



Best Practices in Simulation
A Focus on Rules
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Development and Approval of
MR 6301 Program Approvals
Rules for Simulation



- Nurse Practice Act amendment to license APRNS
- Required rulemaking for APRN program approval
- Opportunity to look at program approval rules as a whole
- Landmark Simulation Study in Process

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Search for the Evidence



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History of Amending Program Rules to Address Simulation

- NCSBN promotes evidence based regulatory excellence through research
- Literature review summary
 - Students able to learn unique skills & knowledge in simulation normally learned in clinical experiences (Schumacker & Hamilton, 2011)

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History of Amending Program Rules to Address Simulation

- Simulation improved critical thinking, performance of skills, knowledge of subject matter and increase in clinical reasoning in certain areas (Lapkin, Levett-Jones, Bellchambers & Fernandez (2010)
- Fisher & King (2013) found in general, confidence, clinical judgment, knowledge and competence increased through use of simulation

 **History of Amending Program Rules to Address Simulation**

- NCSBN conducted first large scale national research study in simulation 2011-2014
- Largest and most comprehensive study substituting up to & including 50% simulation
- Prelicensure programs – 5 ADN and 5 BSN
- Study found substituting high quality simulation experiences for up to 50% of traditional clinical resulted in comparable end of program educational outcomes

 **Conclusion**

- Provided evidence simulation is pedagogy that may be integrated across curriculum provided:
 - Faculty adequately trained, committed & sufficient numbers
 - Dedicated simulation lab with appropriate resources
 - Vignettes realistically & appropriately designed
 - Debriefing based on theoretical model

 **Amending Minnesota Program Rules to Include Simulation**

- Board's Education Committee critical to rule development
 - Determined this landmark study relevant to regulation
 - Evidence now supported use of simulation to meet clinical learning requirements

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Factors considered

- Competition among programs for access to clinical sites, particularly specialty areas
- No harm to patient in simulation while providing consistent, standardized experiences in equitable manner to develop required competencies
- Availability of sophisticated human patient simulators and virtual reality products

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"Roots of Simulation"



"Mrs. Chase" demonstration doll, created 1911, rediscovered, Hartford Hospital, 2012

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Next steps

- Survey of all professional and practical nursing programs:
 - 52.2% of programs responded
 - 67% already used high-fidelity simulation
 - Barriers cited were costs of equipment and cost of faculty development to acquire expertise

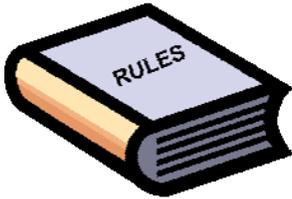
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Presentation to the Board
to Revise Rules

- Recommendation to Board to revise program approval rules to address utilizing high fidelity simulation to meet no more than half of the time to meet clinical learning experiences
- Evidence from conclusion of the NCSBN landmark study NCSBN Model Rules, INASCL, NLN position papers provided foundation for rule development

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M.R.6301.2340
Simulation



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Adopted Rules and
Definitions

Rules adopted December 12, 2016

- "High-fidelity simulation" means a simulation conducted with computerized patient mannequins, virtual reality, or standardized patients and designed to provide a high level of interactivity and realism.

"Full scale" was removed from definition

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Adopted Rules and Definitions

Simulation:

- "Simulation" means a learning activity that replicates a patient situation using a planned course of events and applies evidence-based practices in nursing education to improve or validate competence.

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Equipment and Resources

High-fidelity simulation may be used in part to meet the requirements of item A, subitem (4), units (a) and (b), when:

- equipment and resources, including the number of nursing faculty, to support student learning are sufficient;
 - Adequate number of faculty
 - Operational Support
 - Dedicated budget for equipment and faculty development

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Faculty

- nursing faculty with documented education and training in the use of simulation develop, implement, and evaluate the simulation experience;
 - Faculty are pursuing skill acquisition moving from novice to expert
 - Emphasis on scholarship of teaching
 - Simulation program based on educational theories and application of national standards e.g. INASCL

 Faculty

- Evidence of learning- conferences, coursework, certification, training from consultant(s), targeted work with a mentor
- Maintain a CV of activities to provide ongoing documentation of developing expertise
 - e.g. Develop and implement a professional development plan- Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) from Society for Simulation in Healthcare

 Standards for Simulation

- the design, implementation, and evaluation of the simulation is based on nationally recognized evidence-based standards for simulation;
- This conference designed to reinforce standards and best practices for simulation
 - e.g. INASCL Standards of Best Practice in Simulation
 - Updated in 2016 based on best evidence

 Standards for Simulation

- Renaming of standards and expanded content
- No longer numbered as there is not a standard "hierarchy"
- Focus on outcomes, not just objectives

 Standards for Simulation

- References the need for facilitator education
- Evaluation standards through use of comprehensive tools
- Addresses everyone involved in simulation

 Students

- the simulation provides an opportunity for each student to demonstrate clinical competence while in the role of the nurse;
 - Scope of Practice around which simulation should focus
 - Use the Nurse Practice Act for the Practice of Practical Nursing and the Practice of Professional Nursing
 - <https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/practice/npa-toolkit/>

 Prebriefing and Debriefing

- prebriefing and debriefing are conducted by nursing faculty with subject matter expertise and training in simulation using evidence-based techniques; and
 - Major emphasis on prebriefing and debriefing
 - Reflection is the catalyst for learning - (Tanner 2006)
 - e.g. NLN/Jeffries Simulation Theory

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Prebriefing and Debriefing

- Socratic Questioning:
 - Reflection on Action
 - Reflection in Action
 - Reflection beyond Action
- Source: Dreifuert, Kristina Thomas. (2015). Getting Started with Debriefing for Meaningful Learning. *Clinical Simulation in Nursing*, 11 (5), e268-275. doi.org/10.2016/j.ecns.2015.01.005

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Percentage of Simulation Utilization for clinical

- high-fidelity simulation is utilized for no more than half of the time designated for meeting clinical learning requirements
 - Programs decide where simulation will be utilized
 - Simulation may be used to meet specialty areas
 - Based on NCSBN Study in which programs had 600 hours of clinical and did not include PN programs

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Factors to Consider

- Required number of clinical hours in the program
- Licensure Pass Rates
- Availability of clinical sites
- Turnover of faculty/program director

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Factors to Consider

- Complaints/input from students
- Retention Rates
- Program resources including faculty expertise
- Overall impact on program outcomes

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The Journey



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Best Practices

- Focus on the scholarship of teaching
- Quality of Experience is Key
- Focus on results and outcomes
- Simulation is a technique not a technology

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**Systematic Evaluation Plans
Required by MR 6301 Rules**

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MR 6301 Program Approvals Rules

- MR 6301.2330 E.
 - The nursing program must perform periodic comprehensive self-evaluation for quality improvement

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MR 6301 Program Approvals Rules

- 6301.2340 Subp3 A. (2)
 - Implement a comprehensive, systematic plan for ongoing evaluation that is based on program outcomes and stakeholder input regarding competence and safety. The ongoing evaluation plan must provide for continuous improvement.

 **MR 6301 Program Approvals Rules**

- MR 6301.2340 Subp 3 A. (15) ensure responsibilities of nursing faculty include:
 - (b) designing, implementing, and evaluating the curriculum using a written plan;
 - (f) evaluating student of curricular objectives and outcomes related to nursing knowledge and practice;



Systematic Evaluation Plans Required by Accreditation

 **Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)**

- Standard 4 Curriculum
 - Student clinical experiences and practice learning environments are evidence-based; reflect contemporary practice and nationally established patient health and safety goals; and support the achievement of the end-of-program student learning outcomes.

 Accreditation Commission
for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

- Standard 6 Outcomes
 - Sufficient data to inform program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of each end-of-program student learning outcome and each program outcome
 - Documentation demonstrating the use of assessment data in program decision-making for the maintenance and improvement of each end-of-program student learning outcome and each program outcome

 Commission for Nursing
Education Accreditation (CNEA)

- Standard 1 Culture of Excellence- Program Outcomes
 - I A. Faculty and staff assess and evaluate achievement of identified program outcomes by engaging in an on-going, systematic, evidence based process.

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- Standard V: Culture of Learning and Diversity- Curriculum and Evaluation Process
 - V.J. There is a systematic and ongoing review and evidence based revision of the curriculum and teaching, learning, and evaluation strategies by faculty within a culture of continuous quality improvement to foster achievement of the program's expected student outcomes.

 **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)**

- Standard III H: Curriculum and teaching-learning practices are evaluated at regularly scheduled intervals to foster ongoing improvement :
 - Faculty use data from faculty and student evaluation of teach-learning practices to inform decisions that facilitate the achievement for student outcomes.

 **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)**

- Standard IV A: A systematic process is used to determine program effectiveness. The process:
 - Identifies which quantitative and/or qualitative data are collected to assess achievement of program outcomes

 **Final thoughts**

- Use definition in Nurse Practice Act for role of the nurse
- Do not leap to 50% right away
- Develop a written plan for simulation
- Document success rates of students
- Document effectiveness of simulation in the program

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Proceed to



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Quality Simulation
Teaching and Learning