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Educators and Technologists form Global Nursing Education Virtual Simulation Consortium to address Clinical Hour Replacement needs in face of COVID-19 pandemic
A Response to the Current Public Health Crisis and Health Professions Student Clinical Hours

Gainesville, FL: Today, leaders in the academic nursing, QSEN, and simulation communities announce the formation of the Global Nursing Education Virtual Simulation Consortium with the immediate goal of delivering a rapid response to address critical education needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the current limitation of clinical sites, and educators' need to maintain instructional continuity and ensure advancement and graduation.

To help administrators, faculty, and nursing students move quickly and effectively to an online environment, the Consortium will launch a series of interactive webinars featuring academic leaders sharing cases for virtual simulation along with best known practices for replacing clinical practicum hours in an online environment. The first webinar in the series will be:

NURSE EDUCATOR EXPERTS
PANEL DISCUSSION and Q&A
Thursday, March 19, 2020 - 1PM EST
Register for the Webinar

Pamela R. Jefferies, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF, FSSH
Dean and Professor, The George Washington University School of Nursing

Carol Fowler Durham, EdD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, FSSH
Professor & Director, EISLE, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing

Gerry Altmiller, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, ANEF, FAAN
Professor, The College of New Jersey, Director QSEN Institute Regional Center at TCNJ
Strategies for bringing clinical adjunct faculty into on-line clinical education

Shanna Akers, EdD, MSN/MBA-HC, RN, CNE
Dean, Assoc. Professor, School of Nursing, Liberty University, AACN-Wharton Exec. Leadership Fellow

Kathleen Polley-Payne, PhD, MSN, RN, PNP
Dean, School of Nursing & Assoc. Professor, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Shadow Health, a global leader in healthcare education simulation, and Elsevier, a global leader in information analytics specializing in science and health, act as founding sponsors for the Consortium helping to deliver technology consultation, coordinate research, and provide assistance in the underwriting of activities. While Shadow Health convened the panel of experts, the group's mutual goal is to share ideas, engage in conversation, answer questions, and highlight all virtual simulation products and methods.

Future Consortium activities include advocacy efforts to support limited replacement of clinical hours with virtual simulation and coordinated research around the best uses of virtual simulation for improved clinical education of nursing students to guide future needs.