

Director's Corner: SimLEARN Strengthens Partnerships, Realigns Certification Standards to Improve Veteran Care

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Evolution is not just about change; it's about progress, growth, and a journey towards excellence. At SimLEARN, we embrace the transformative power of evolution because it pushes us forward, fuels our innovation, and helps us better serve our Nation's heroes.

As SimLEARN navigates the ever-changing world of health care simulation, we are constantly evolving to meet new challenges, embrace new technologies, and build impactful partnerships. Our journey of evolution is reflected in our commitment to enhancing our certification processes, expanding our collaborative efforts with organizations and academic institutions, and leveraging cutting-edge simulation technologies.

Our certification process is evolving. We've temporarily paused certifications for simulation centers as we fine-tune our standards to better align with the [Society for Simulation in Healthcare](#) (SSH), a global leader in health care simulation. This strategic move is all about ensuring that we're meeting the gold standard in health care simulation accreditation. Our goal is to deliver simulation training programs that not only meet industry benchmarks but continue to deliver real, impactful outcomes in health care simulation.

Additionally, I'm thrilled to highlight the tremendous growth in our partnerships. Our collaboration with the [National Center for Patient Safety](#) (NCPS) has been a game-changer. Together, we've successfully evaluated devices like Hemaclips for dialysis treatments, contributing valuable insights that have enhanced patient safety across the board. This successful evaluation validated the safety of these tools and informed VA practice on their ongoing use. Based on this success, the NCPS and SimLEARN are expanding our partnership with a formal agreement to perform this work regularly with a variety of medical devices.

Our academic affiliations highlight truly cutting-edge technology. Our partnership with the University of Central Florida (UCF) is taking simulation technology to new heights. Through our partnership with UCF and Dr. Hologram, we're exploring cutting-edge holographic technology for teaching clinical skills and even for telepresence in health care settings. Imagine the possibilities this opens for improving patient care and education. SimLEARN is recommending the use of this technology for the National Cemetery Administration and the Library of Congress to add holographic features to existing information for enhanced customer engagements. SimLEARN, UCF, and Dr. Hologram are preparing a joint presentation at the VHA Innovation Experience (iEX) for fall 2024.

Additionally, I'm excited to share our commitment to student and faculty engagement from UCF's College of Medicine. We're creating immersive experiences, providing training opportunities, and hosting evaluation events that prepare the health care work force of tomorrow.

Through evolution, we not only adapt to the present but also prepare ourselves for the future. SimLEARN is at the forefront of health care simulation, driving positive change, and making a meaningful difference in the way Veterans receive and experience care.