



## Using Simulation Training to Drive Excellence in Veterans' Health Care



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

The Simulation Learning, Education and Research Network (SimLEARN) is a national program for advancing clinical simulation training, education and research across VHA. 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 surgical team training. The program also provides model operational policies, procedures, standards and guidelines for VHA simulation activities.

The new VHA SimLEARN National Simulation Center at Lake Nona, near Orlando, Florida uses immersive environments to deliver train-the-trainer approaches utilizing the most suitable modalities of simulation.

*VHA Simulation Training*

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## Simulation Program Office Partners

### About DEAN

The Office of Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks was established by the Executive in Charge on October 2018, in support of OMB Executive Order M-17-22, “Comprehensive Plan for Reforming the Federal Government an reducing the Federal Civilian Workforce”. The Office of Academic Affiliations, Office Research and Development, and VHA Innovation Ecosystem were reorganized to leverage VHA’s ability achieve advancements in training, research, and healthcare business delivery.

The Office of the Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks is responsible for:

- Managing education and training programs for health profession students and residents to enhance the quality of care provided to Veteran patients as required by Title 38 Section 7302.
- Apply basic, translational, clinical, health services, and rehabilitative research to apply scientific knowledge to develop effective care solutions for Veterans.
- Provide innovation project management of the design, evaluation and diffusion of new processes that facilitate healthcare innovations in the field to better serve Veterans.

### About ONS

To learn more, visit [www.va.gov/nursing](http://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 EES

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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.