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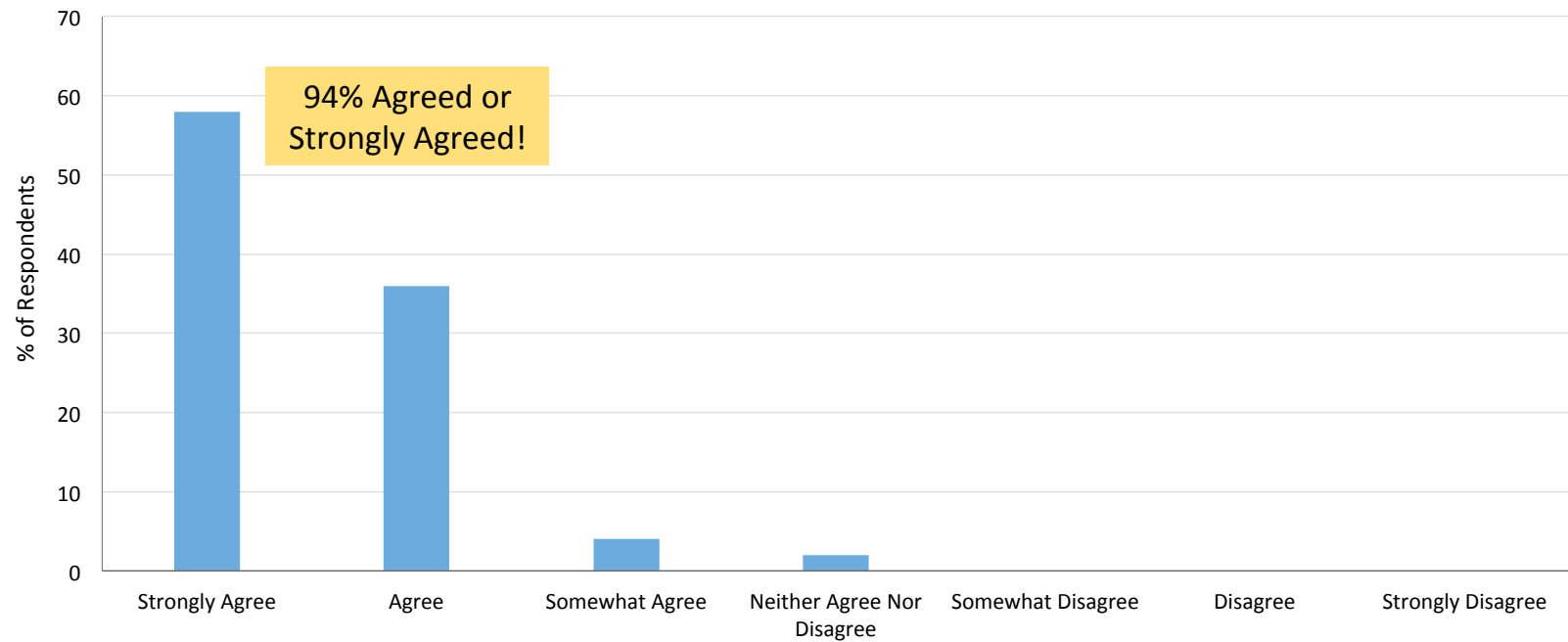
MA Program
Dept. of Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences

Alumni Survey Results
2011 – 2015

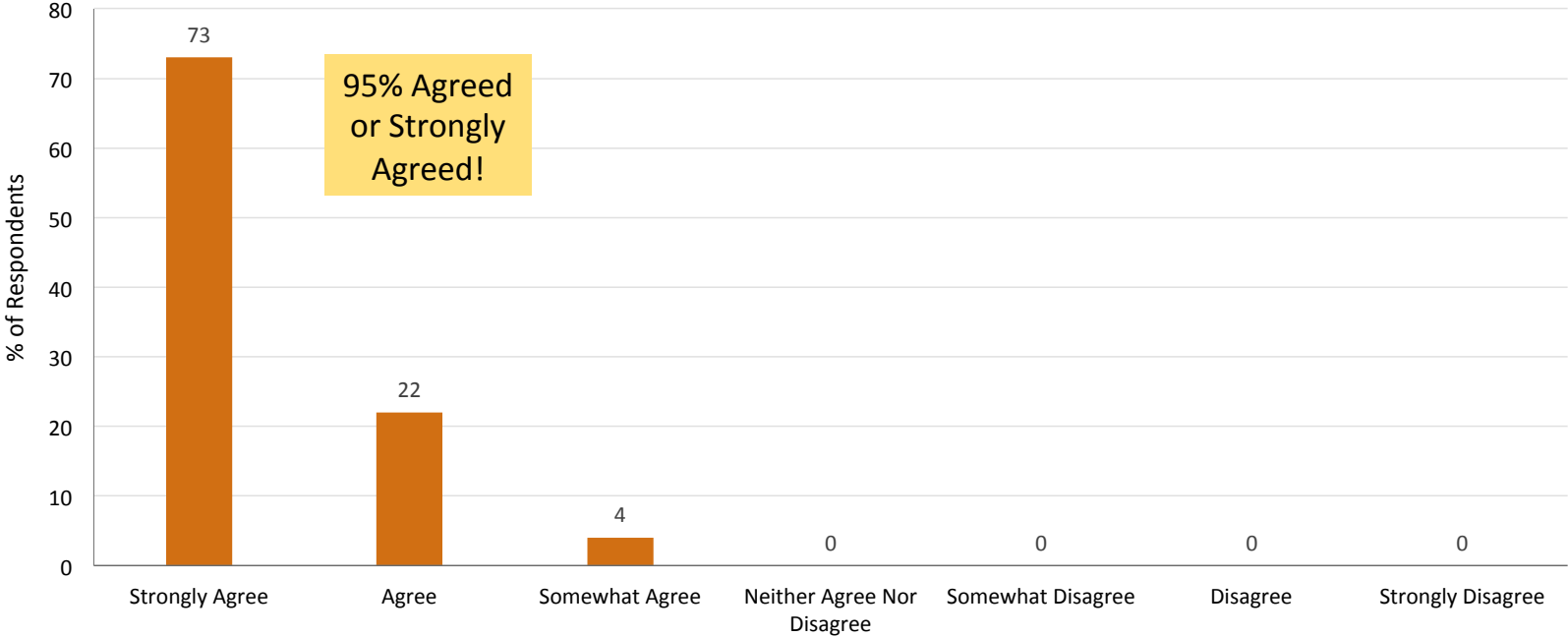
Alumni Survey

- We surveyed individuals who graduated from our MA program during the following academic years:
 - 2011
 - 2012
 - 2013
 - 2014
 - 2015
- We received the following feedback
($N = 45$):

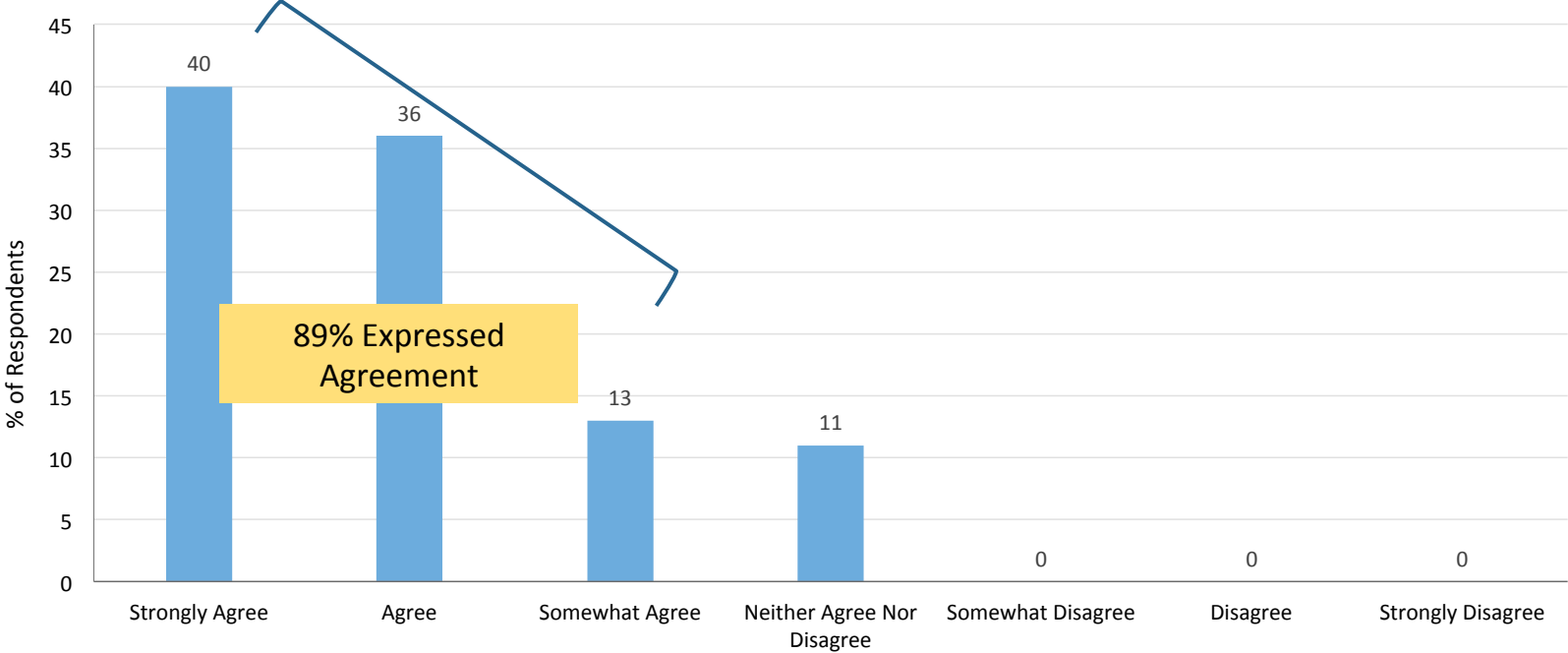
The academic faculty in my Master's program had an adequate level of expertise about the subject area(s) in which they taught.



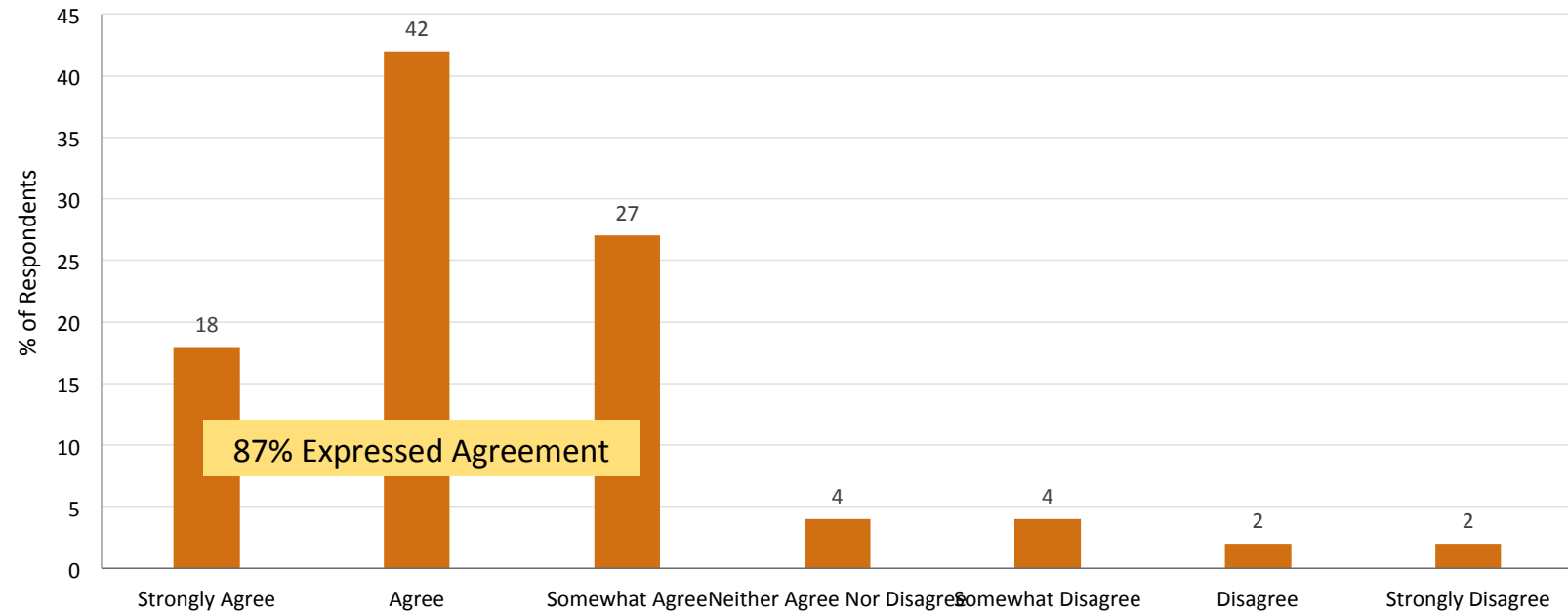
The clinical faculty in the Department's clinics had an adequate level of expertise in the clinical area(s) they supervised.



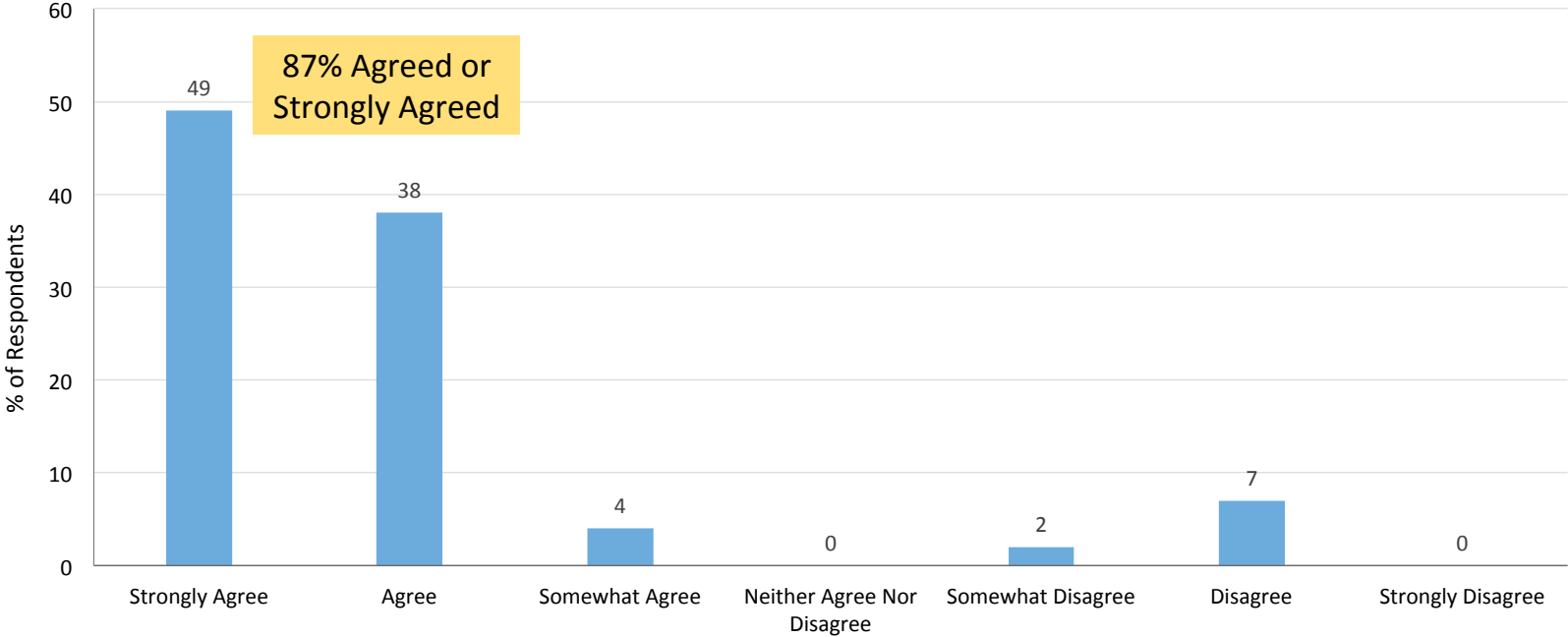
My supervisors at external clinical placements (i.e., non-UF sites) had an adequate level of expertise in the clinical area(s) they supervised.



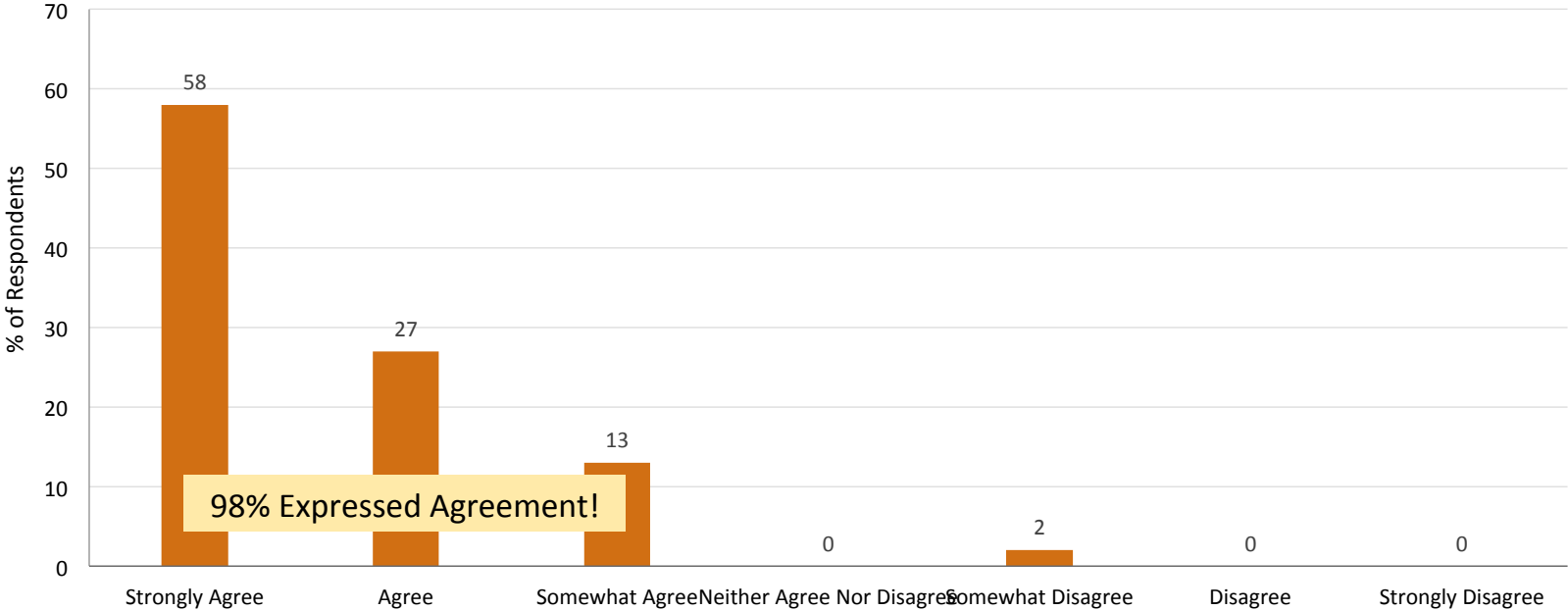
I received an appropriate amount of academic and career advising during my Master's program.



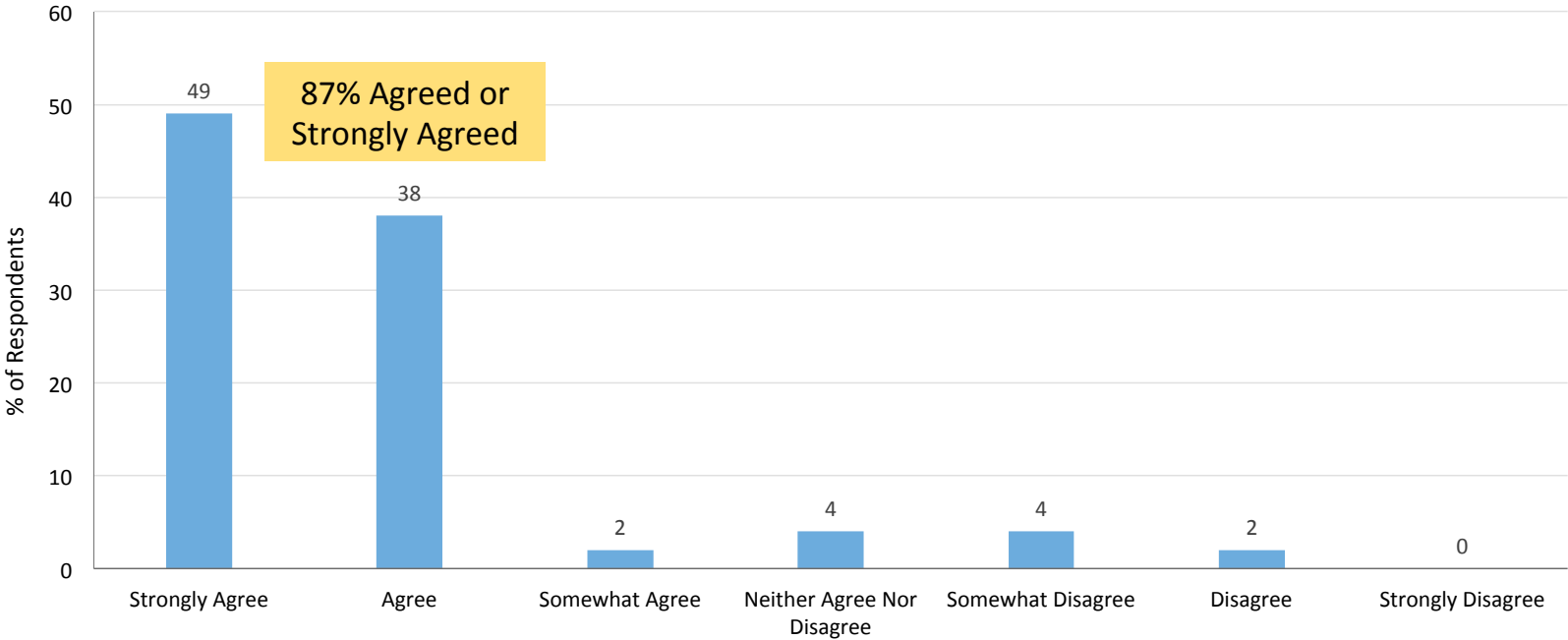
I feel satisfied with the range of clinical practicum experiences that were available to me during my Master's program.



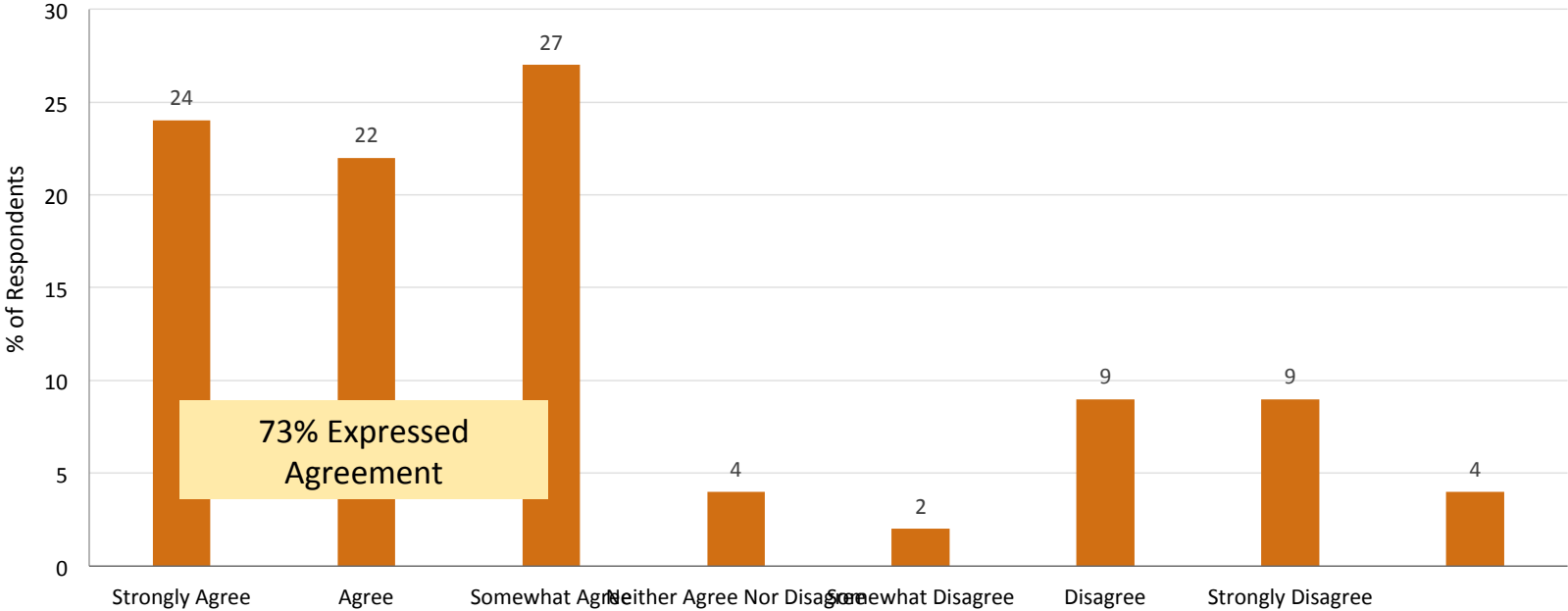
I had an appropriate amount of access to faculty during my Master's program.



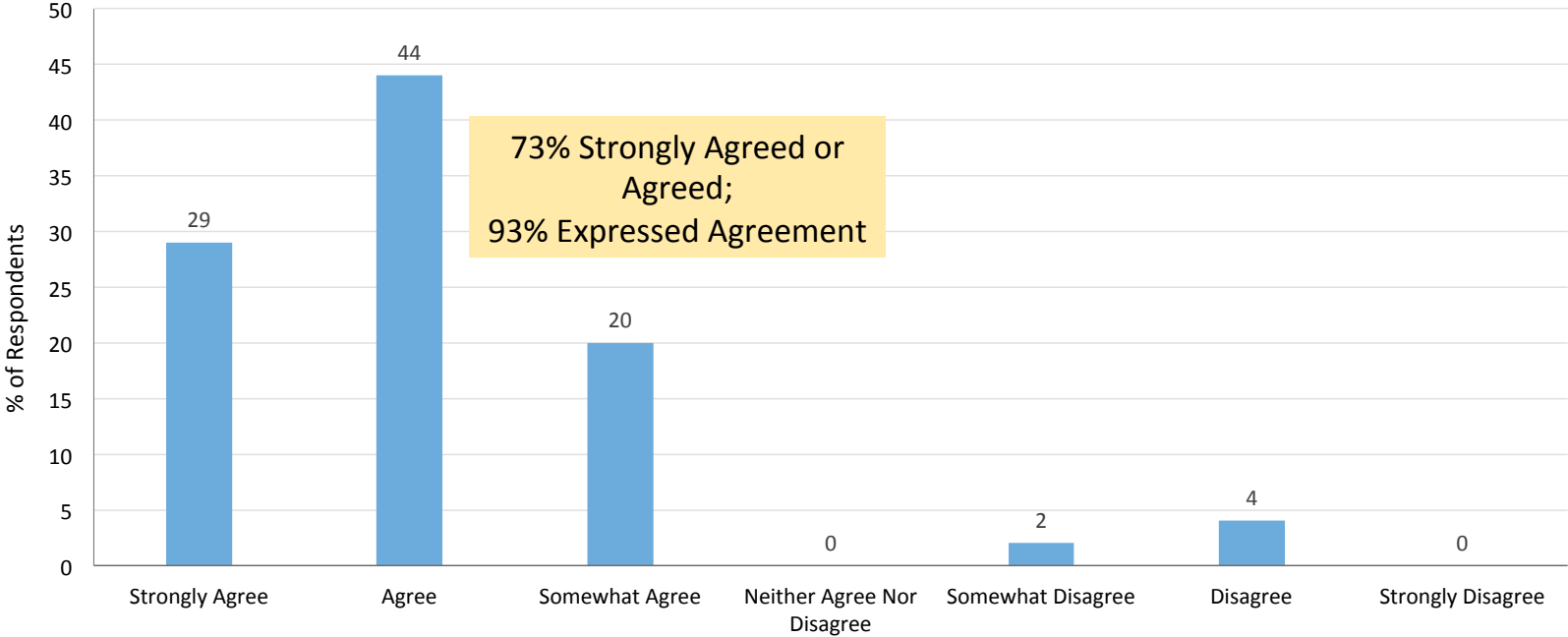
I feel satisfied with the feedback and supervision that I received during my Master's program.



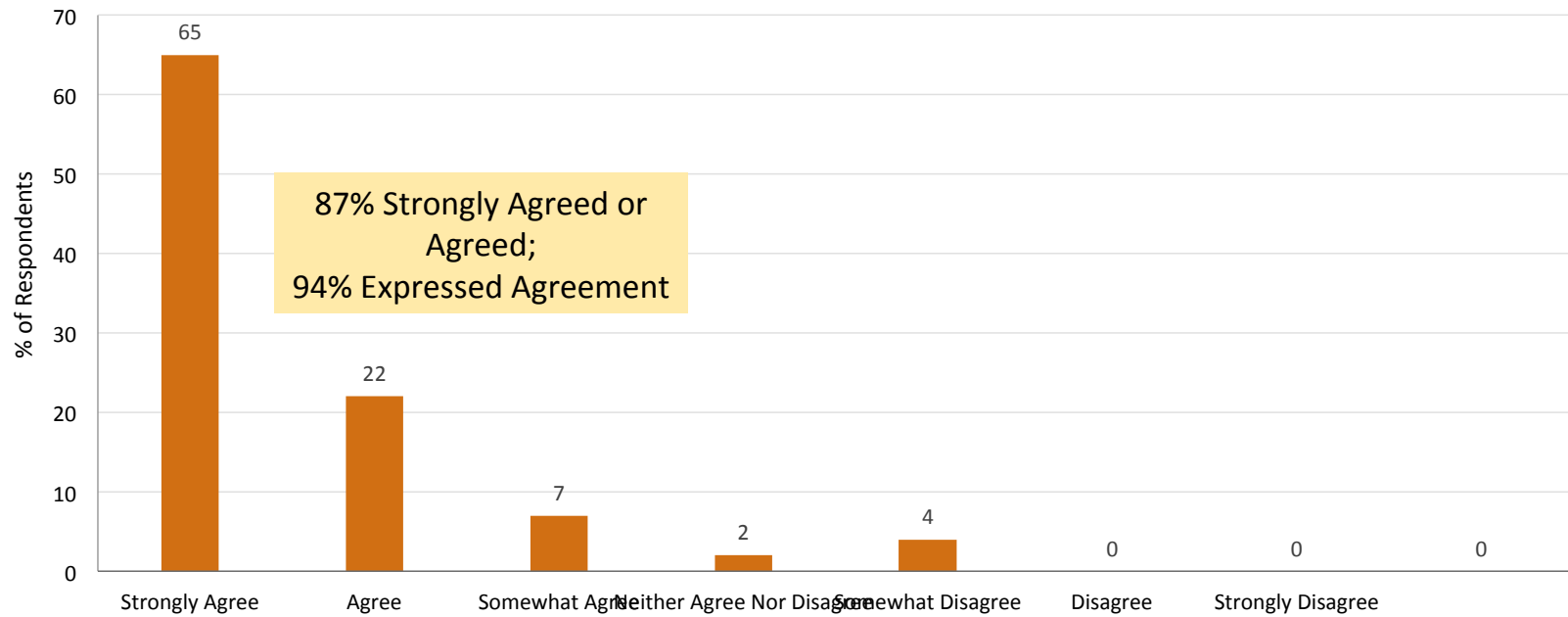
The Master's program provided me with an adequate understanding of professional issues such as state licensing, clinical certification, and insurance reimbursement procedures.



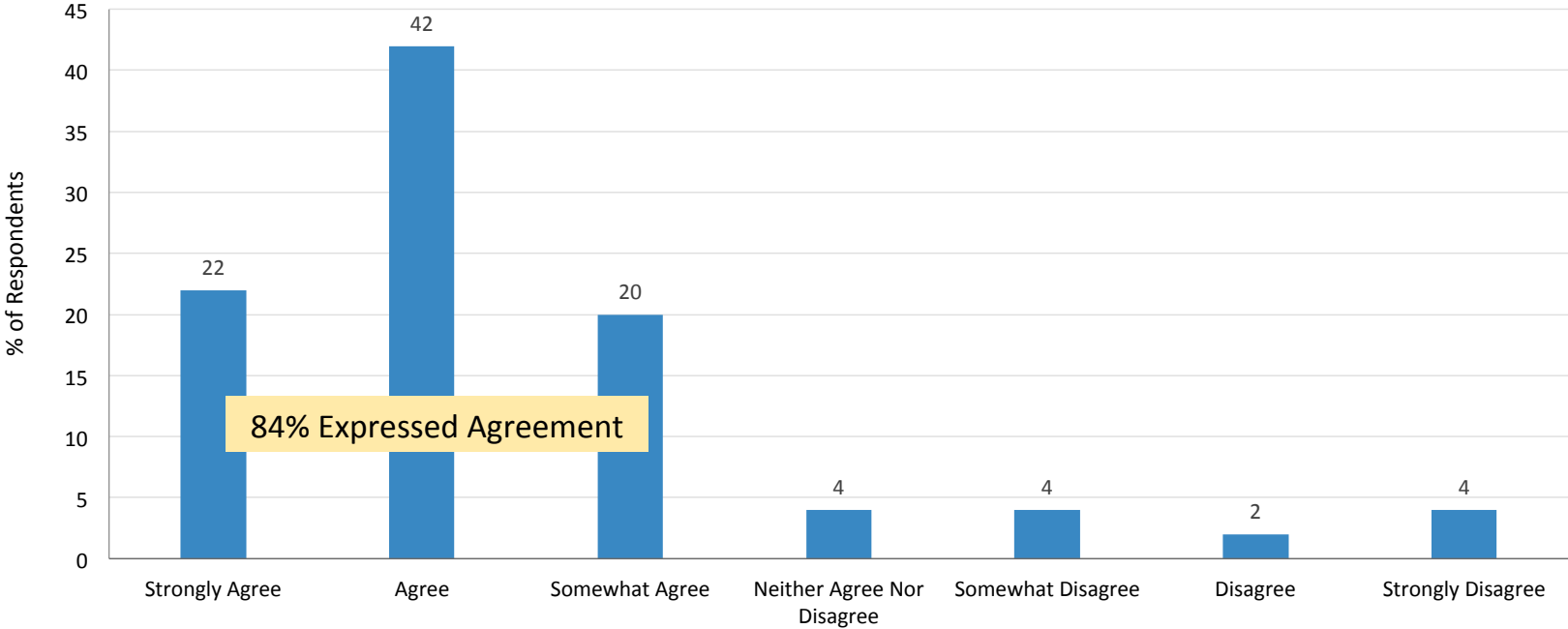
The Master’s program prepared me to implement evidence-based clinical practices with a wide-range of clinical populations.



I feel that the SLHS faculty and staff respected and supported me during my Master's program.



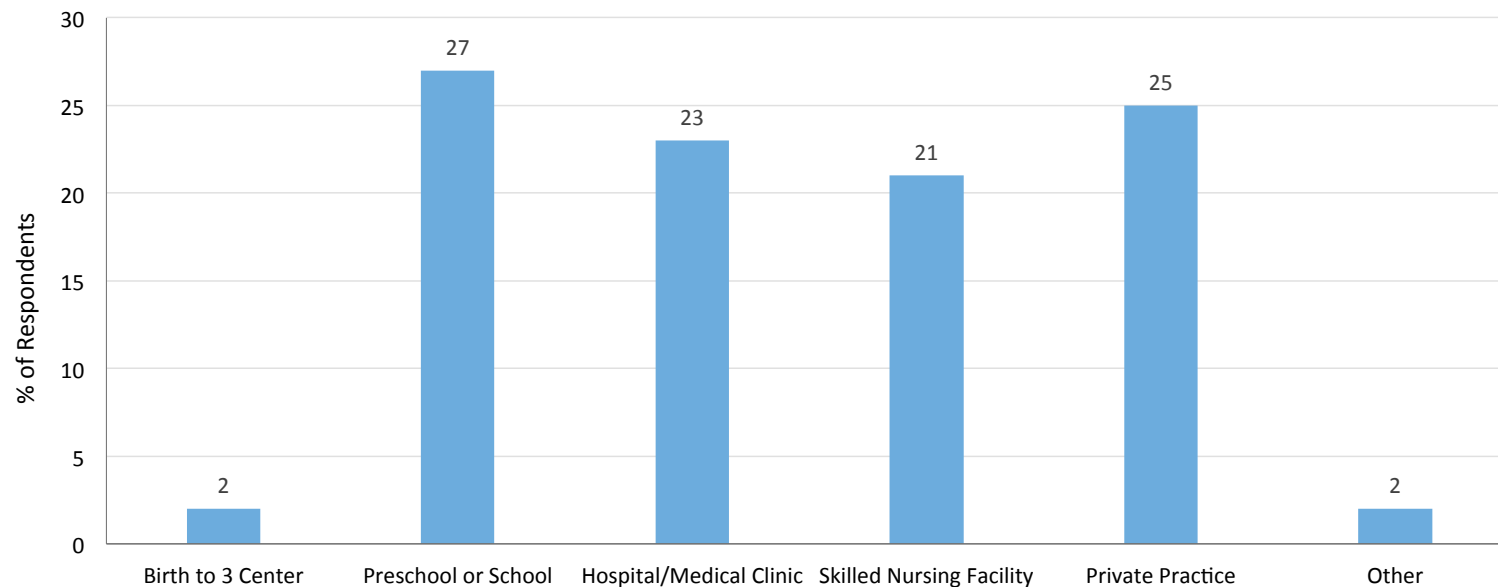
The academic and clinical curriculum in my Master’s program prepared me for the day-to-day professional activities that I performed during my Clinical Fellowship Year.



When did you receive your first job offer for employment as an SLP?



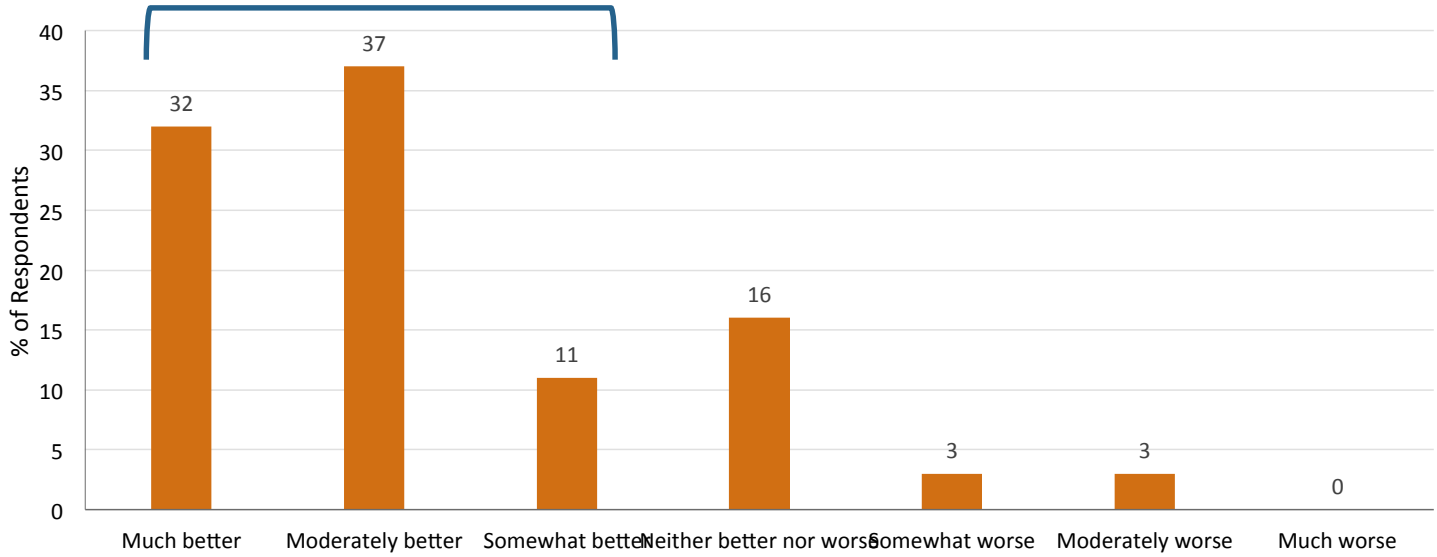
Which of the following describes the primary setting for the first SLP job at which you were employed?



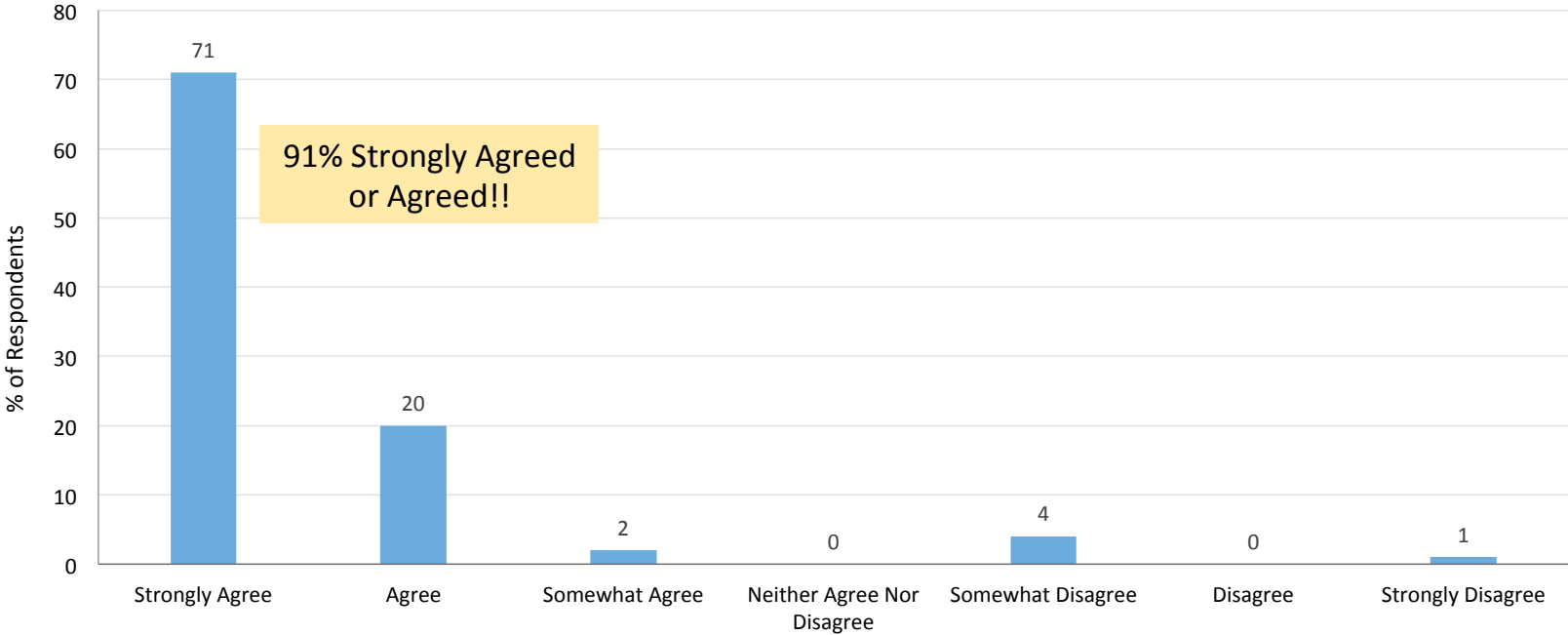
Our graduates work in a wide range of settings!

Many graduates (80%) felt better prepared than colleagues who had attended other universities!

How did your level of "professional readiness" compare to that of SLP colleagues in your workplace who recently graduated from universities other than UF?



Overall, I am glad that I chose UF as the place to complete my Master's program.



List any professional accomplishments and/or activities you'd like to highlight!

I had leadership role in developing our FEES program!

I have mentored 5 graduate students!

I am responsible for mentoring/training new SLP hires at my hospital!

My patient's family nominated me for a HERO award at my hospital.

I am clinical director at my private practice and oversee a team of SLPs, OTs, and PTs!

I presented in-services to my colleagues on cognitive interventions for the traumatic brain injury population

I have received two promotions and...take on student observers and student clinicians.

I completed a PhD and post-doc and have presented at national and international science meetings!

I am the backup Director of Rehab at my facility!

I was promoted to SLP team lead at my facility and am working on my BSC-S!

I am the lead therapist at a private practice and have completed several specialization trainings!

I was promoted to Clinical Supervisor and oversaw the caseloads for several CFs!

I started a small independent private practice where I work for myself, by myself!

I've been trained in the Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) and use it my school system.

And suggestions...

**Our Alumni have lots
of ideas for how to
improve the
Program!**

- Their comments addressed –
 - New course topics
 - New areas of clinical practicum
 - New approaches for assigning students to clinical placements
 - Ideas for building bridges between academic and clinical learning
 - Ideas for expanding information on topics like professional credentialing and billing for clinical services

We take these suggestions seriously!

Closing Comments...

“My knowledge base about all different populations and disorders has prepared me for my current position and I made great friends and connections who continue to be resources for me. It's great to be a Florida Gator!”

“I am very grateful to the program for everything! I feel like I would not be where I am today if it wasn't for the faculty...”

“I loved my experience, I'm grateful for it and I wouldn't change it for anything! Thank you!”

“The biggest strength - and what is most useful in my job - is the familiarity with various disorders and their associated characteristics and current evidence based practice.”

“Go gators! I'm a proud Gator SLP and people really value our education.”

“Keep up the great work. I am proud to be a Gator SLP and am grateful for my time there.”