The SIRC Has a New Look

The Simulation Innovation Resource Center (SIRC) website has undergone some major enhancements. We hope you like the new look and are finding the resources useful. We are grateful to our communications and marketing team for their creativity and hard work. Please take the time to visit the site and please let us know what you think at info@sirc.com.

Did You Know?

The SIRC site has a new feature: HomeGrownSolutions. INACSL and the NLN have joined forces to provide you with a way to share cost effective methods to produce simulation situations. Created by education professionals to address tricky issues in simulation, HomeGrown Simulation Solutions comprises self-made items, creative adaptations to existing items, simulation recipes, and ideas that add to the suspension of disbelief in simulation. Each item includes objectives for use, ideas to integrate it into the curriculum, and step-by-step instructions that provide a roadmap for replication. Solutions may be highlighted in future publications and/or conferences with INACSL and the NLN.

Submissions must meet the following criteria for consideration:
- Offers a unique solution to everyday simulation issues, or ideas to suspension of disbelief in simulation
- Identifies a problem to be solved in simulation
- Provides a list of supplies or ingredients
- Details the steps for re-creating the solution (Pictures and videos submissions are encouraged.)

The application deadline is January 15, 2015. To learn more, visit the HomeGrown Solutions section of the NLN SIRC website.

And Did You Know?

The most popular areas on the SIRC website are the pages featuring our simulation centers and vendors. Having your center or your simulation services in the directory is great publicity.
- If you have a simulation center or you are a vendor and are already listed, check your link to ensure that it’s accurate.
- If you are not yet listed, click the links below. (Centers don’t need to be large. There are only two simple criteria: agree to let others tour your center and be willing to share your insights - at your convenience, of course.)
- Submitting your information is easy.
  - Simulation Centers: fill in the form here.
  - Vendors: fill in the form here.

Do You Need Help Getting Started with Simulation? Are Ready to Advance Your Skills?

The SIRC has 16 courses, ranging from basic to advanced, created under the direction of Dr. Pam Jeffries. Check them out at the SIRC.

NLN Research Journal Special Issue:

Call for Simulation Manuscripts

Nursing Education Perspectives is planning a special issue on the use of simulation in nursing education for September/October 2015. Dr. Pamela R. Jeffries, editor of the NLN’s Simulation in Nursing: From Conceptualization to Evaluation (2nd ed.) and vice provost for digital initiatives, Johns Hopkins University, will serve as guest editor. Please submit your simulation manuscript to NEP for consideration. Read the Journal »

Upcoming Events

January 10-14, New Orleans, LA

2015 Society for Simulation in Healthcare Conference

Visit NLN Booth 809 in New Orleans, where more than 2,000 health care simulation professionals from around the globe convene for the premier educational and networking event for health care simulationists from all disciplines. The NLN will also be represented at the following sessions:
- Creating Better Simulations for All Your Learners – Here’s How
- Dr. Mary Fey, Dr. Joe Loprieato, Dr. Sharon Decker, Connie Lopez, Dr. Taylor Sawyer
- Debriefing Practices in the United States: Results of a National Survey
  - Dr. Mary Fey
February 5-7, San Antonio, TX
2015 NLN Leadership Conference: Academic Leadership Excellence: Co-Creating a Collaborative Culture

Leadership is needed in order to advance excellence in the use of simulation as an effective teaching strategy. Leading change requires skills. Joining the many participants for this year’s conference are our 2015 Simulation Leaders. This year the Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators program welcomes three international simulation experts from South Africa, Australia, and Canada. This year’s interactive leadership conference will focus on co-creating a positive culture for effective leadership in academic environments. Organizational culture establishes the foundation for how people work, think, and behave. Esteemed experts will share insights and strategies to address dynamics that often serve as barriers to successful organizational performance: resistance, power, authority, and competition.

The conference will promote courageous dialogue that engages participants in experiential learning. Join the NLN to explore innovations to co-create strategic environments that build collaboration among faculty, administrators, and students.

Congratulations to our 2015 simulation leaders who will also be attending this year’s Leadership Conference:

Linda Bensfield - DePaul University  
Sabrina Beroz - Montgomery College  
Cathy Coram - Colorado State University, Pueblo  
Amy Cowperthwait - University of Delaware  
Justine Dawson - St. John of God Health Care, Australia  
Dawne-Marie Dunbar - University of New England  
Crystel Farina - Chesapeake College  
Kim Hawkins - Creighton University  
Martha Hepler - University of North Carolina at Pembroke  
Alaina Herrington - Hinds Community College  
Vanessa Kramasz - Gateway Technical College  
Patricia Morgan - University of Calgary, Canada  
Carla Nye - Virginia Commonwealth University  
Kathryn Parrish - University of North Georgia  
Julie Poore - Indiana University School of Nursing  
Tonya Rutherford-Hemming - Cleveland Clinic  
Tonya A. Schneidereith - Stevenson University  
Ejim N. Sule - Prairie View A&M University College of Nursing  
Nancy Sullivan - Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing  
Catherine Thurling - University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

Join the NLN’s online community.