



Using Simulation Training to Drive Excellence in Veterans' Health Care



EES provides development and delivery of simulation-based curricula including train-the-trainer and train-the-provider programs, as well as coordinating training facility, Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) and VHA wide policies, procedures and standards.

The Simulation Learning, Education and Research Network (SimLEARN) is VHA's national program for advancing clinical simulation training, education and research across the Department. The program is a collaborative effort of the Employee Education System, Office of Patient Care Services and Office of Nursing Services program offices. It serves as a valuable resource to VHA health care providers and educators on the operational strategies, simulation technologies and training methods needed to address local training priorities. The SimLEARN program continually develops and implements curricula to address national clinical priorities, including Veteran women's health and clinical team training. The program also provides model operational policies, procedures, standards and guidelines for VHA simulation activities.

To learn more about SimLEARN, visit www.simlearn.va.gov.

A comprehensive list of courses available through SimLEARN is available [here](#).

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Training That Suits Learners and Supports the VHA Mission

Associated Products

- **National Simulation Center (NSC)** - The new VHA SimLEARN National Simulation Center at Lake Nona, near Orlando, Florida uses immersive environments to deliver train-the-trainer and train the provider approaches utilizing the most suitable modalities of simulation. The NSC serves as the hub for curriculum



development, simulation technology innovation and technical support, and simulation education through inter-professional advanced fellowships.

- **Virtual / Distance-learning Simulation Training** - VHA Talent Management System Website - The VA TMS serves as the official system of record for all training and development activities of VA employees. EES does not manage TMS. For additional support: <https://www.valu.va.gov/Home/TMSResources>
- **Simulation and Modeling Conference and Meeting Activities** - The National Simulation Center is capable of hosting events for over 200 participants incorporating traditional teaching methods with low and high-fidelity simulators, augmented and virtual reality trainers, and video systems to enhance learning. NSC staff can also assist with curriculum and simulation design and delivery.

Simulation Research, Assessment and Evaluation

SimLEARN provides the following services:

- Simulation planning and consultation
- Collaborate/consult with program offices and entities to advise and plan
- Develop simulation-based training
- Conduct a full assessment of request
- Collaborative training and support
- USH Simulation Awards
- Facility Simulation Certification
- Consultation and systems testing

Simulation Program Office Partners

About EES

To learn more, visit myees.lrn.va.gov.

The Employee Education System partners with clients in VHA's program offices, Veterans Integrated Service Networks and facilities to provide quality education and training that facilitates excellence in health care for our Nation's Veterans. EES is leading the cultural transformation of VHA into a Learning Organization, linking learning and organizational health to employee engagement, patient satisfaction and health care outcomes. To ensure the quality, relevance and value of the training that we offer, EES maintains accreditations with 17 health care professional organizations. Learning takes place in a number of settings and formats, often in tandem as part of a blended learning strategy. On the cutting edge of adult learning, EES is innovating curricula and training that utilize clinical simulation training and social media to increase the effectiveness, efficiency and health care outcomes of the "classroom" experience. Additionally, EES works closely with VHA learning leaders and the VA Learning University on department-wide initiatives, including coordinating training and managing learning infrastructure, such as the VA Knowledge Network satellite network, the VA Content Delivery Network desktop learning system and the VA Talent Management System. EES also coordinates Federal interagency sharing of learning resources that benefit learners in VA and a number of other Federal agencies.

About ONS

To learn more, visit www.va.gov/nursing

The Office of Nursing Services provides leadership, guidance and strategic direction on all issues related to nursing practice and nursing workforce for clinical programs across the continuum of care and across the spectrum of care delivery sites that impact our Veterans. Through its portfolios and partnerships with its shared governance advisory groups, ONS provides policy guidance and program implementation to create, implement and evaluate the national nursing strategic plan and support the Under Secretary for Health, other VHA program offices and VA Nursing. Through its implementation, the plan benefits nursing practice, professional development and workforce management. ONS continues to promote nursing innovation and transformation through educational programming and research, and applies evidence-based practices to improve quality and patient safety for Veterans. In its work throughout VA, with schools of nursing and professional health policy organizations, ONS helps further VA Nursing as a dynamic, diverse group of honored, respected and compassionate professionals, and establish VA as a leader in the creation of an organizational culture where excellence in nursing is valued as essential for quality health care to those who served America.

About PCS

To learn more, visit www.patientcare.va.gov

The Office of Patient Care Services strives to be an invaluable resource to the Department of Veterans Affairs in providing leadership in clinical care and promoting the best possible health for our Nation's Veterans. Patient Care Services is dedicated to ensuring excellence for Veterans in the full continuum of health care (from health promotion, disease prevention, diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitative to recovery and palliative care). Our goal is to provide care through policy and program development and oversight, which promotes dignity and respect and is achieved by utilizing innovative approaches and technologies through interdisciplinary collaboration both within and outside the Veterans Health Administration. PCS functions and services are available to support both the Office of the Under Secretary for Health, VHA program offices and the field at large. PCS provides clinical leadership, facilitates coordination and integration of clinical care with research and education, and actively contributes to emergency medical preparedness. All PCS clinical programs align with VHA strategic goals – holding patient care as central to the mission of VHA. PCS clinical leaders function as advocates and managers and collaborate across disciplines in the overall best interests of patients and the organization. Major clinical policy guidance is provided by clinical experts in PCS to senior leadership. PCS is committed to providing excellent customer service, and PCS leaders catalyze and promote diffusion of best practices and technologies throughout VHA.

A field or program office-aligned EES Learning Consultant stands ready to support your office's workforce education and training needs