

**Children's Health System of Texas** established a unique leadership role within its nursing structure: academic integration and clinical advising. This role is designed to support nurses across the continuum of care—from bedside practice to broader clinical and non-clinical settings.

**The goal:** advance the nursing strategic plan by strengthening the connection between academic nursing education and clinical practice.

## Practical Takeaways

Building strong relationships requires commitment and openness to innovation...reimagining how healthcare organizations contribute to nurse training.

- expanding student capacity.
- exploring partnerships with emerging nursing programs.
- offering meaningful engagement opportunities beyond clinical placement.
- campus visits.
- facility tours.
- tailored CNE sessions.
- direct engagement with nurse leaders.

These efforts position the organization as a preferred practice environment for future nurses.



**TTUHSC PNP Faculty & Students**  
Annual visit to CHST



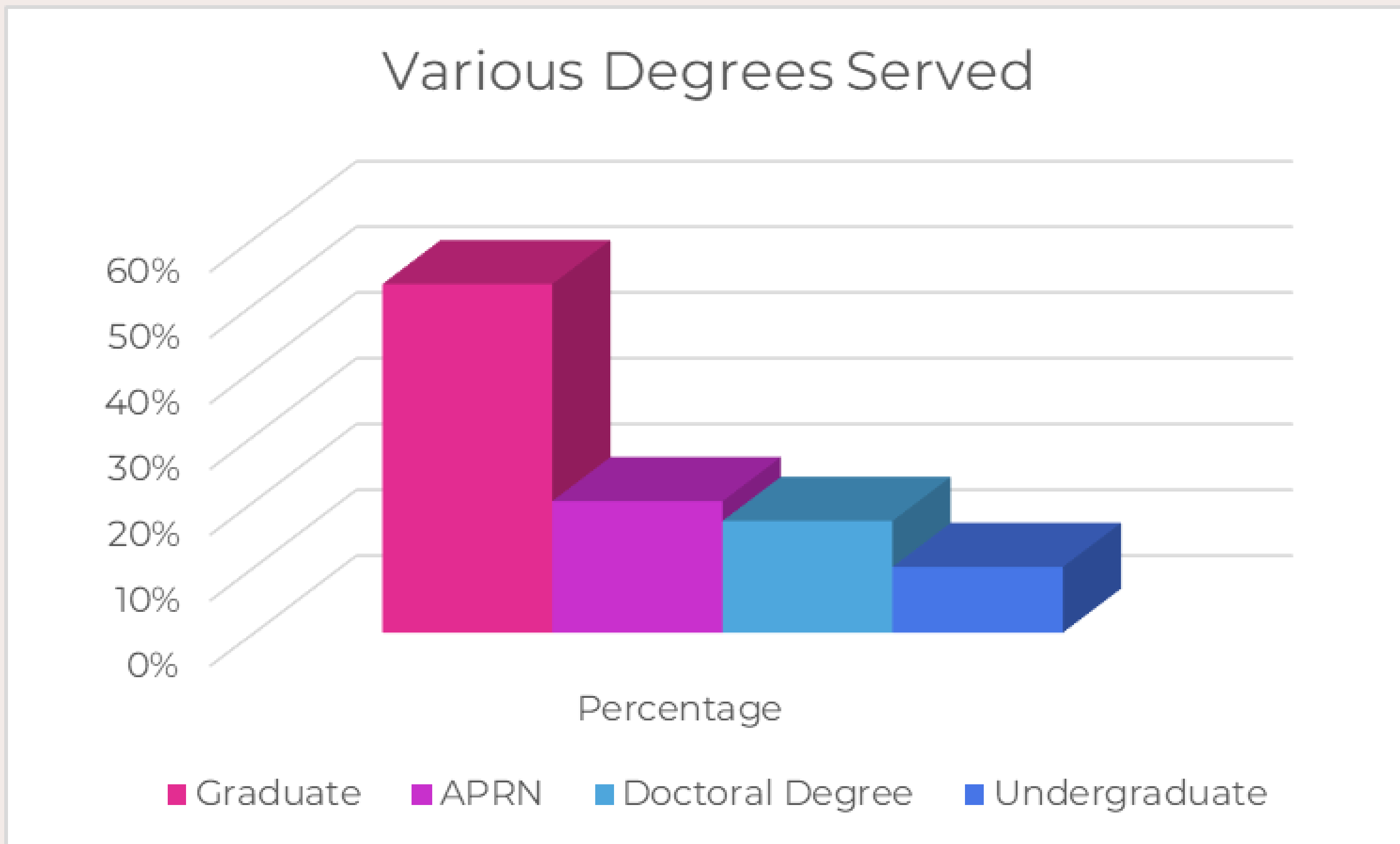
## College Career event Fall 2025 - Dallas Campus

Average 10-12 universities offering various degrees.

Event offered twice annually on both main campuses.



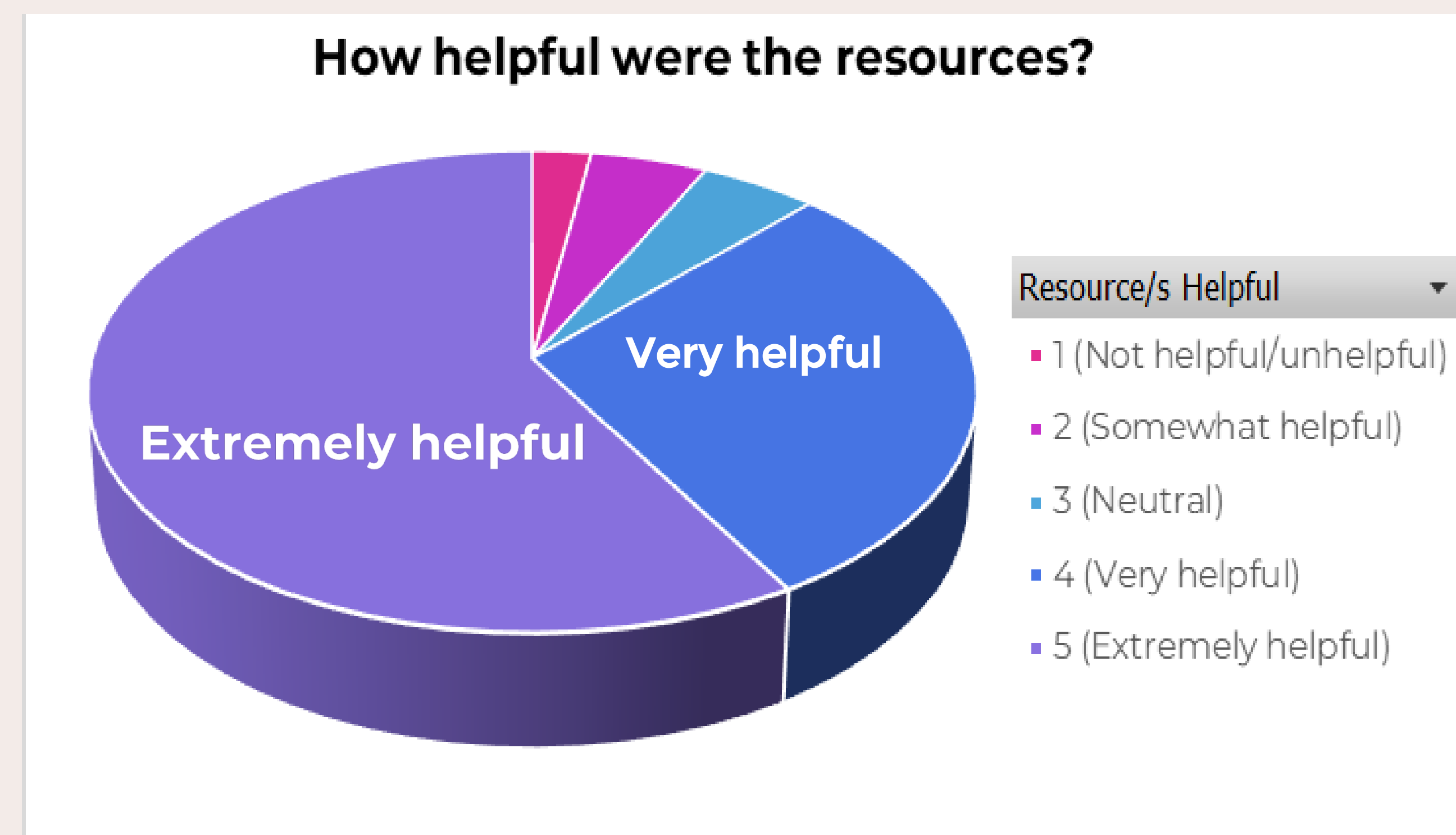
These events feature internal resources such as tuition assistance, academic advising, and professional certification guidance, alongside local colleges of nursing. The events provide a centralized forum for team members to engage directly with academic institutions, streamlining decision-making around degree advancement.



## Intervention:

Current/future employee-students meet with a nurse Academic Advisor:

- Advise for degree and college selection, based on career goals.
- Assist to navigate student practicum placement.
- Support student with capstone and curriculum requirements.
- Guide to internal and external financial resources.
- Support for external graduate clinical students also.
- Other student identified needs.



**Student response:** "As a student, clinical academic advising provided clarity, advocacy, and confidence during a complex clinical practicum and student clearance process".

