TYPE II ERROR RATES

TCs (Lvl-2)	$d = 0.010$	$d = 0.025$	$d = 0.050$	$d = 0.100$	$d = 0.200$	$d = 0.300$	$d = 0.400$	$d = 0.500$	
Class Size	0.182	0.456	0.912	1.824	3.649	5.473	7.298	9.122	Total
10									
15	0.920	0.948	0.844	0.832	0.580	0.184	0.076	0.036	0.553
25	0.916	0.916	0.868	0.740	0.328	0.108	0.052	0.012	0.493
30	0.916	0.936	0.876	0.744	0.320	0.128	0.020	0.004	0.493
10 Total	0.917	0.933	0.863	0.772	0.409	0.140	0.049	0.017	0.513
25									
15	0.936	0.936	0.864	0.692	0.164	0.032	0.008	—	0.454
25	0.908	0.892	0.808	0.456	0.080	0.004	—	—	0.394
30	0.900	0.844	0.776	0.456	0.044	0.016	—	—	0.380
25 Total	0.915	0.891	0.816	0.535	0.096	0.017	0.003	—	0.409
50									
15	0.932	0.872	0.812	0.392	0.032	—	—	—	0.380
25	0.916	0.868	0.652	0.216	0.012	—	—	—	0.333
30	0.880	0.844	0.576	0.160	0.016	—	—	—	0.310
50 Total	0.909	0.861	0.680	0.256	0.020	—	—	—	0.341
100									
15	0.916	0.852	0.600	0.136	—	—	—	—	0.313
25	0.864	0.740	0.452	0.072	—	—	—	—	0.266
30	0.816	0.664	0.388	0.036	0.004	—	—	—	0.239
100 Total	0.865	0.752	0.480	0.081	0.001	—	—	—	0.273
200									
15	0.884	0.680	0.348	0.020	—	—	—	—	0.242
25	0.820	0.556	0.212	0.012	—	—	—	—	0.200
30	0.796	0.536	0.176	0.004	—	—	—	—	0.189
200 Total	0.833	0.591	0.245	0.012	—	—	—	—	0.210
Grand Total	0.888	0.806	0.617	0.331	0.105	0.031	0.010	0.003	0.349

Cross-Level Interaction

MAGNITUDE OF PARAMETER BIAS

TCs (Lvl-2)	$d = 0.010$	$d = 0.025$	$d = 0.050$	$d = 0.100$	$d = 0.200$	$d = 0.300$	$d = 0.400$	$d = 0.500$	
Class Size	-0.182	-0.455	-0.909	-1.819	-3.637	-5.456	-7.275	-9.094	Total
10									
15	1.010	1.132	1.092	1.052	1.168	1.121	1.107	1.247	0.471
25	0.922	0.994	0.955	0.961	0.944	0.980	0.960	1.036	0.437
30	0.827	0.854	0.862	0.850	0.853	0.842	0.946	0.979	0.409
10 Total	0.920	0.993	0.970	0.954	0.989	0.981	1.004	1.087	0.439
25									
15	0.750	0.788	0.641	0.729	0.702	0.678	0.717	0.753	0.381
25	0.570	0.563	0.626	0.627	0.582	0.569	0.617	0.604	0.353
30	0.564	0.536	0.575	0.497	0.520	0.603	0.560	0.584	0.332
25 Total	0.628	0.629	0.614	0.618	0.601	0.617	0.631	0.647	0.355
50									
15	0.534	0.500	0.465	0.504	0.495	0.488	0.520	0.554	0.330
25	0.385	0.436	0.391	0.432	0.408	0.429	0.430	0.421	0.288
30	0.376	0.346	0.376	0.384	0.398	0.386	0.423	0.432	0.276
50 Total	0.432	0.427	0.411	0.440	0.434	0.434	0.458	0.469	0.298
100									
15	0.356	0.360	0.347	0.352	0.416	0.345	0.400	0.394	0.259
25	0.261	0.286	0.286	0.296	0.281	0.334	0.328	0.323	0.219
30	0.263	0.264	0.243	0.270	0.258	0.242	0.278	0.293	0.210
100 Total	0.293	0.303	0.292	0.306	0.318	0.307	0.335	0.337	0.229
200									
15	0.244	0.251	0.242	0.258	0.248	0.252	0.268	0.260	0.204
25	0.213	0.202	0.200	0.191	0.220	0.200	0.215	0.237	0.157
30	0.195	0.203	0.186	0.194	0.181	0.202	0.210	0.201	0.146
200 Total	0.217	0.218	0.209	0.214	0.216	0.218	0.231	0.233	0.169
Grand Total	0.498	0.514	0.499	0.506	0.512	0.511	0.532	0.555	0.298

**Level-1
Fixed Effect**

MAGNITUDE OF PARAMETER BIAS

TCs (Lvl-2)	$d = 0.010$	$d = 0.025$	$d = 0.050$	$d = 0.100$	$d = 0.200$	$d = 0.300$	$d = 0.400$	$d = 0.500$	
Class Size	0.179	0.448	0.897	1.793	3.586	5.38	7.173	8.966	Total
10									
15	4.529	4.557	4.502	4.543	4.813	4.049	4.399	4.477	4.484
25	5.155	5.055	4.564	4.478	4.445	4.749	4.455	4.582	4.685
30	4.629	4.416	4.885	4.232	5.129	4.842	4.303	4.502	4.617
10 Total	4.771	4.676	4.650	4.417	4.796	4.547	4.386	4.520	4.596
25									
15	3.013	2.866	2.875	3.059	2.884	2.776	3.005	2.840	2.915
25	3.102	3.088	3.063	2.935	2.801	2.941	2.991	3.017	2.992
30	3.071	2.942	3.109	3.069	3.024	2.787	3.012	2.897	2.989
25 Total	3.062	2.965	3.016	3.021	2.903	2.835	3.003	2.918	2.965
50									
15	1.952	2.144	2.109	2.302	2.048	1.999	1.974	1.921	2.056
25	2.079	1.717	1.944	1.942	2.084	2.220	1.961	2.163	2.014
30	2.041	1.982	2.095	2.151	2.172	1.892	2.187	2.266	2.098
50 Total	2.024	1.948	2.049	2.132	2.102	2.037	2.041	2.117	2.056
100									
15	1.514	1.440	1.393	1.604	1.458	1.451	1.705	1.612	1.522
25	1.568	1.488	1.485	1.548	1.392	1.631	1.541	1.452	1.513
30	1.531	1.300	1.485	1.468	1.453	1.534	1.450	1.707	1.491
100 Total	1.538	1.409	1.454	1.540	1.434	1.539	1.565	1.591	1.509
200									
15	1.026	1.057	1.051	1.074	1.046	1.086	1.038	1.174	1.069
25	1.022	1.087	1.088	0.989	1.009	1.125	1.119	1.241	1.085
30	1.078	1.114	1.052	1.091	1.117	1.088	1.196	1.265	1.125
200 Total	1.042	1.086	1.064	1.051	1.057	1.100	1.118	1.227	1.093
Grand Total	2.487	2.417	2.447	2.432	2.458	2.411	2.422	2.474	2.444

**Level-2
Fixed Effect**

MAGNITUDE OF PARAMETER BIAS

TCs (Lvl-2)	$d = 0.010$	$d = 0.025$	$d = 0.050$	$d = 0.100$	$d = 0.200$	$d = 0.300$	$d = 0.400$	$d = 0.500$	
Class Size	0.182	0.456	0.912	1.824	3.649	5.473	7.298	9.122	Total
10									
15	1.644	1.688	1.664	1.509	1.680	1.510	1.617	1.700	1.627
25	1.350	1.488	1.317	1.225	1.267	1.318	1.423	1.419	1.351
30	1.333	1.150	1.196	1.241	1.295	1.286	1.256	1.288	1.255
10 Total	1.442	1.442	1.392	1.325	1.414	1.371	1.432	1.469	1.411
25									
15	0.994	0.918	0.921	0.922	0.996	1.032	1.125	1.097	1.001
25	0.854	0.884	0.806	0.775	0.838	0.876	0.842	0.861	0.842
30	0.770	0.844	0.734	0.770	0.710	0.734	0.778	0.839	0.773
25 Total	0.873	0.882	0.820	0.822	0.848	0.881	0.915	0.932	0.872
50									
15	0.715	0.722	0.666	0.684	0.718	0.719	0.742	0.879	0.731
25	0.536	0.565	0.558	0.587	0.553	0.523	0.648	0.693	0.583
30	0.569	0.497	0.630	0.540	0.556	0.585	0.579	0.686	0.580
50 Total	0.607	0.595	0.618	0.604	0.609	0.609	0.657	0.753	0.631
100									
15	0.520	0.452	0.475	0.498	0.501	0.513	0.576	0.666	0.525
25	0.476	0.444	0.439	0.409	0.418	0.420	0.476	0.541	0.453
30	0.432	0.422	0.364	0.401	0.367	0.403	0.469	0.503	0.420
100 Total	0.476	0.440	0.426	0.436	0.429	0.445	0.507	0.570	0.466
200									
15	0.343	0.396	0.357	0.388	0.366	0.386	0.478	0.509	0.403
25	0.327	0.308	0.322	0.286	0.303	0.314	0.377	0.470	0.338
30	0.324	0.286	0.310	0.289	0.300	0.281	0.339	0.471	0.325
200 Total	0.331	0.330	0.330	0.321	0.323	0.327	0.398	0.483	0.355
Grand Total	0.746	0.738	0.717	0.702	0.725	0.727	0.782	0.841	0.747

Cross-Level Interaction

TAKE-AWAYS FROM THESE FINDINGS

- Type I error rates are slightly inflated, but inflation is unrelated to any known (or manipulable) parameter
 - Consider using a more conservative alpha level
- Type II error rate indicates a need for increased sample size
 - Level-1 units within clusters must be sufficient to draw within-cluster inferences, **and**
 - Level-2 units must support inferences drawn across clusters
- Magnitude of bias decreases with additional level-2 units

METHODOLOGICAL APPLICATION



DIFFERENTIATED ESOL PREPARATION

Table 2

Number of Courses (Number of Assignments in Parentheses) with English Learner-Related Coursework for Groups 1 and 2

	Group 1			Group 2		
	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	English Language Arts	Elementary	Early Childhood
Core Classes	5 (12)	5 (12)	5 (12)	5 (12)	5 (12)	5 (12)
EL Standalone	1 (3)	1 (3)	1 (3)	2 (11)	2 (11)	2 (11)
Specialization	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	5 (18)	8 (19)	9 (27)
Total	6 (15)	6 (15)	6 (15)	12 (41)	15 (42)	16 (50)

Note: EL standalone courses are devoted entirely to English learner content (second language acquisition, methods of teaching English as a second language, English language development) while the other courses listed contain specific designated materials and related assignments that infuse EL content into the content typically associated with those courses. Teacher candidates in Group 2 are required to work with ELs during internship, while Group 1 teacher candidates are not.

RESEARCH QUESTION

Are English Learner unit post-assessment scores related to whether the teacher candidate is enrolled in a Group 1 or Group 2 EL-infused teacher preparation program, after controlling for student pre-assessment score, disability status, minority status, and qualification for free / reduced price lunch?

SAMPLE AND DATA SET

- Data set was restricted to:
 - Academic subject teacher candidates
 - Reported all variables for ≥ 10 students
 - Taught both ELs and non-ELs
- Final data set contained:
 - 6,812 K-12 Students ($M = 6,812$)
 - 244 Teacher Candidates ($N = 244$)
 - Clusters of from 10 to 145 students ($\bar{n} = 27.9$, $SD = 23.2$)
 - $n = 1075$ English Learners (15.8%)
 - From 1 to 56 ELs per cluster ($\bar{n} = 4.4$, $SD = 6.2$)

MULTILEVEL MODEL ANALYZED WITH SAS PROC MIXED

$$\begin{aligned} Post_{ij} = & \gamma_{00} + \beta_{1j}Pre_{ij} + \beta_{2j}Minority_{ij} + \gamma_{30}EL_{ij} + \gamma_{40}SWD_{ij} + \beta_{5j}LowSES_{ij} \\ & + \gamma_{01}Group_j + \beta_{6j}EL_{ij}Group_j \\ & + (u_{3j}EL_{ij} + u_{4j}SWD_{ij} + u_{0j} + r_{ij}) \end{aligned}$$

RESULTS

Effect	Estimate	Standard Error	DF	t Value	Pr > t
Intercept	65.4688	1.5159	258	43.19	<.0001
Pre	0.3318	0.0097	6600	34.22	<.0001
EL	0.1626	1.3568	79.8	0.12	0.9049
SWD	-5.4901	0.7432	111	-7.39	<.0001
LowSES	-2.6336	0.4260	6773	-6.18	<.0001
Minority	-1.5083	0.4142	6611	-3.64	0.0003
Group	5.4529	1.6211	224	3.36	0.0009
EL*Group	-1.5784	1.5526	92.2	-1.02	0.3120

NORMAL CURVE EQUIVALENT RESULTS

Effect	Estimate	Standard Error	DF	t Value	Pr > t
Intercept	32.1204	0.7643	6790	42.03	<.0001
PreNCE	0.4083	0.01105	6790	36.96	<.0001
EL	0.1191	1.0772	6790	0.11	0.9119
SWD	-5.5257	0.6657	6790	-8.30	<.0001
LowSES	-2.1050	0.4821	6790	-4.37	<.0001
Minority	-1.5209	0.5001	6790	-3.04	0.0024
Group	0.4965	0.5034	6790	0.99	0.3240
EL*Group	-2.1634	1.3031	6790	-1.66	0.0969

TAKE-AWAYS FROM THESE FINDINGS

- ELs have significantly lower pre-assessment scores, even after controlling for disability status, SES, and minority status
- Differences in post-assessment scores for ELs are better explained by disability, SES, and minority status than EL status
- Teacher Candidates in both groups are equally well-prepared to teach their respective content to ELs
- Classroom assessments can be aggregated to investigate certain kinds of research and evaluation questions

THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

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