



Simulation Guidance

The following simulation guidance shall apply when simulation is replacing traditional clinical experiences/hours. Such guidance is not intended for the use of simulation as a supplement to classroom learning or validation of skills in lab experiences.

Simulation is a pedagogy that may be integrated across the curriculum for pre-licensure curriculum. Nursing education programs are advised to incrementally increase the amount of simulation as faculty expertise is acquired. Faculty expertise, resource, and curricular requirements for simulation are defined in [21 NCAC 36 .0321 \(n\), \(o\) and \(p\) CURRICULUM](#).

Definitions

- **Simulation:** A technique, not a technology, to replace or amplify clinical experiences with guided experiences that evoke or replicate substantial aspects of the real world of nursing practice in a fully interactive manner.
- **Traditional Clinical Experience:** A clinical experience where the student provides in-person care to patients/clients under the guidance of an instructor or preceptor.

Program Responsibilities

The program director is responsible for ensuring the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) Standards of Best Practices are utilized for lead faculty and lab personnel in simulation education. Core and advanced courses in simulation are required for faculty to acquire the foundational competencies prior to using simulation as a learning tool.

The program director must also ensure simulation faculty are qualified to conduct simulation and debriefings, as well as maintain proper documentation capturing this information. Furthermore, the program director maintains the responsibility to ensure resources for faculty development, allocation of faculty workload hours to support best practices, and the provision of an appropriately realistic environment.

The North Carolina Board of Nursing does not prescribe simulation courses, number of continuing education hours, or certifications for lead faculty and lab personnel teaching in simulation education. Contact your education consultant with any questions.