

All disciplines included the 2024 and DCLS Standards (example included below)

Current Standards	Proposed
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- a. Has knowledge of NAACLS accreditation.
- b. Has at least a master's degree and three years of experience in the program discipline.
- c. Holds ASCP BOC or ASCPⁱ BOC certification as a medical laboratory scientist.

F. Education Coordinator (when required)

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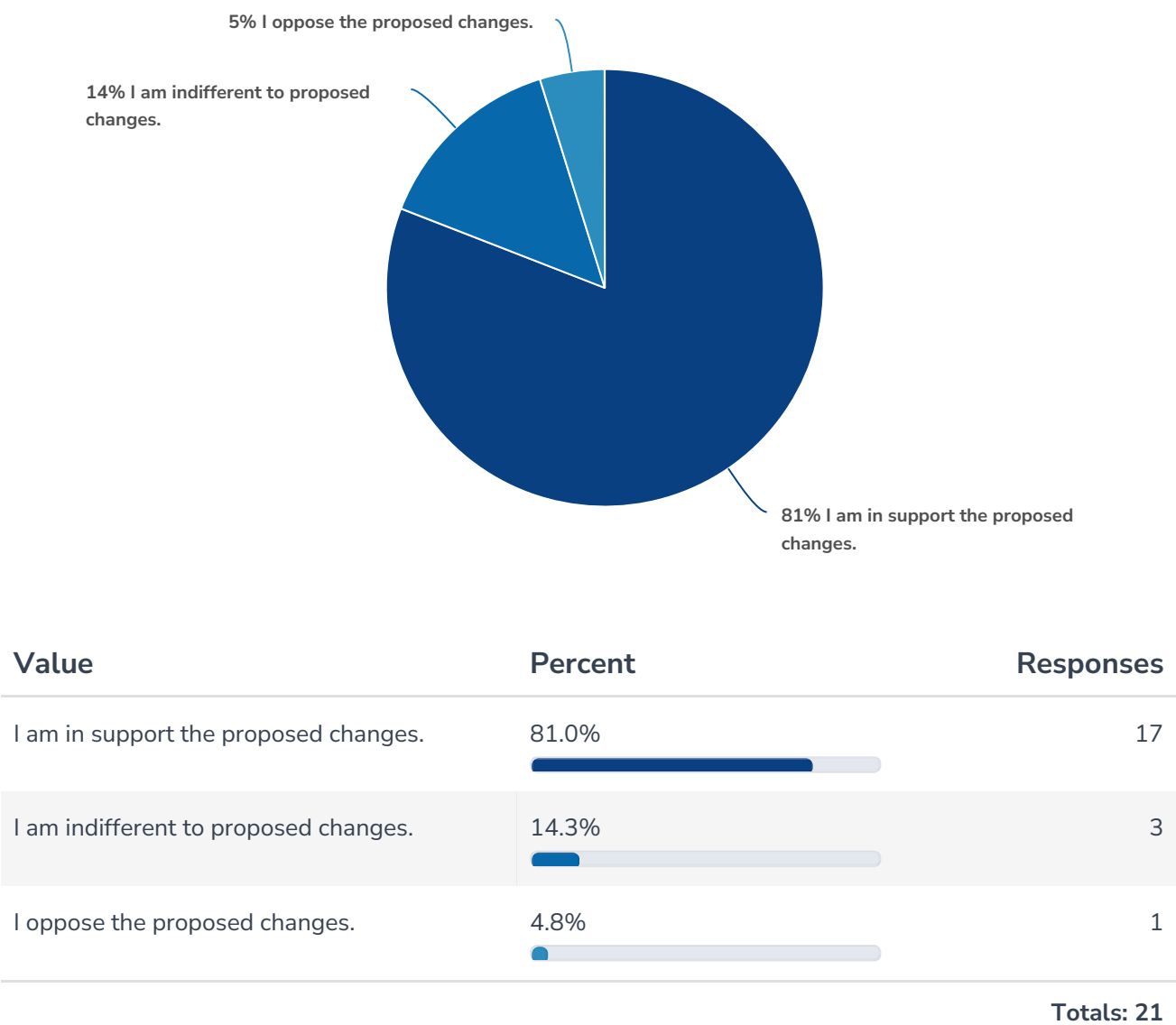
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Rationale

The purpose of this request is to clarify the distinction between professional credentialing and the certification examination process referenced in the NAACLS Standards. Clarifying this terminology will improve consistency and accuracy by distinguishing between the certification examination process and the professional credential awarded upon successful completion of that examination. Individuals who passed the ASCP Board of Certification (BOC) examination prior to implementation of the Credential Maintenance Program (CMP) may voluntarily participate in the ASCP BOC Credential Maintenance Program (CMP), and their digital credential does not include an expiration date. Individuals who passed the BOC examination after the CMP was implemented are required to participate in the CMP to maintain an active credential and demonstrate that their certification remains current. If the Board approves this Standard change following the Public Comment period, the Standards Compliance Guide (SCG) will be updated to include a clarifying statement regarding this exemption.

6. 2024 Standards and DCLS Standards Certification vs Credential - in regard to the proposed standard change, please select an option below.



7. 2024 Standards and DCLS Standards Certification vs Credential - if you have additional commentary in support or in opposition to the change, please submit it below.

ResponseID	Response
4	None
6	For future versions of the standards, the committee should consider requiring a doctoral degree for the DCLS program director. This would be updated in VII.A.1a as: Earned a doctoral degree. Rationale: DCLS students expect their faculty to be at the doctoral level, including the program director.
9	No changes
10	N/A
23	I support this clarification because it improves consistency in the Standards and supports clearer documentation of personnel qualifications.