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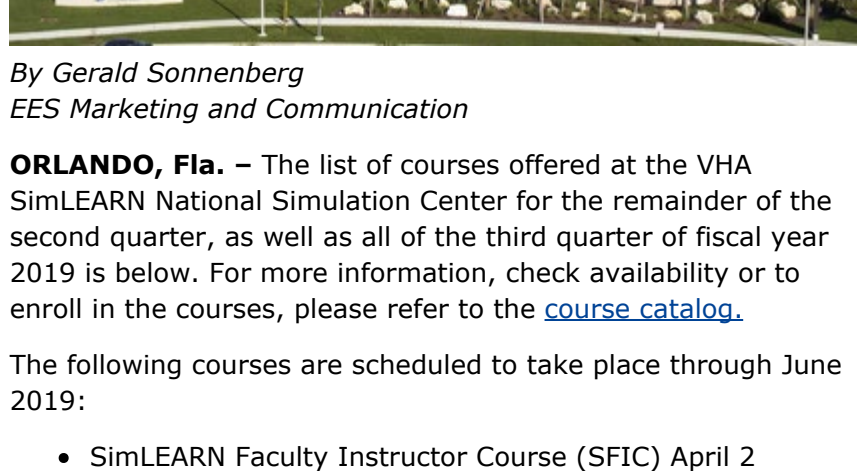
Training Catalog

The VHA SimLEARN National Simulation Center has a variety of courses available throughout the year. Please check often for any upcoming courses on the [SimLEARN course catalog](#).

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Available Third Quarter Courses at VHA SimLEARN National Simulation Center Now Listed



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ORLANDO, Fla. – The list of courses offered at the VHA SimLEARN National Simulation Center for the remainder of the second quarter, as well as all of the third quarter of fiscal year 2019 is below. For more information, check availability or to enroll in the courses, please refer to the [course catalog](#).

The following courses are scheduled to take place through June 2019:

- SimLEARN Faculty Instructor Course (SFIC) April 2
- Trauma Nursing Core Course Instructor (TNCCI) April 8
- Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC) March 12, April 9, May 7 and June 4
- Point of Care Ultra Sound training (POCUS) April 23, May 21 and June 18
- Simulations for Clinical Excellence in Nursing Services (SCENS) March 5, April 2, May 14 and June 11
- Introduction to Clinical Simulation (ICS) Feb. 26, March 26 and April 23
- Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS) March 26, April 16, May 21 and June 18
- Simulation Technology, Operations, Maintenance and Practices (STOMP) Feb. 20, April 30 and June 25
- Musculoskeletal Master Educator (MSK-ME) Feb. 26 and April 16
- Musculoskeletal Clinician (MSK-C) May 14 and June 25
- Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Course (PICC) March 12 and 14 and May 7 and 9
- Maintenance of Certification of Anesthesia (MOCA) March 3, May 3 and June 7

If you have questions, please contact EES SimLEARN NSC Support EESSimLEARNNSCSupport@va.gov.

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3D Printing Innovating the Care of Our Nation's Veterans

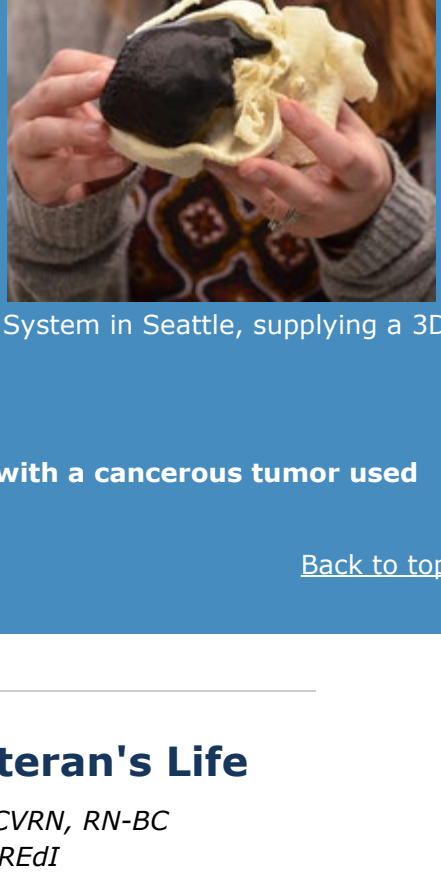
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SEATTLE – VA staff are always looking for better ways to care for our Veterans, and evaluating the use of the latest technology and trends is a necessary part of this effort. As the largest integrated health care system in the country, VA not only cares for our nation's heroes, but it is in a unique position to advance change and positively affect the way America delivers health care. The use of 3-dimensional (3D) printing in health care is one of the many innovations VA is now focused on.

In recent years, 3D printing has been used in manufacturing, architecture and other applications, including medicine. In 2017, the VHA SimLEARN National Simulation Center (NSC) and Veterans Affairs (VA) Center for Innovation (COI) began piloting evaluation of a Clinical 3D Printing Program (C3DPP) that incorporates 3D printing into a pre-operative planning/training strategy to improve operative efficiency and reduce intraoperative complications. SimLEARN also began working with the VA Puget Sound Healthcare System in Seattle, supplying a 3D printer and support to better establish this emerging technology.

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In this image, Dr. Beth Ripley examines a model of a kidney with a cancerous tumor used in pre-surgical planning. (VA photo by Chris Pacheco)



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'Stop the Bleed' Training Helps Save Veteran's Life

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TAMPA, Fla. – Travis Garrett and Robert Foster, emergency management specialists, at the James A. Haley VA Hospital obtained "Stop the Bleed" kits for the hospital over two years ago.

Bleeding injuries can be a result of many diverse causes, including accidents or intended harm, and can occur in multiple locations such as one's home, work place or community area.

Knowing this, the simulation faculty and nurse educators began training all the hospital units and services, as well as staff at the Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCS). So far, more than 1,000 staff have been trained on the ABC's for bleeding: A = Alert, B = find the source of bleeding, and C = Compress (applying pressure to stop the bleed with a clean cloth, or by directly applying one's hands over the injury with both hands, or using a tourniquet and applying the hemostatic gauze.)

For the rest of the story, [click here](#).

In this image, the contents of a Stop the Bleed kit is displayed. (VA courtesy photo)

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Follow These Helpful Steps for Simulation Course Sign Up

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ORLANDO, Fla. – The Simulation Learning, Education and Research Network's (SimLEARN) vision is to improve Veteran health care outcomes by establishing VHA as a global leader in health care simulation-based training and research. To accomplish this, SimLEARN offers a variety of courses to health care professionals at the VHA SimLEARN National Simulation Center (NSC) that offer opportunities for VA staff to improve their skills and, more importantly, improve the care provided to our Veterans.

Though important, finding a beneficial course to take is only the first step in furthering your education through simulation at the NSC. What follows are some important things to know when planning your training:

1. I'm a VA employee, and I'm interested in attending a class I've located on the [SimLEARN course catalog](#). What are the steps I should take to register and enroll?

Click on the course title, then click on the date on the right to Register. If the course is full, you will be waitlisted in number order. If the course is NOT full, you will be able to register and receive a congratulatory email from the VA Talent Management System (TMS).

2. At what point should I arrange travel and a hotel to attend the course?

You will receive a "welcome" email six weeks before the course start date from the education technician at SimLEARN with all course and travel instructions included.

3. What role does my local VA medical center education office have in setting up these courses?

New VA staff tend to believe that their medical center education departments register them for the courses they need. This is not the case in most facilities. Each VA Staff member needs to register in TMS to receive confirmation to attend a course at SimLEARN.

4. Are there any other details I should know about?

Adding a course from TMS on to your learning tab or sending it to your fiscal department does not mean that you have confirmation.

You are required to confirm your attendance or cancellation of the course after receiving an email from SimLEARN as many others are waitlisted to attend the same course.

5. If you have registered and been waitlisted multiple times for the same course, and then receive confirmation from TMS that you have been selected to attend that course, SimLEARN will remove all of your other waitlisted registrations for that same course to give others the opportunity to attend.

If you have any questions or concerns about course sign up and attendance, please send an email to EES_SimLEARN_NSC_Support. For more information about SimLEARN, please visit the [SimLEARN external website](#), or the [SimLEARN myEES website](#).

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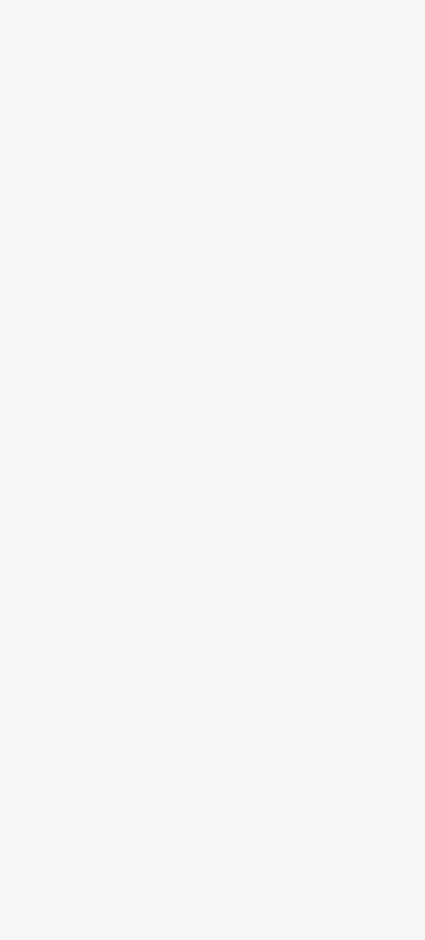
Three Educational Gaming Products Now Available on Your Mobile Device

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ORLANDO, Fla. – The VHA Employee Education System (EES) provides a wide variety of educational courses and tools that help VA staff provide exceptional care for our Veteran patients. Health care game-based learning is growing as one of those educational resources. Now three of those applications are available on your mobile device through the VA App Catalog.

The first to be added to the catalog was the award-winning health care game-based learning product called Difficult Airway Algorithm and Rescue Cricothyrotomy or DAARC. In addition, the game-based learning products Charge Nurse and Medical Surgical Nurse or "MedSurg" are now part of the VA App Catalog.

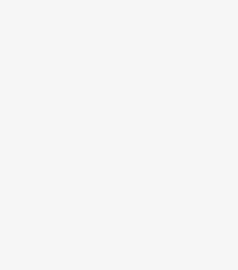
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