



# **Intrusive Coaching**

***Increasing Your Belts'  
Capability, Confidence, and Control***

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# MoreSteam.com Background

- Founded 2001
- Over 175,000 Six Sigma professionals trained
- Over 1,200 corporate customers (including 20% of the Fortune 500)
- First firm to offer the complete Black Belt curriculum online
- Courses reviewed and approved by ASQ
- First firm to offer integrated 3G blended learning solutions

## ***Selected Customers:***



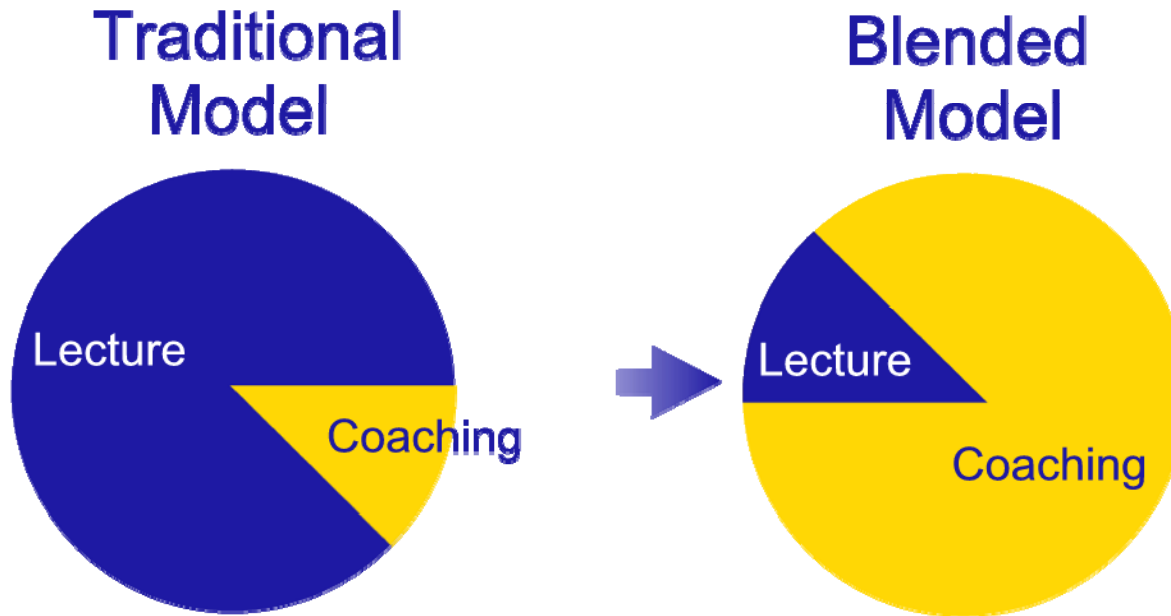
# *Intrusive Coaching*

Providing personal support to increase capability, confidence, and control to new students

- Proactive
- Individualized
- Timely, consistent
- On-going monitoring
- Active trouble-shooting
- Accountable

# *Intrusive Coaching is Critical to LSS Deployments*

Blended Learning places an emphasis on Coaching

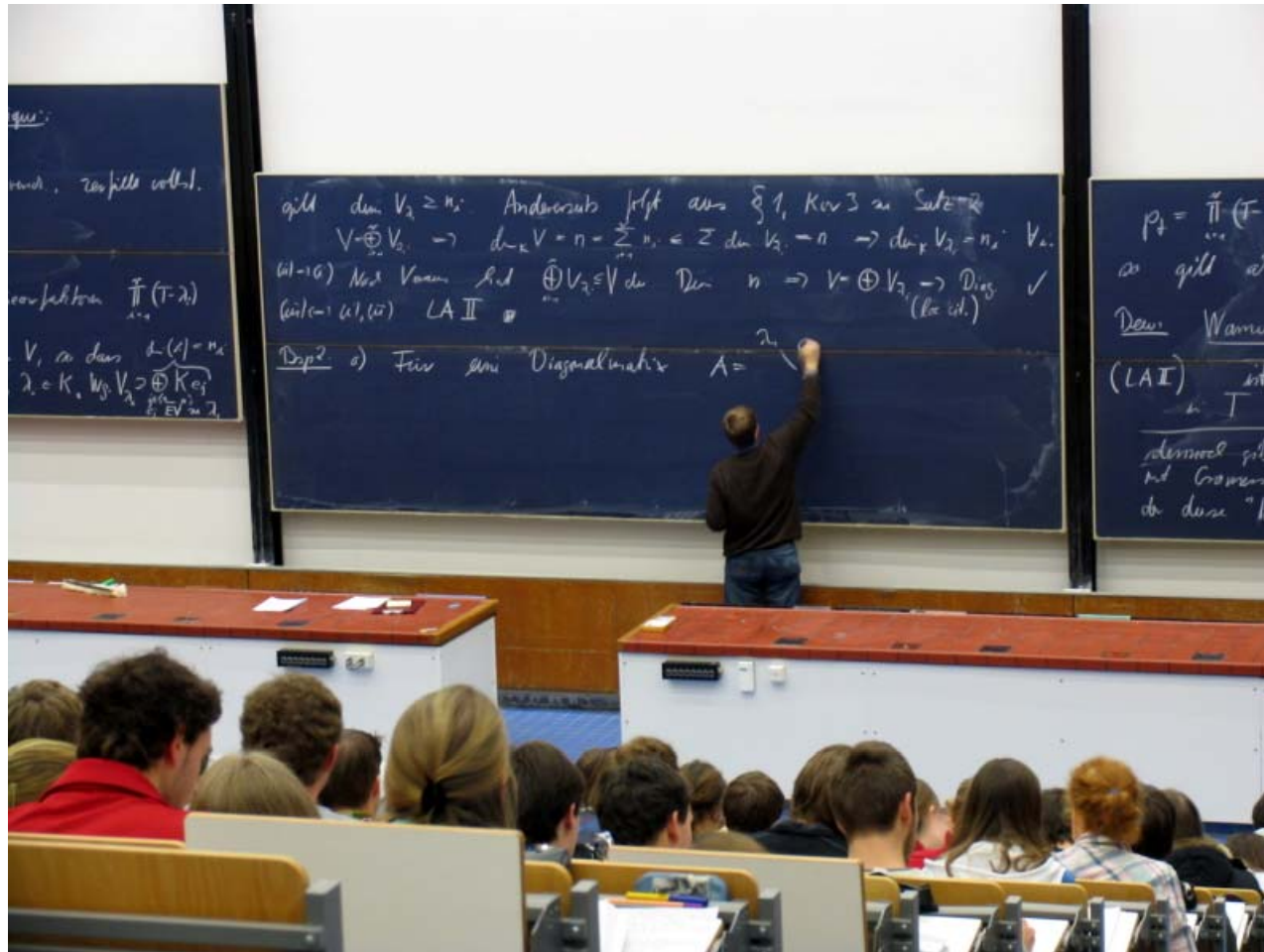


# *University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee*

- Large, public research university
- Approx. 30,000 students
- Many are first generation college students & most work
- More students requiring remediation than any other UW institution
- Urban campus
- Two of every three Wisconsin jobs are located in the metro Milwaukee area



# The Traditional Instructional Model



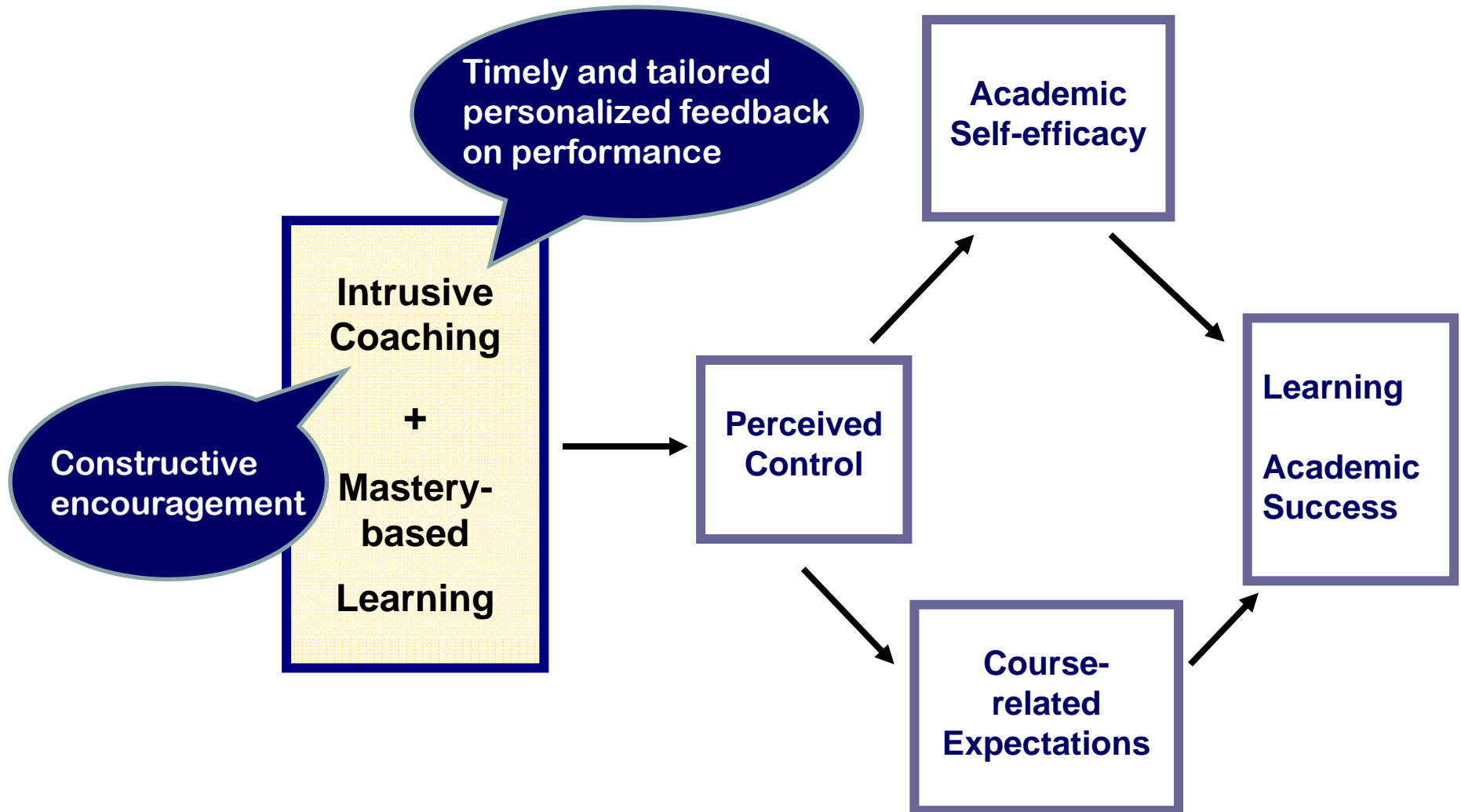
# *A New Instructional Model: U-Pace*



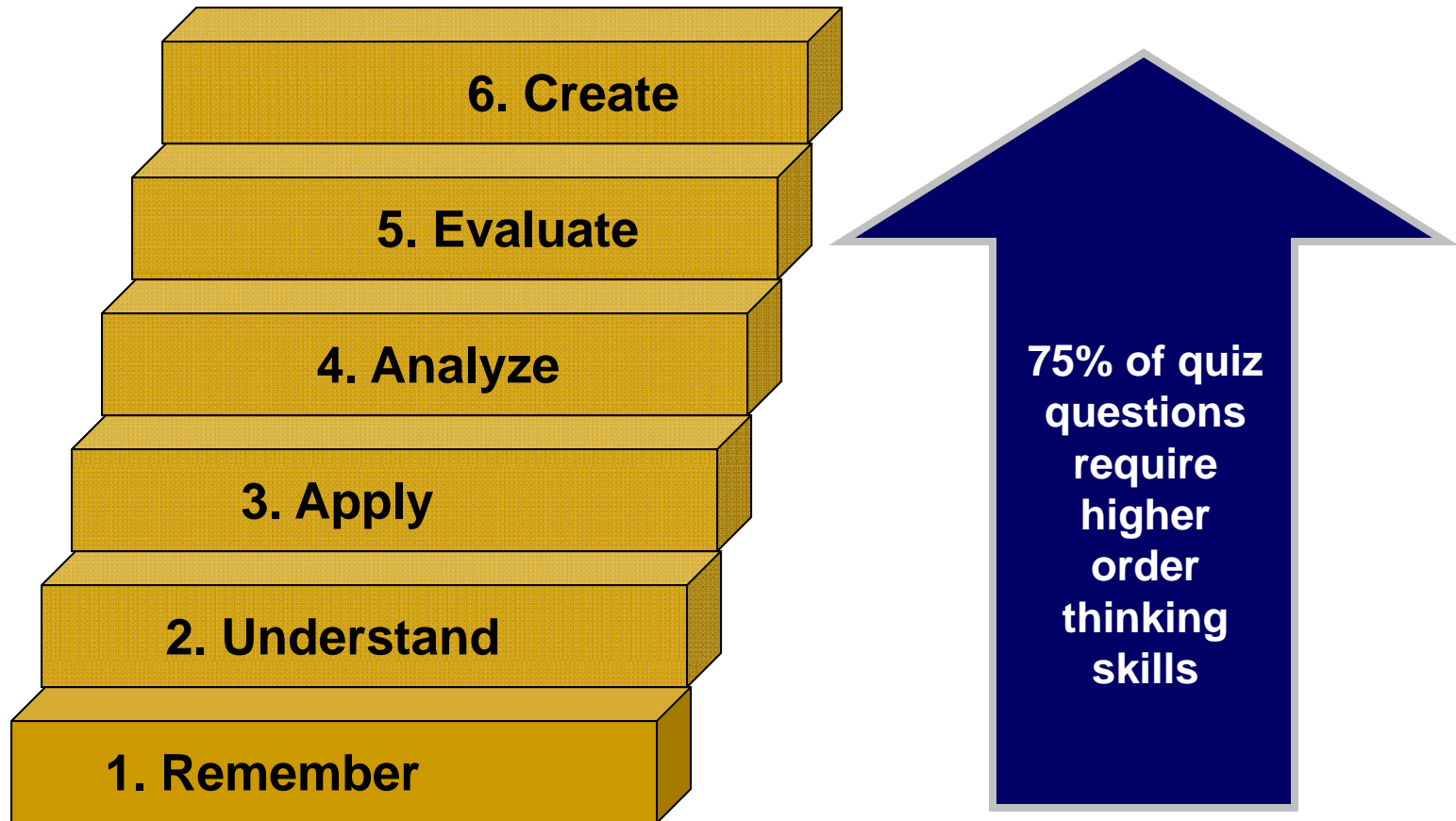
## **U-Pace:**

- Self-paced, mastery-based learning with intrusive coaching
- Web-based with a multi-media format

# Conceptual Model of U-Pace



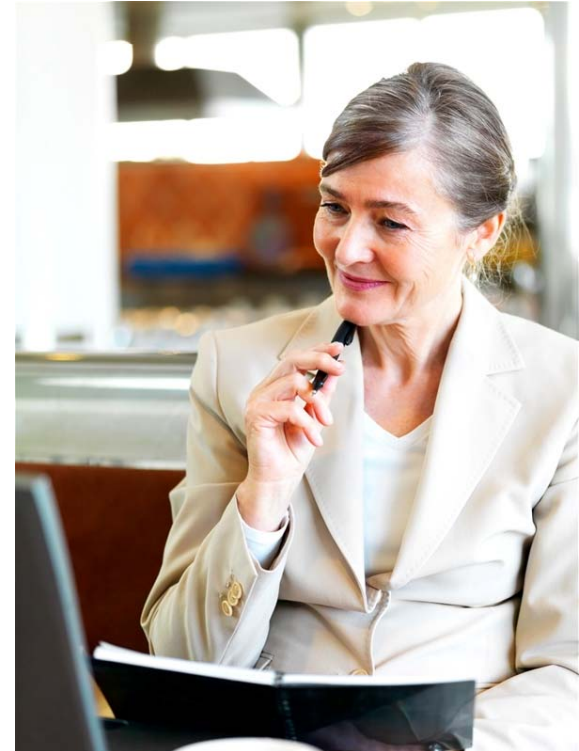
# *Bloom's Revised Taxonomy*



# *E-Learning = Increased Instructor Flexibility*

Time is freed up with e-Learning to provide intrusive coaching.

- Intrusive coaches use phone calls and frequent, individualized email messages tailored from examples in the instructor's manual.



# *E-Learning = Increased Instructor Flexibility*

The instructor can devote more time to struggling students without adversely affecting the best students.

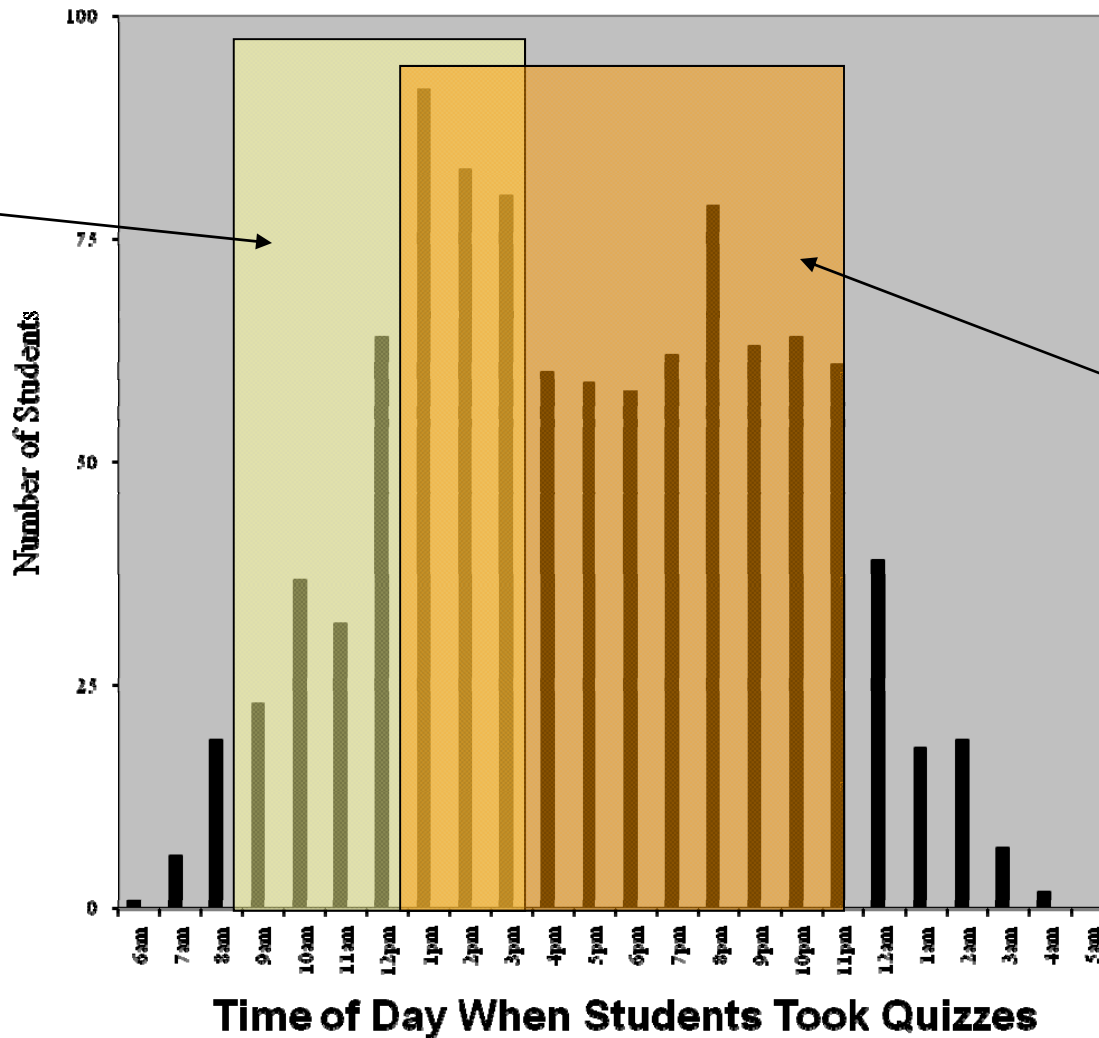


# *Skills and Focus Shift in New Instructional Model*

Classroom Instructor/TA	U-Pace Instructor/TA
• Instructor Centered	• Student Centered
• Focus: Getting through the material	• Focus: Facilitating mastery
• Group presentation skills	• Individual coaching skills
• Highly scripted content delivery	• Adaptive problem solving

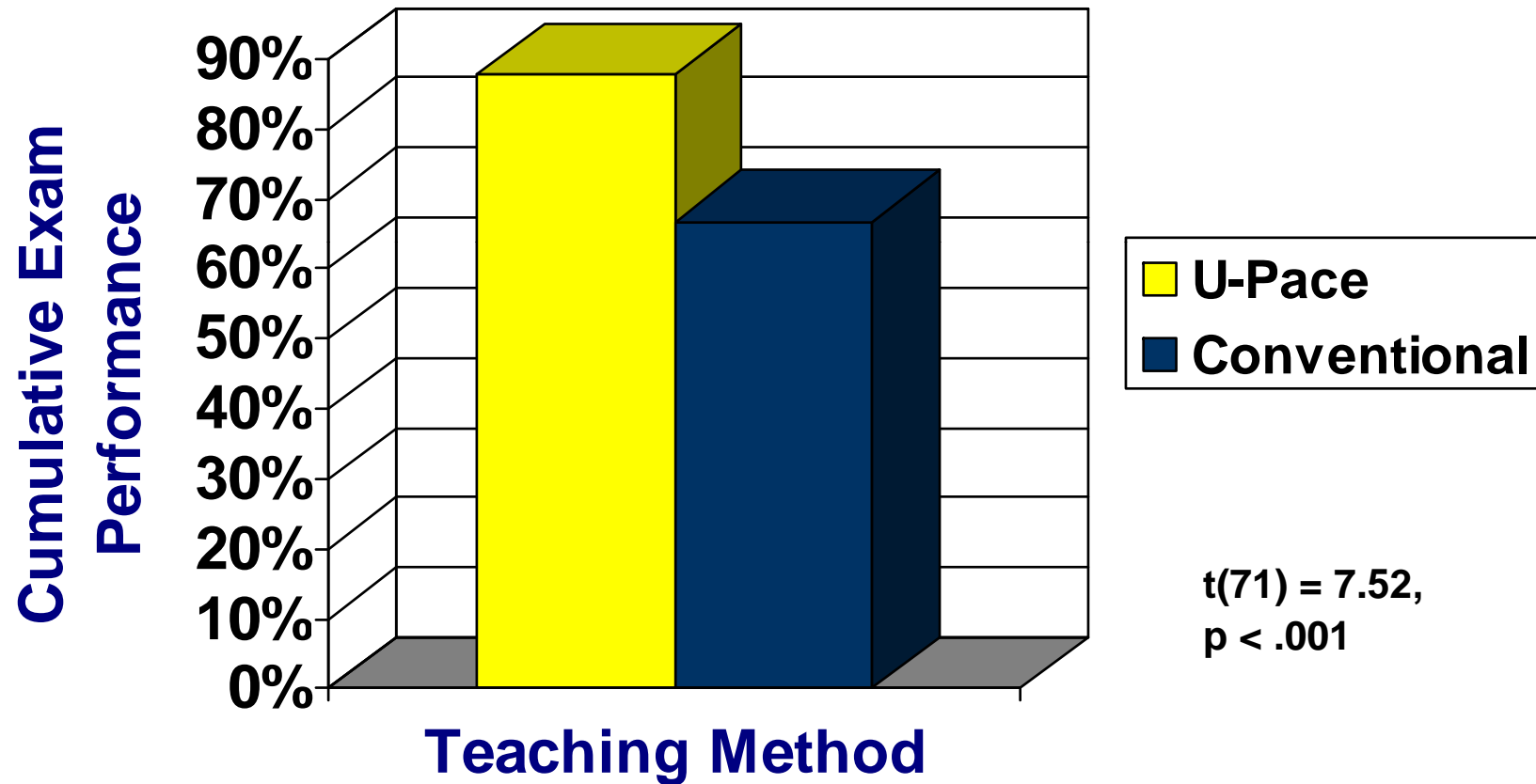
# *e-Learning = Increased Student Flexibility*

Most Classes  
Scheduled  
During These  
Times



Most U-Pace  
Students  
Took Their  
Quizzes  
During These  
Times

# *Impact of U-Pace on Student Learning*



# Comparative Characteristics of Student Groups

## Sample Characteristics (cumulative exam-takers)

	U-Pace	Conventional	
Mean ACT	21.32	22.83	$p=.09$
Mean Cumulative GPA	2.83	3.06	$p=.13$

# *Impact of U-Pace on Student Academic Success*



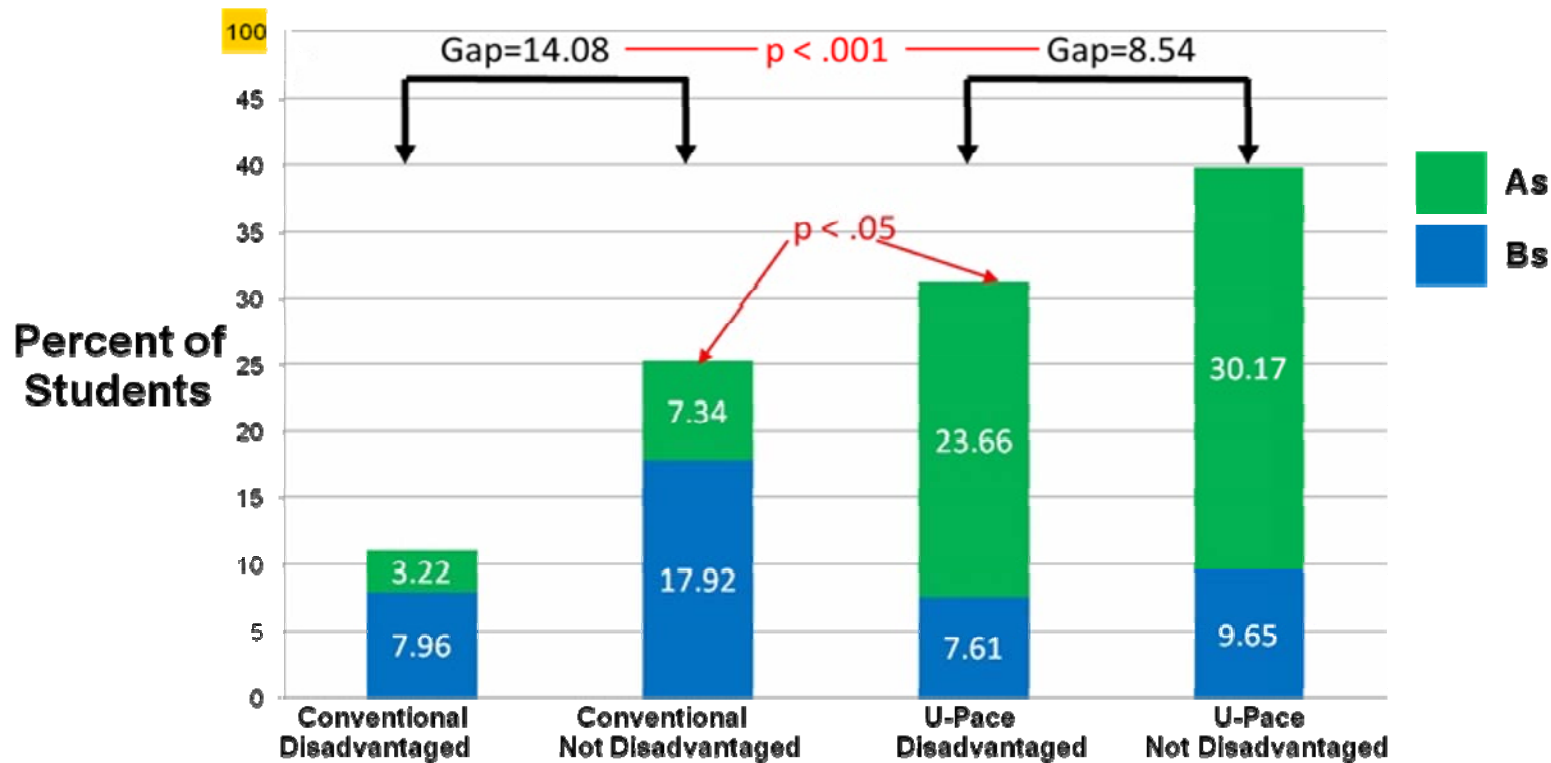
## **U-Pace Instruction vs. Conventional Instruction**

Compared final course grades for more than 5,000 students

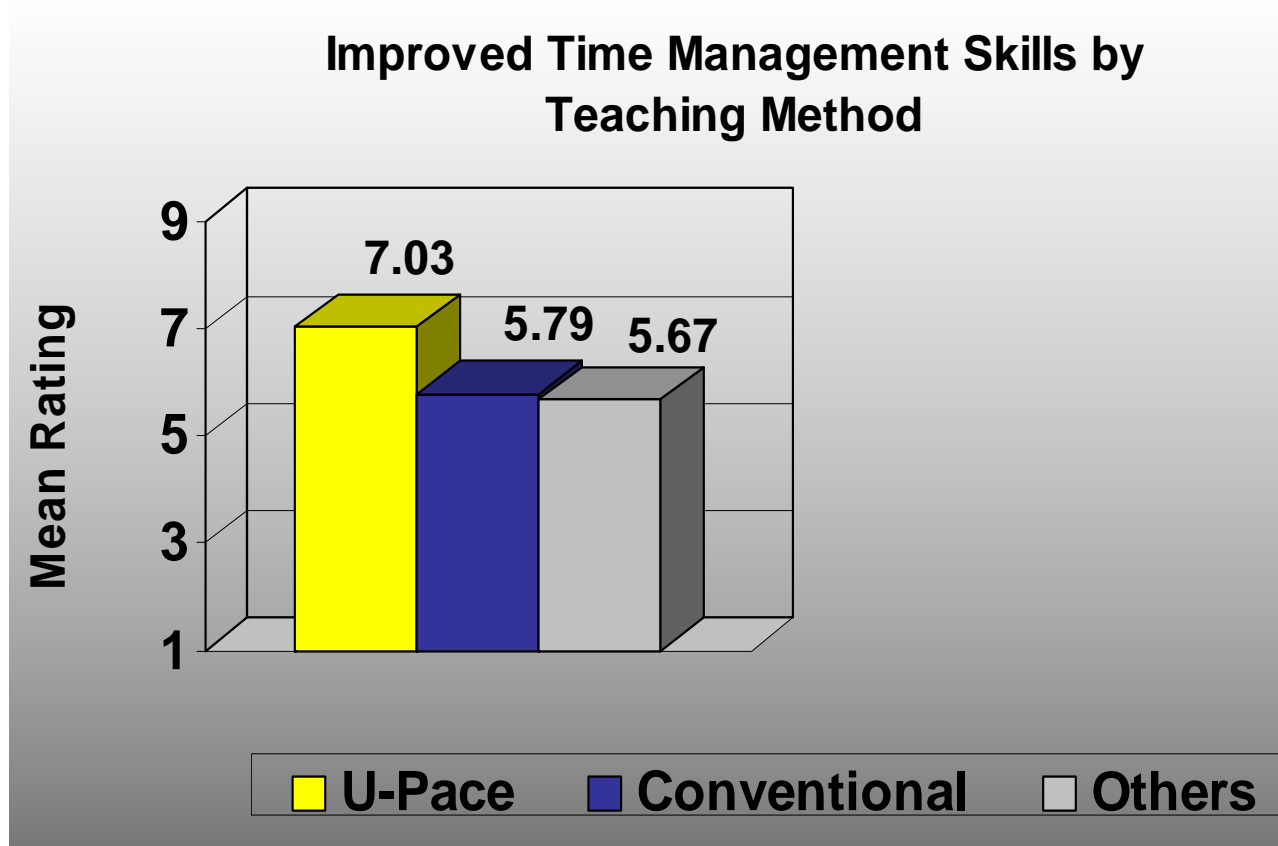
- Same course content
- Same assessment questions
- Grading was completely objective

# Impact of U-Pace in Closing the Achievement Gap

Percent of U-Pace and Conventionally Taught Psych 101 Students Earning As and Bs by Disadvantaged Status



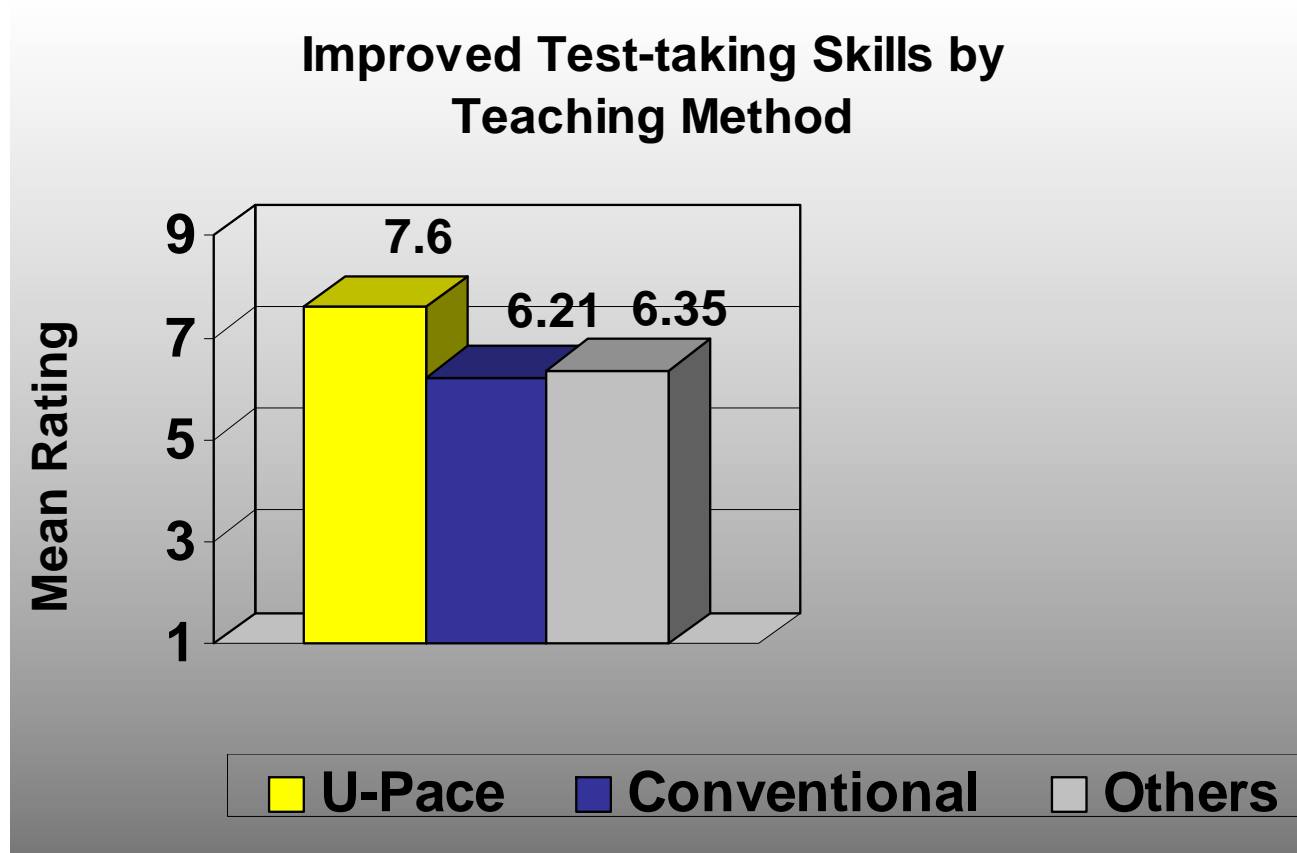
# *Improved Student Time Management Skills*



$F(2,163) = 7.24, p=.001;$

U-Pace > Conventional = Others

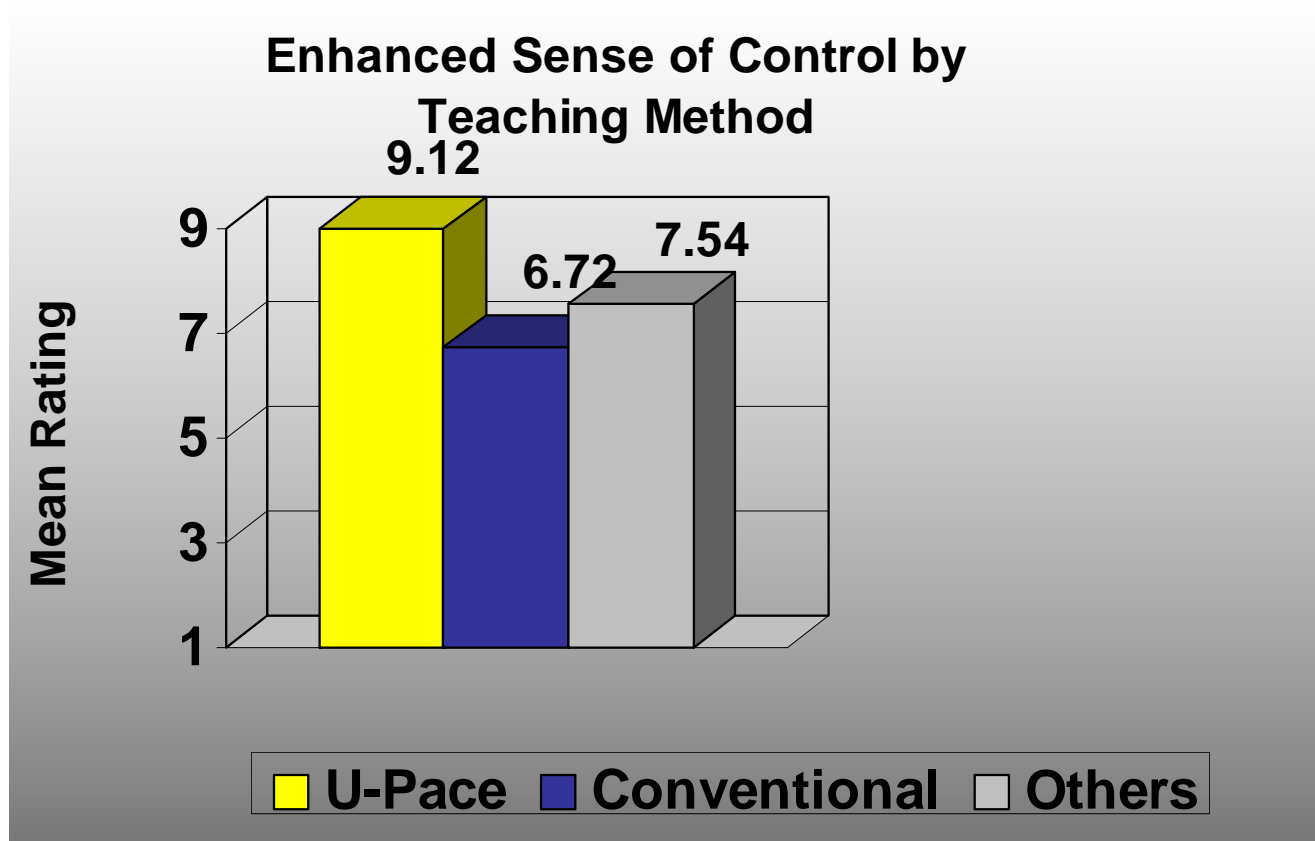
# *Improved Student Test-taking Skills*



$F(2,163) = 5.60, p=.004;$

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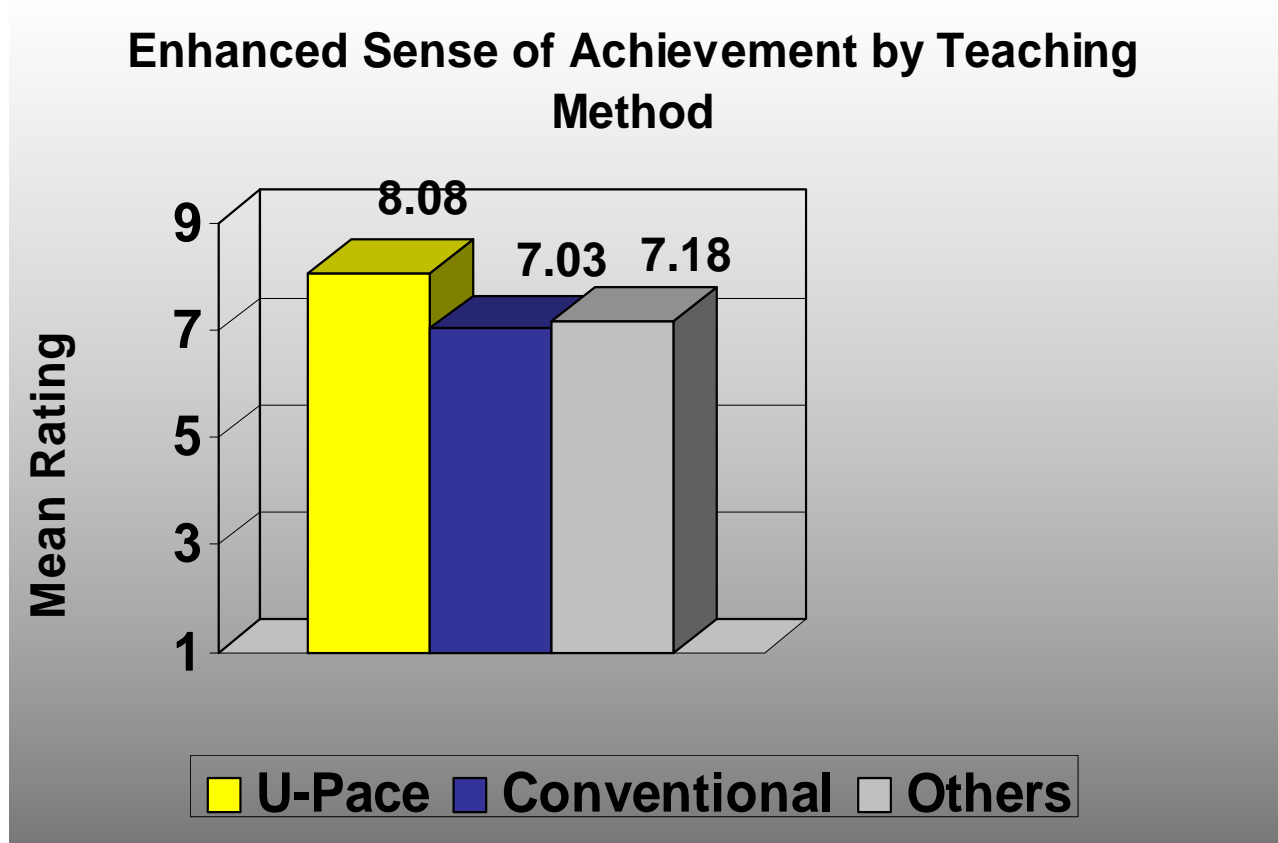
# *Enhanced Sense of Student Control*



$F(2,163) = 14.52, p < .001;$

U-Pace > Conventional = Others

# *Enhanced Sense of Student Achievement*

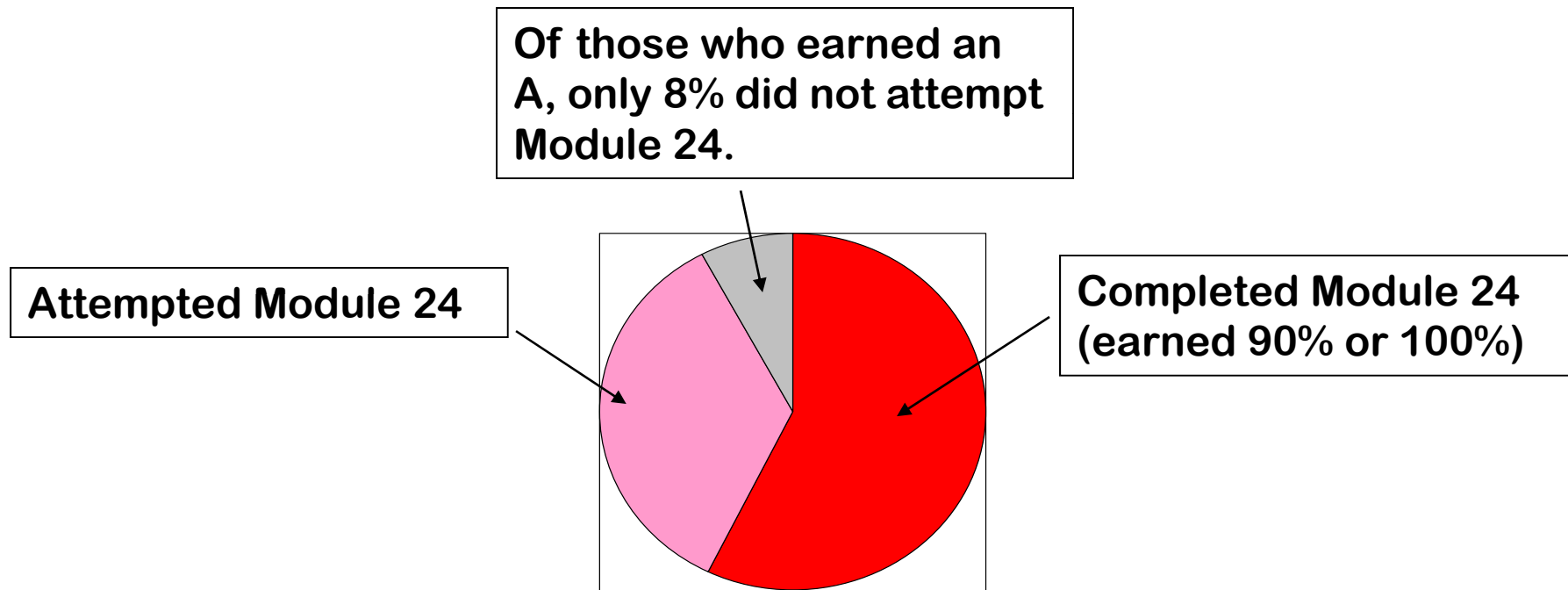


$F(2,163) = 3.56, p=.031;$

U-Pace > Conventional = Others

# *Students Stretch Their Learning with U-Pace*

## **The U-Pace Instructional Model Engenders Intrinsic Motivation**



# *Student Perceptions of U-Pace*

***Great feeling of accomplishment***

***At first I was skeptical ...very much surprised about the amount of material that I can recall and actually integrate into my everyday life***

***Allowed me to take the free time that I do have and put it to good use***

***TA's were absolutely awesome in providing help and encouragement***

***The one hour wait between quiz retakes was very frustrating***

***Very self-fulfilling***

## Lesson Learned at UW-M



Technology *can't replace* the power of a coach,  
but it *can help* coach.



# *Applying Lessons Learned Outside of UW-M*

**The U-Pace Instructional Model can be applied to corporate training environments to achieve:**

- ☒ Greater student learning
- ☒ Important psychological outcomes
- ☒ Greater student-instructor interaction
- ☒ More personalized learning
- ☒ Increased student motivation



# *Applying Research to LSS deployments*

Successful coaching is not a passive exercise!

Adding a structure with active coaching improves performance.



# *Lenovo Company Background*

- In 2005, Lenovo bought and merged with IBM Personal Computing.
- The global challenge
  - 24,000 Employees
  - Business evenly distributed throughout the world:
    - ~ 50% of sales in China & Asia
    - America and Europe each have ~ 25% of sales



# Lenovo Lean Six Sigma Background

- **2006:** Partnered with traditional classroom training firms
- **Current:** Variety of approaches taken

	Classroom	e-Learning	Intrusive Mentoring
Black Belt	Blended		✓
Green Belt	Blended		✓
		✓	✓
	✓		✓
Yellow Belt	✓		Very limited coaching

# Significant Results Achieved

**Blended Learning + Intrusive Mentoring  
= Strong Lean Six Sigma culture**

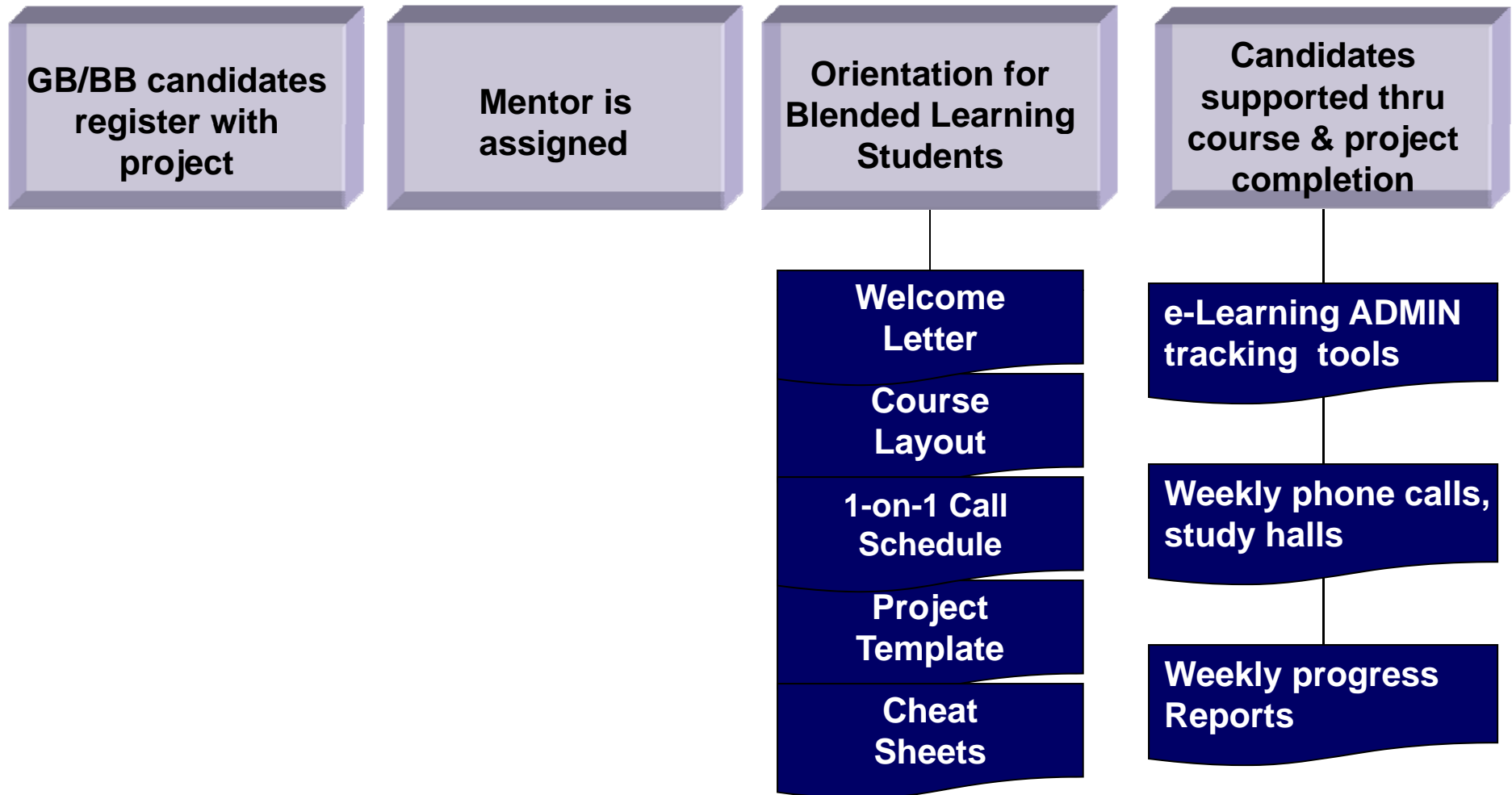
- Trained candidates that got **certified** improved from **15%** to **92%**.
  - 100% for the subset that used Blended Learning with Intrusive Mentoring
- Certified belts identifying and working projects independently went from very few to almost all.
















# Comparison of Instructional Methods

<b>BEFORE</b> Classroom only	<b>AFTER</b> Blended Learning + Intrusive Mentoring
• Project required prior to training	• Project required prior to training
• All training done via traditional instructor lead training	• BB and GB materials on-line
• No contact with instructor after training	• Mentor works with belt candidate weekly on project and training
• 15% certification rate	• 92% certification rate
• Certified belts rarely found follow-on projects	• Certified belts often finding follow-on projects
	• LSS culture improving

# The Current Model















# Outline of Blended Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Program

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12	Wk 13	Wk 14	Wk 15	Wk 16	Wk 17
Group	Kick Off Mtg		Study Hall 		Study Hall 		Study Hall 		Study Hall 	Study Hall 		Study Hall 		Study Hall 		Study Hall 	
Student		Mod 1	Mod 2	Mod 3	Mod 4	Mod 5	Mod 6	Mod 7	Mod 8	Mod 8	Mod 9	Mod 9	Mod 9	Mod 10	Mods 11 & 12		
	Project Approval		Define		Measure			Analyze								Improve & Control	
				Select Proj	Define		Measure		Analyze				Improve & Control				
1-on-1	1 on 1	1 on 1		"D" Toll Gate 	1 on 1		1 on 1	"M" Toll Gate 	1 on 1		1 on 1		1 on 1	"A" Toll Gate 	1 on 1	"IC" Toll Gate 	Final Rvw with LSS & Mgmt 

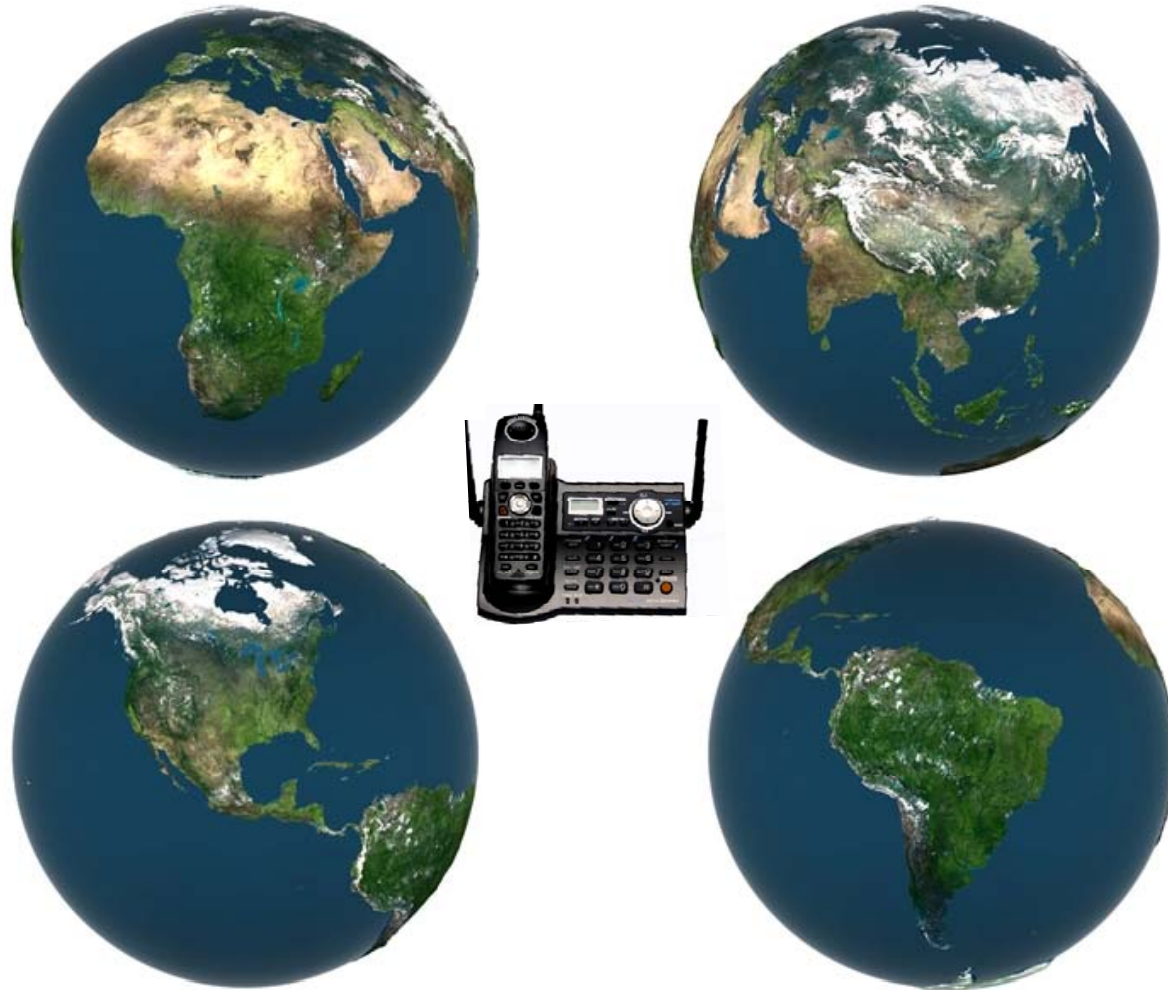
Student completes 2 DMAIC Projects →

# Outline of Blended Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Program

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Group	Kick Off Mtg		Study Hall 		Study Hall 		Study Hall 		Study Hall 		Study Hall 		Study Hall 		Study Hall 	
Student	Mod 1	Mod 2	Mod 3	Mod 4	Mod 5	Mod 6	Mod 7	Mod 8	Mod 8	Mod 9	Mod 9	Mod 9	Mod 10	Mods 11 & 12		
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Student completes 1st DMAIC Project →

# *Key to Success: Weekly Calls Provide Positive Support*



# Bi-weekly Report: Part 1 - Highlights & Lowlights

## Highlights & Lowlights

- **Highlights:**
  - Student 1: *project complete/certified*
  - Student 2: *project complete/certified*
  - Student 3: *e-Learning complete*
  - Student 4: *completed Measure phase*
  - Almost everyone is on-track for certification!
- **Lowlights:**
  - None

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## Bi-weekly Report: Part 2 - Attendees Progress Report Card

Name	Project Phase	Expected Phase Completion Date	Quiz Grades	Current View Status by Session & Lesson	% of Course Material Viewed	Last Date Logged onto the System	Overall Status
Student 1	A	Sep 25	95%	S9L3	76%	9/15	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student 2	A	Sep 25	92%	S9L1	74%	9/11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student 3	A	Sep 25	88%	COMPLETED!	100%	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Student 4	M	Sep 25	94%	S7L1	58%	9/11	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student 5	C	Sep 25	95%	COMPLETED!	100%	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Student 6	COMPLETED!	Sep 25	91%	COMPLETED!	100%	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Student 7	C	Sep 25	98%	COMPLETED!	100%	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Student 8	COMPLETED!	N/A	87%	COMPLETED!	100%	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
EXPECTED STATUS	C	Oct 2	All > 80% G All > 70% Y Any < 70% R	COMPLETED	100%	Within the Last Week	

# Risk Management Overview

GB Candidate	Week of Aug 24		Week of Aug 31		Week of Sep 7		Week of Sep 14		Week of Sep 21		Week of Sep 28		Biggest Risk
	Moresteam session	Project Phase	Moresteam session	Project Phase	Moresteam session	Project Phase	Moresteam session	Project Phase	Moresteam session	Project Phase	Moresteam session	Project Phase	
	7	D		M		M	9	A	10	A	11	IC	Project completion
	5	A	6	A	7	I	9	I	10	C	11	C	Project completion
	9	D	10	M	11	M		A		A		IC	Project completion
	7	D	9	D	10	M	11	M		A		IC	Project completion
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	10	C	11	C		C		C		C		C	
		M		A		A		I		I		C	Project completion
	4	M	5	M	6	A	7	A	9	I	10 & 11	IC	Project & Training completion
	5	DMA	6	I	7	I	9	C	10	C	11	C	Project & Training completion
	7	D	8	M	9	A	10	A	11	I	12	C	Project & Training completion
		D		M		A		I		C		C	Project completion
		A		I		I		C				C	
		D		M		A		I		C		C	Project completion
		D		D		M		M		A		IC	Project completion
		DMA		I		I		C		C		C	Project completion

Moresteam session is the session you should complete that week. (blank if you have completed class by then)

Project Phase is the phase (in D-M-A-I-C) that you should work on that week. (blank if you have completed project by then)

Biggest Risk is where to concentrate to ensure you complete project & training to get certified in September.

# Lessons Learned

- The key to success has been the Belt candidates **embracing** Lean Six Sigma
- Blended learning with intrusive coaching
  - helps drive cultural change based on **relationships**
  - **ingrains** LSS into the work week
  - allows **immediate** project initialization



# Lessons Learned

- **Admin tools** help
  - Can drive study halls & discussions based on quiz results
  - Accountability for Belts can install drive & pride
- **Different skills sets** are important for an intrusive mentor as opposed to a classroom trainer.
- Lenovo **adjusted course requirements** for certain organizations based on their needs



# Tools to Support Intrusive Coaching

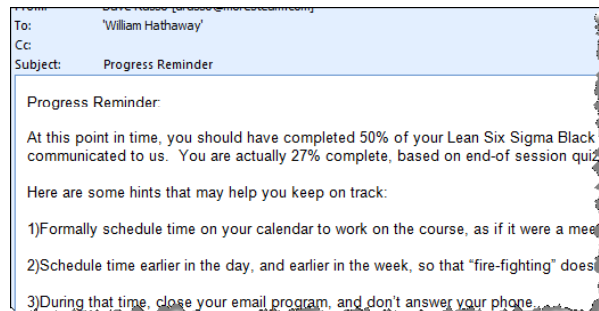
## ⚙ Wave Management System

### - Customized Reporting

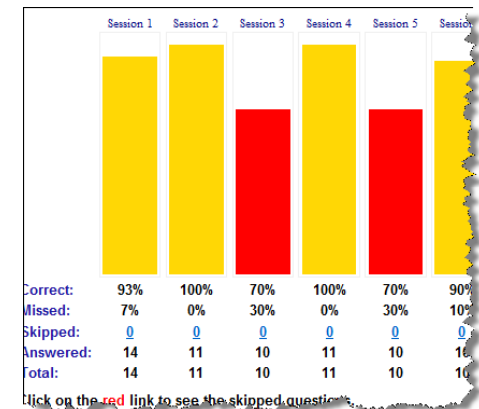
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### - Automated Alerts



### - Detailed Analysis



# Questions?

*Thank you for joining*

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