



Guidelines for the Use of Simulation by Prelicensure Nursing Education Programs*

Nursing program faculty members maintain the flexibility of defining simulation hours as they do clinical hours and as such, simulation hours are considered equivalent to clinical hours. Just as clinical hours include a variety of activities in addition to direct patient care, such as pre-conference and post-conference, simulation hours may include time spent for pre-conferences, preparation for patient care assignments, and de-briefing.

The program is responsible for defining and evaluating achievement of program outcomes as well as for selecting and implementing teaching/learning strategies to support achievement of the outcomes. These responsibilities are within the realm of the MSN prepared faculty.

A nursing program may opt to utilize a maximum of 25% of its total program's designated clinical hours to meet learning outcomes through the use of simulation. A Registered Nurse(s) who is (are) master's prepared in nursing will serve to coordinate, conduct, and evaluate simulation-based learning experiences in all prelicensure nursing education programs.

All Illinois pre-licensure nursing programs are encouraged to follow the *National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Simulation Guidelines for Prelicensure Nursing Programs* delineated in Alexander, Durham, Hooper, Jeffries, Goldman, Kardong-Edgren, Kesten, Spector, Tagliareni, Radtke, and Tillman (2015).

Simulation Guidelines and links to the resources listed below are available on the IDFPR/Illinois Nursing Workforce Center website <http://nursing.illinois.gov/simulation.asp>

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Resources:

[\(2015\) IDFPR Advisory Board Of Nursing Guidelines for the Use of Simulation by Prelicensure Nursing Programs](#)

[\(2015\) Journal of Nursing Regulation 6\(3\) 39-42: NCSBN Simulation Guidelines for Prelicensure Nursing Programs, M. Alexander et al](#)

[\(2014\) Journal of Nursing Regulation Supplement 5\(2\): The NCSBN National Simulation Study: a Longitudinal, Randomized, Controlled Study Replacing Clinical Hours with Simulation in Prelicensure Nursing Education](#)