



Introduction/Background

- Nursing education faces a critical shortage of clinical site availability due to healthcare staffing issues and faculty deficits.
- Limited access to clinical sites negatively impacts student development in:
 - Critical thinking
 - Clinical decision-making
 - Nursing skill proficiency levels
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)- generated Immersive Virtual Reality (IVR) simulation offers a forward-thinking solution to these challenges.
- AI IVR provides:
 - Safe and diverse clinical practice opportunities.
 - Larger faculty to student ratios.
 - Individually adaptive to learner performance.
 - Real-time AI driven feedback.
- This project evaluated how AI IVR simulation impacted nursing students' learning outcomes.
- Results demonstrated statistically significant improvements and high student satisfaction.

Methods

42 junior-level nursing students completed two AI-generated IVR simulations: **IV insertion** and **medication administration**. Outcomes were measured across three checkpoints:

- Checkpoint 1:** Physical Skill simulation (C-CEI evaluation)
- Checkpoint 2:** First AI IVR attempt (C-CEI and AI analytics)
- Checkpoint 3:** Second AI IVR attempt (C-CEI, AI analytics, and SET-M)

Assessments included:

- Creighton Competency Evaluation Instrument (C-CEI)
- AI-generated performance scores
- Simulation Effectiveness Tool–Modified (SET-M)

Results

C-CEI Scores

Repeated Measures ANOVA:

- Medication Administration:* $F(2, 123) = 329.78, p < .001$
- IV Insertion:* $F(2, 123) = 2408.40, p < .001$
- Avg. increase: **33.62%** (meds), **48.12%** (IV)

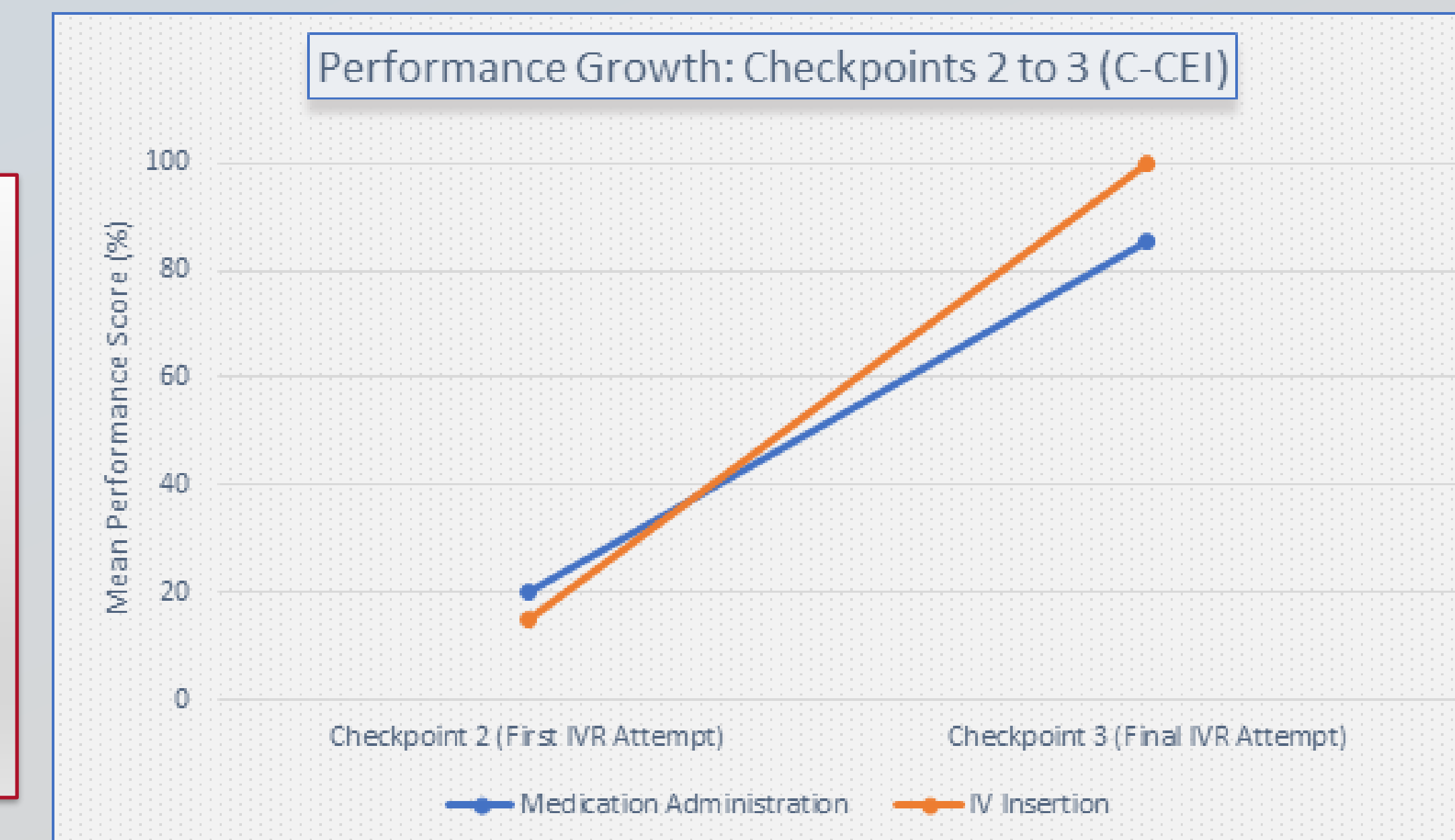
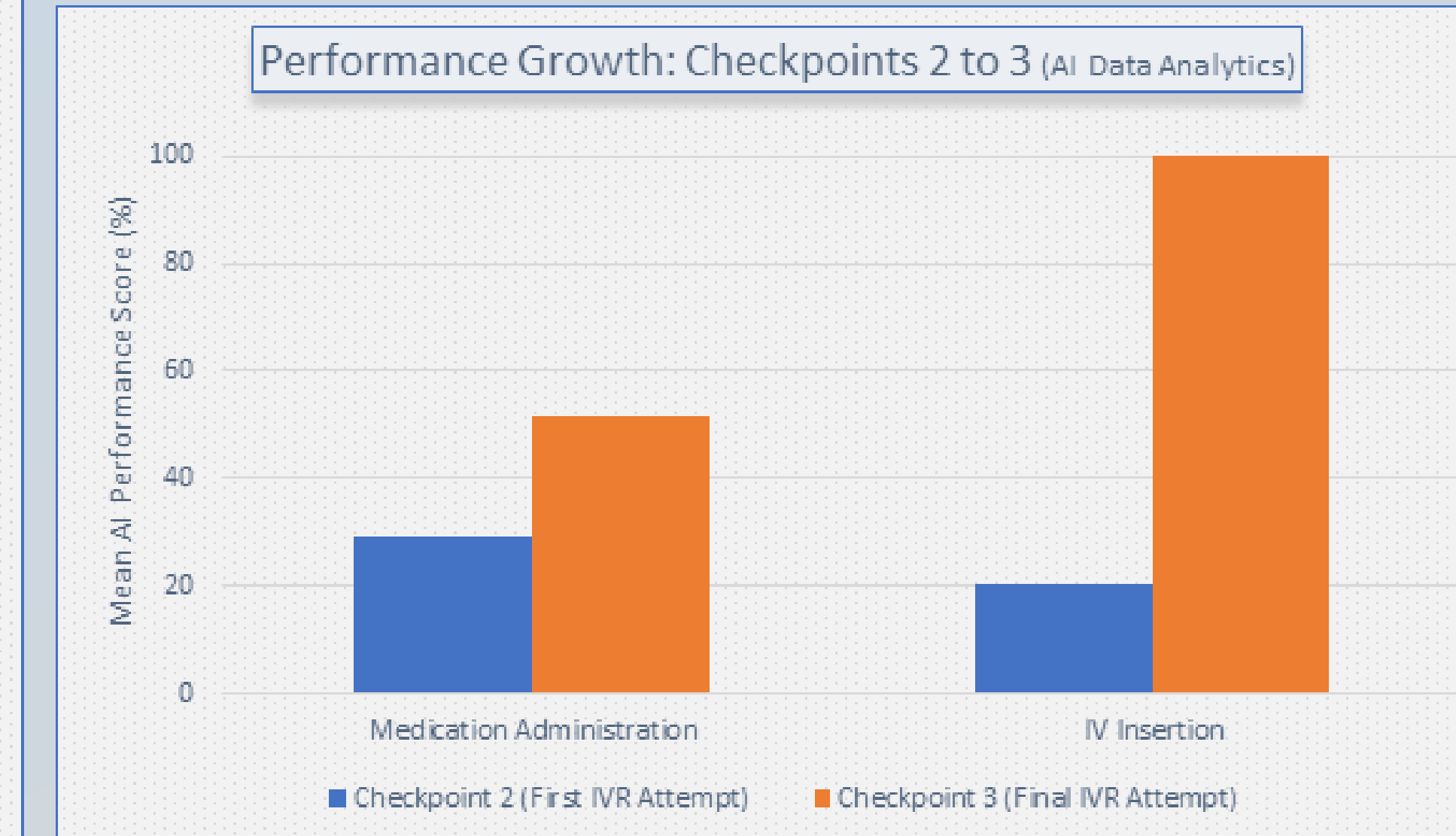
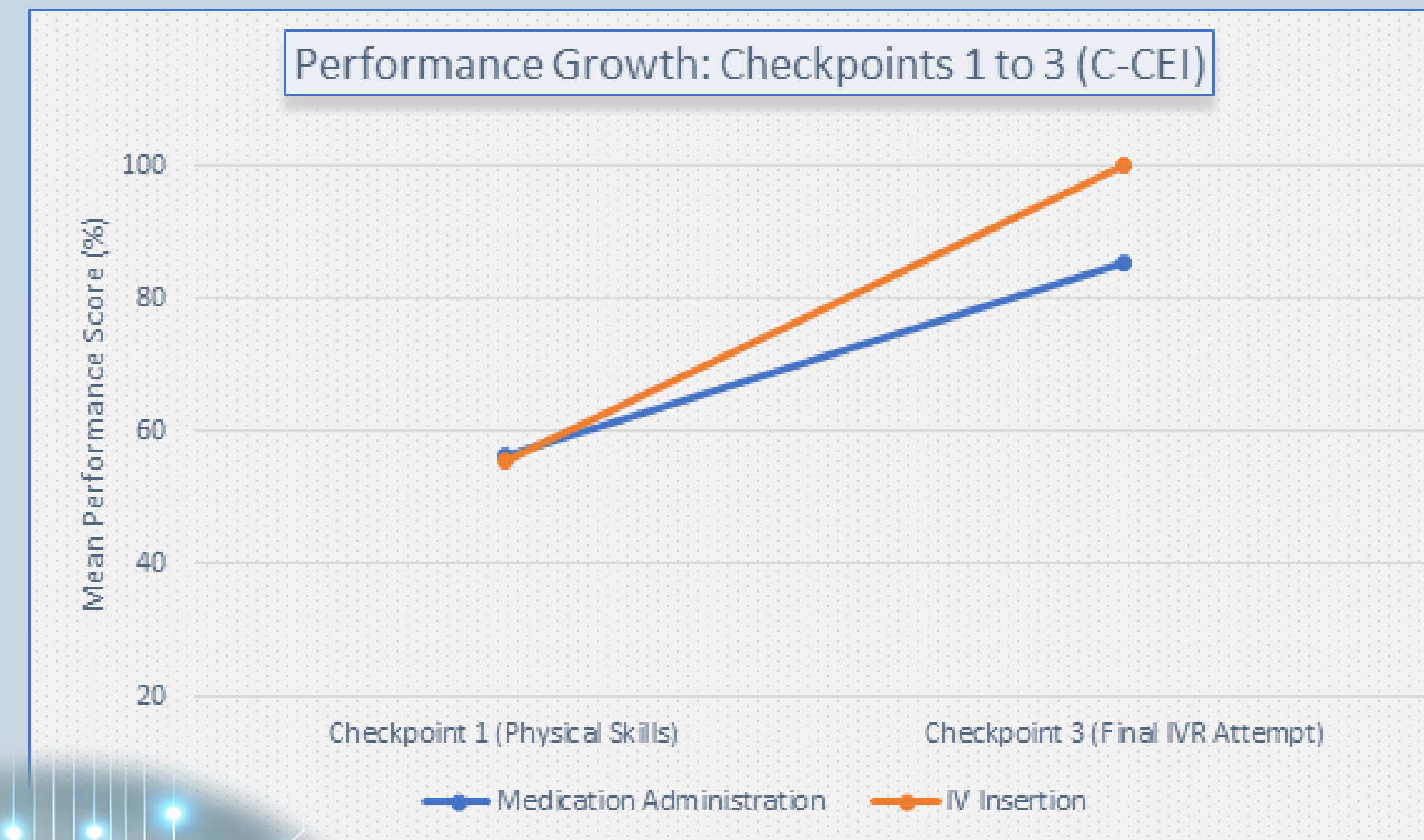
AI-Generated Scores

Paired t-tests:

- Medication Administration:* $t(41) = -12.55, p < .001$
 - Avg. increase: **33.62 percentage points** (from 18.45% to 52.07%)
- IV Insertion:* $t(41) = -63.86, p < .001$
 - Avg. increase: **48.76 percentage points** (from 14.12% to 62.88%)

SET-M Satisfaction Survey

- Overall mean: **2.79 / 3.00**
- Highest agreement: confidence, prioritization, safety
- Standard deviations indicated strong consensus among students



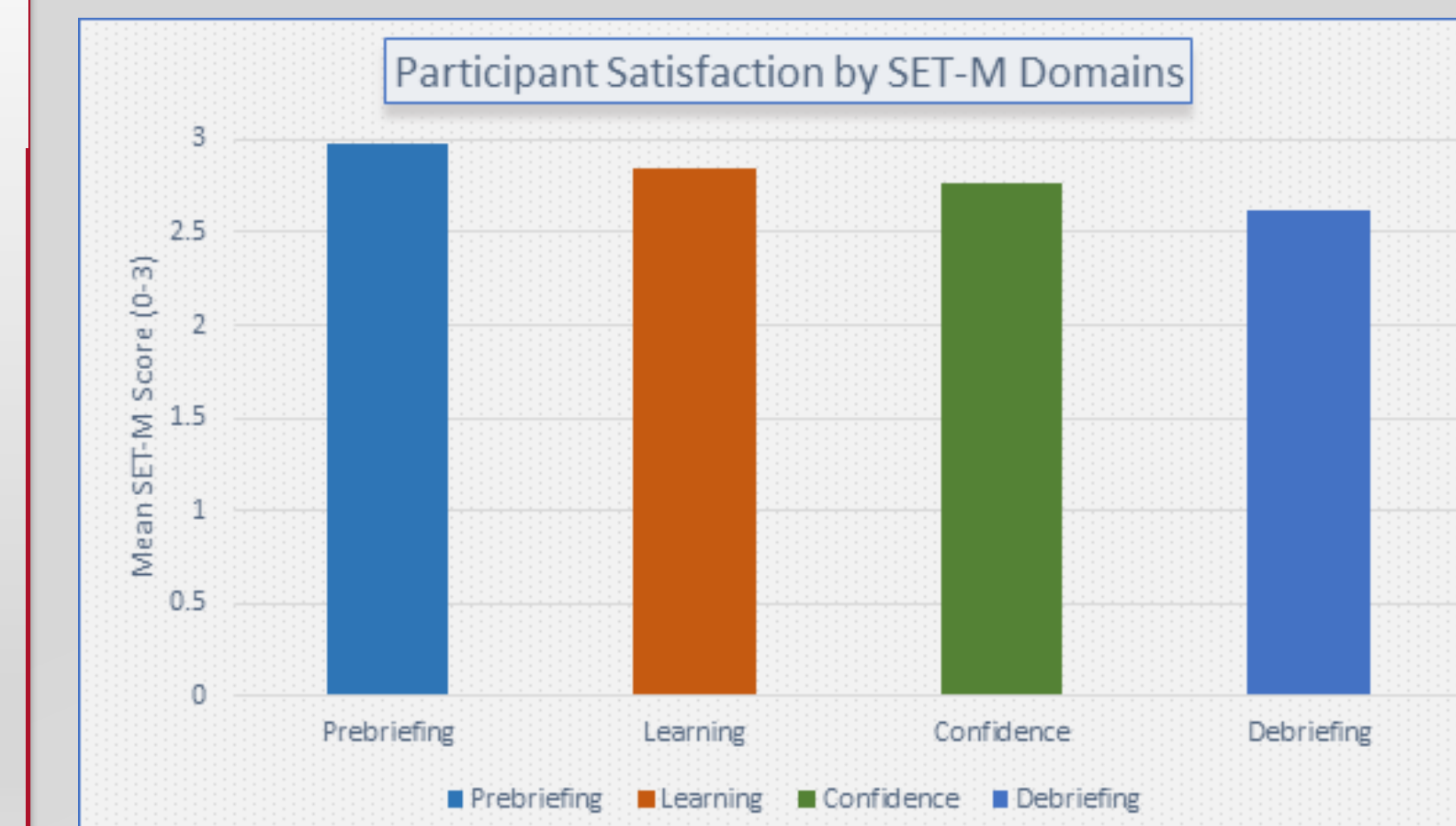
Key Outcomes

Significantly Improved:

1. Critical Thinking
2. Clinical Decision-Making
3. Nursing Skill Proficiency
4. High Student Satisfaction

Conclusions

AI-generated IVR simulation significantly improved nursing students' clinical decision-making, critical thinking, and nursing skill proficiency. Students reported high satisfaction with the experience. These results support the use of AI IVR simulation as a scalable, high-quality tool to enhance learning outcomes, supplement traditional clinical training, and prepare students for professional practice.



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