2012 Experiential Learning Survey Analysis
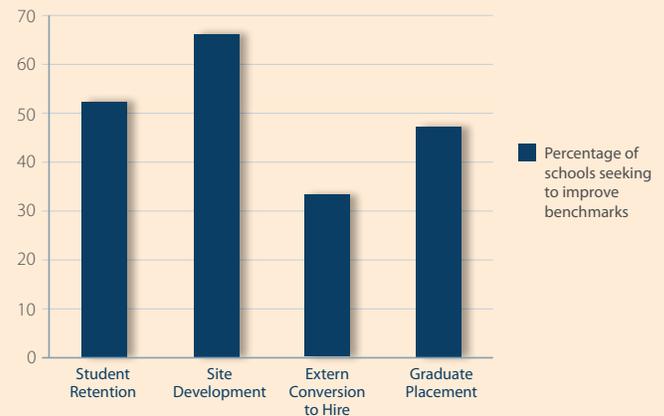
RXinsider recently conducted a market research survey of externship and experiential learning professionals in career and allied health colleges. 66% of those who responded reported their departments are not managed electronically. We asked them to identify and calculate number of work hours spent weekly on rote administrative tasks within their externship departments:
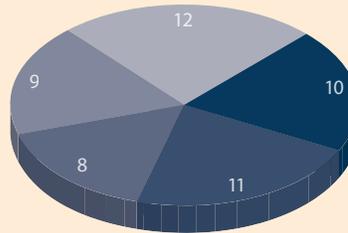
EXTERNSHIP ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS PER WEEK

- Scheduling, Time Sheet Collection and LDA Reporting
- Student and Site Requirement Management
- Title IV and Accrediting Body Compliance Reporting
- Evaluation and Survey Collection and Reporting
- Employment Tracking, Verification and Reporting

We then asked them to share accrediting and institutional benchmarks needing improvement in their schools:

- Percentage of schools seeking to improve benchmarks

Chart categories: Student Retention, Site Development, Extern Conversion to Hire, Graduate Placement

The data gathered from this survey supports a multi-layered return on an investment with RXpreceptor ELMS.

■ Reduction in administrative tasks saves on payroll hours on average eliminating a .25 FTE per program per campus.
- Immediately upon implementation, externship departments which have historically been managed on paper will reduce employee hours spent on administrative duties including scheduling, tracking student requirements, time sheet collection, administering and collecting evaluations and surveys, reporting and filing.

■ Compliance review and oversight avoids costly accrediting body and Title IV citations.
- Converting from paper to ELMS forces externship departments to "clean house" often exposing outdated site contracts, non-compliant records management and long-held but ineffective processes.
- The Tiered Administrative View allows for school groups to implement institutional consistency and easily monitor compliance.

■ Achieving better experiential and placement outcomes creates healthier more profitable schools.
- Relief from excessive administrative tasks allows your school's professionals to invest more time mentoring students and building strong relationships with community partners. These efforts drive retention, site development and placement rates creating a more successful and marketable school.