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# Healthcare Simulation Standards of Best Practice™ & Endorsement



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# DISCLOSURES

- Dr.Gonzalez is employed by SentinelU® and has 2 patents.  
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- Dr.Diaz is the President of INACSL, and has numerous grant funding and 3 patents.



# INTRODUCTION

- Use Healthcare Simulation Standards to stay current
- Ensure that you are up to speed on the latest developments & best practices within simulation
- Highest quality of educational practice through a comprehensive, consistent standard of practice
- Developed in collaboration with the global & interprofessional simulation community



# HISTORY OF STANDARDS

- 2011: 1<sup>st</sup> ed. of the INACSL Standards of Best Practice: Simulation<sup>SM</sup> published.
- 2013: 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Published.
- 2014: NCSBN National Simulation Study Results - Hayden et al., 2014
- 2015: NCSBN Simulation Guidelines for Prelicensure Nursing Programs - Alexander et al., 2015.
- 2016: 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Published.
- 2021: 4<sup>th</sup> ed. Healthcare Simulation Standards of Best Practice<sup>TM</sup> with the support and input of the global simulation community .





# HEALTHCARE SIMULATION STANDARDS

1. \*Professional Development **(NEW)**
  2. \*Pre briefing: Preparation and Briefing **(NEW)**
  3. \*Simulation Design
  4. \*Outcomes and Objectives
  5. \*Facilitation
  6. The Debriefing Process
  7. Evaluation of Learning and Performance
  8. Professional Integrity
  9. Sim-Enhanced IPE
  10. Operations
- + Simulation Glossary





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (NEW)

- Initial & ongoing professional development supports simulationist across career.
- Allows simulationist to:
  - Stay current with new knowledge;
  - Provide high -quality simulation experiences; &
  - Meet educational needs of learners.







# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:



Perform an educational needs assessment that includes a gap analysis to provide the foundational evidence for a well-designed professional development plan.



Participate in professional development activities that address desired learning outcomes and align with an individual's role and the priorities of the institution.



Reevaluate the professional development plan on a regular basis using formative and summative methods by both the individual and the organization.





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## SIMULATION DESIGN

- Design SBE to meet objectives & optimize outcome achievement.





# SIMULATION DESIGN

## Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:



Designed in consultation with content experts and simulationists



Perform a needs assessment to establish foundational evidence



Construct measurable objectives



Align the modality with the objectives



Design a scenario, case, or activity that provides context



Use various types of fidelity



Plan a learner-centered facilitative approach



Create a prebriefing plan that includes preparation materials and briefing



Create a debriefing or feedback session, and/or a guided reflection exercise



Develop a plan for evaluation



Pilot test simulation-based experiences





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

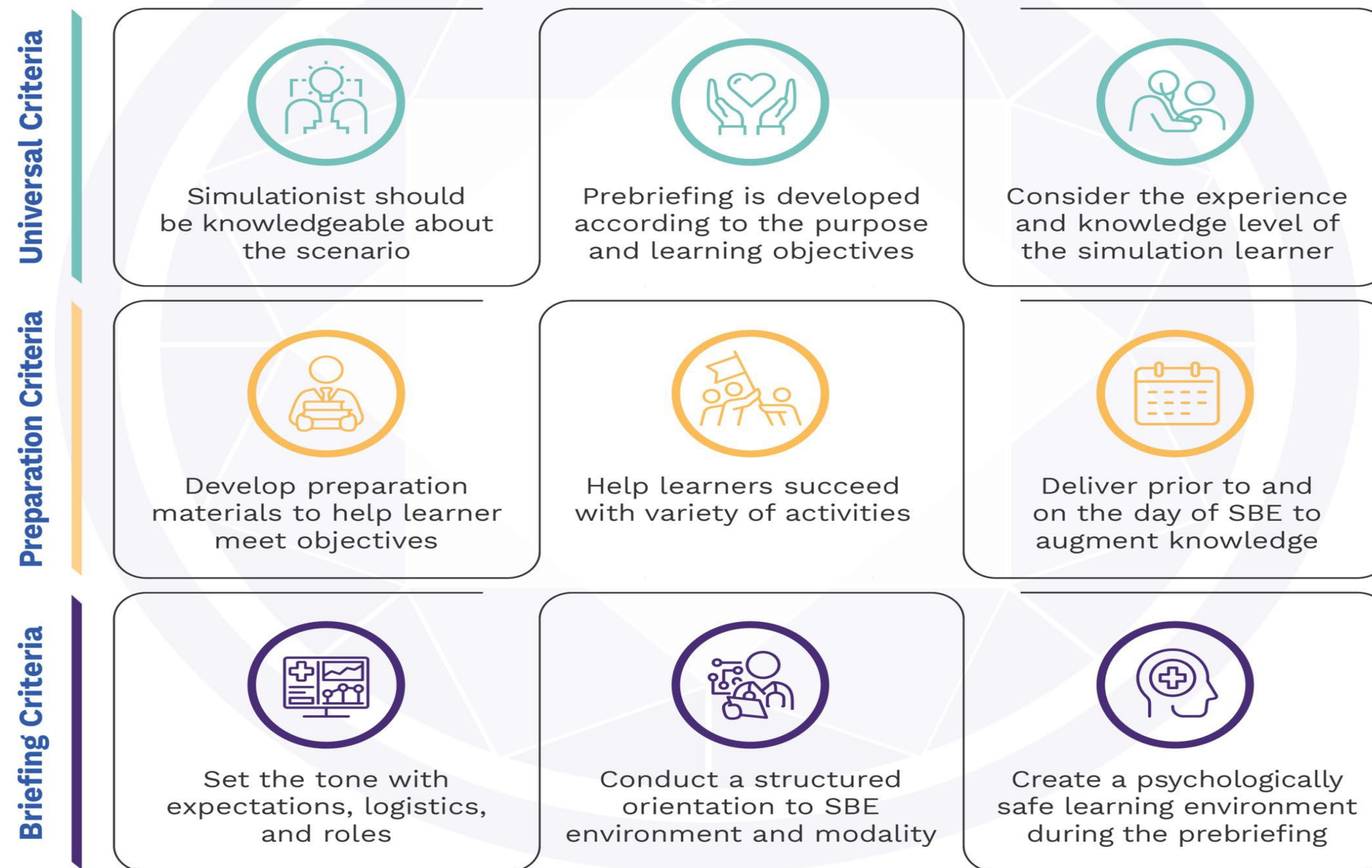
## PREBRIEFING: PREPARATION AND BRIEFING (NEW)

- Process which involves preparation & briefing.
- Ensures simulation learners are:
  - Prepared for educational content &
  - Aware of ground rules.



# PREBRIEFING: PREPARATION AND BRIEFING

## Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES

- Develop measurable objectives to achieve outcomes.







# OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES

## Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## FACILITATION

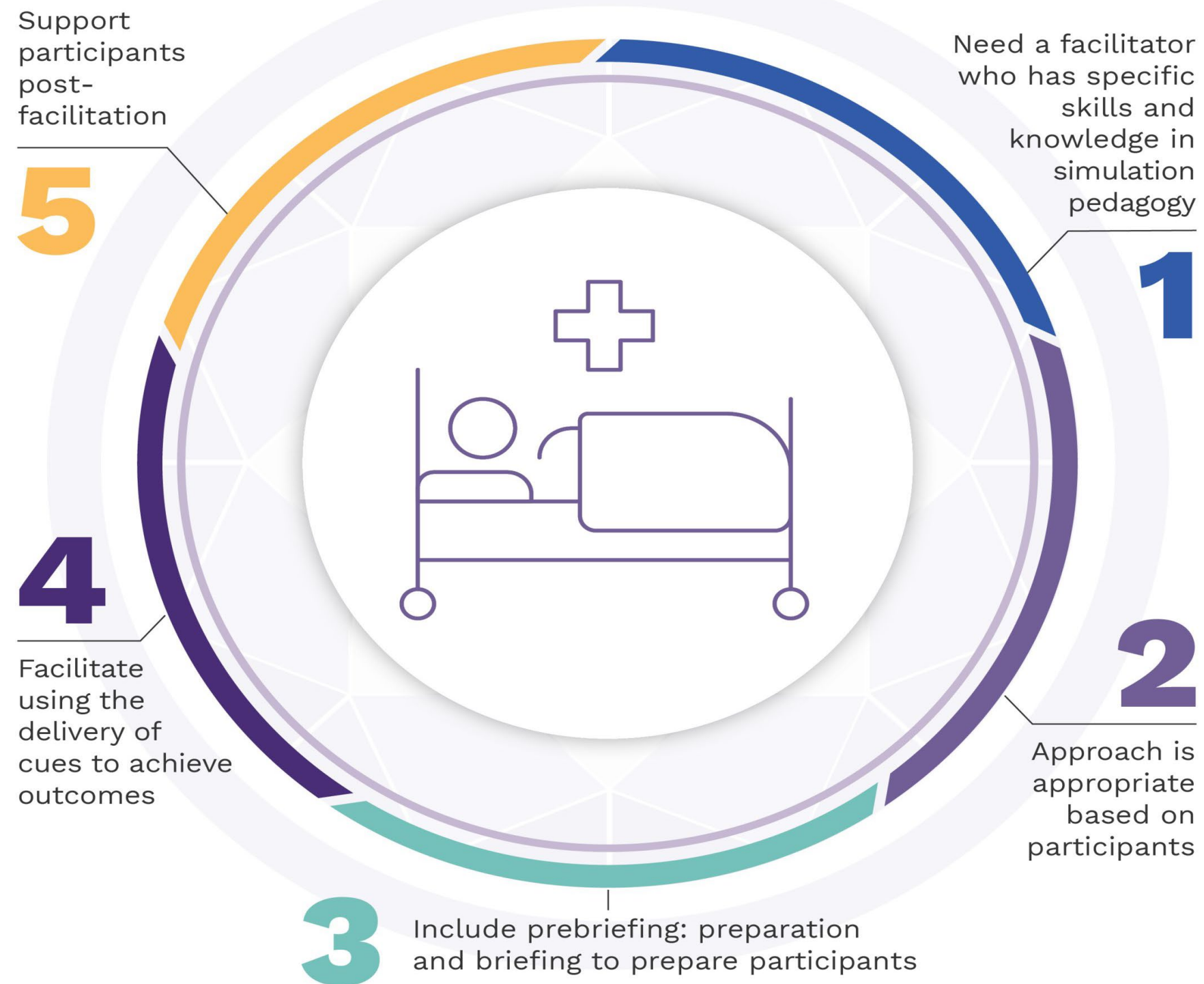
- Structure & process to manage simulation experience for learners.





# FACILITATION

## Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## THE DEBRIEFING PROCESS

- Simulation includes planned debriefing process to:
  - Develop insights;
  - Improve future performance; &
  - Integrate learning into practice.





# THE DEBRIEFING PROCESS

## Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:



Ensure debriefing is incorporated in an appropriate manner



Constructed, designed or facilitated by a competent debriefer



Promote self, team, and/or systems analysis while encouraging reflection



Planned and structured in a purposeful way based on theoretical frameworks and/or evidenced-based concepts





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## EVALUATION OF LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE

- Simulation requires some form of learner evaluation .

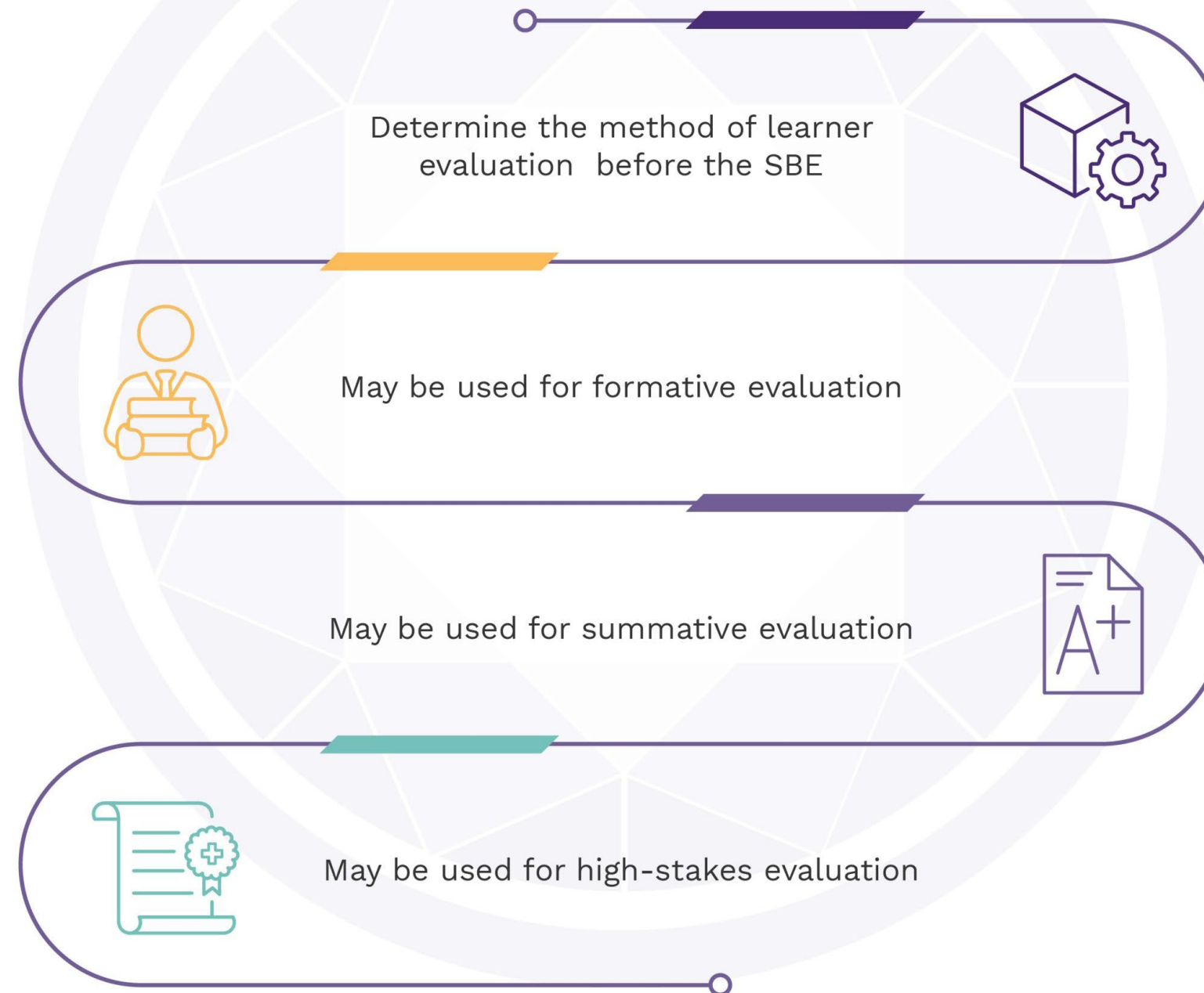






# EVALUATION OF LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE

## Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY

- Demonstrated & upheld by all facilitators, operators, and learners.



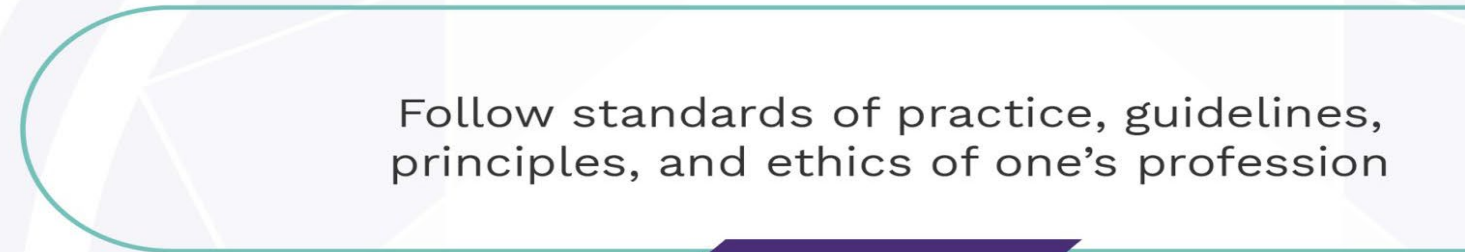


# PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY

## Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:



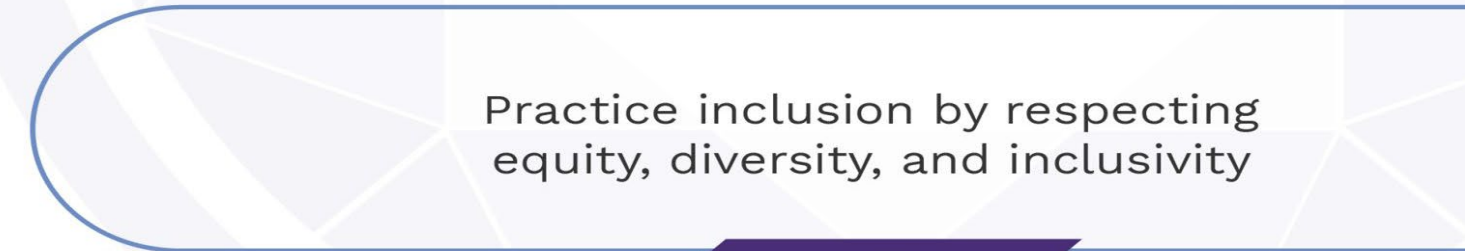
Honor and uphold the Healthcare  
Simulationist Code of Ethics



Follow standards of practice, guidelines,  
principles, and ethics of one's profession



Create and maintain a safe  
learning environment



Practice inclusion by respecting  
equity, diversity, and inclusivity



Require confidentiality





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## SIMULATION-ENHANCED INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Learners from different professions engage in SBE to achieve shared objectives & outcomes.



# SIMULATION-ENHANCED INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

## Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:



Conduct Sim-IPE based on a  
theoretical or a conceptual framework



Utilize best practices in the  
design and development




Recognize and address  
potential barriers



Include an appropriate  
evaluation plan





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## OPERATIONS

- Required systems and infrastructures to support & maintain operations.







# OPERATIONS

## Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:



Implement a strategic plan



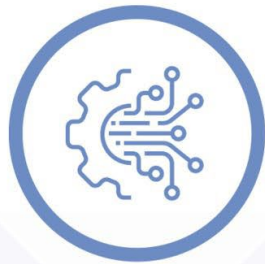
Provide personnel with appropriate expertise



Develop plans to manage space, equipment, and personnel resources



Secure and manage the financial resources



Use a formal process for effective systems integration



Create policies and procedures to support and sustain the SBE program





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## SIMULATION GLOSSARY

- Knowledge & ideas clearly communicated with consistent terminology to advance the science of simulation.





# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## OUR CHALLENGE:

- Continue simulation research, ingenuity, & creativity.
- Keep publishing & presenting work.
- Seek best practice & excellence in simulation experiences.
- Apply & integrate Standards.







# Healthcare Simulation Standards

## REFERENCES

- Clinical Simulation in Nursing September 2021



# Healthcare Simulation Standards Endorsement



# What is Endorsement?

## Endorsement IS

- Demonstration of high-quality simulation

## Endorsement is NOT

- Demonstration of program or operational support of simulation



# The Core Four

- Prebriefing: Preparation and Briefing
- Facilitation
- Professional Integrity
- Debriefing

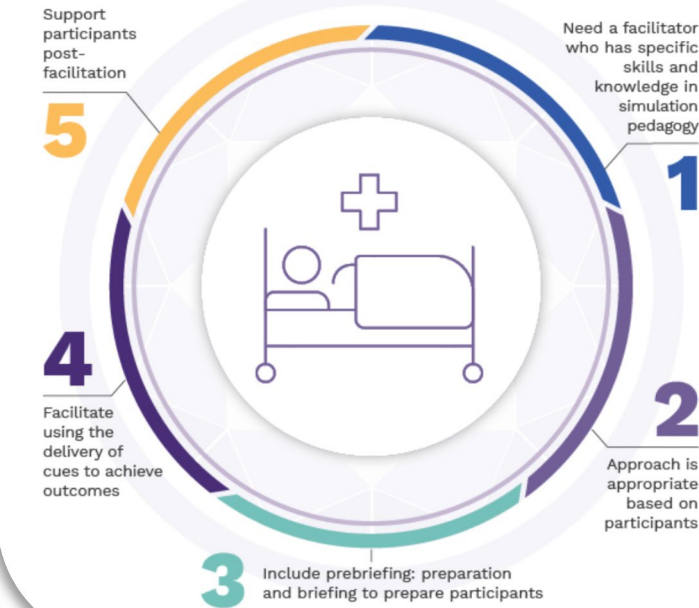
## PREBRIEFING: PREPARATION AND BRIEFING

### Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:



## FACILITATION

### Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:



## PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY

### Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:



## THE DEBRIEFING PROCESS

### Criteria Necessary to Meet this Standard:





# Endorsement Designations

- **Endorsed:** Program recognized as achieving the expectations of the Core Four
- **Conditionally Endorsed:** Program recognized as making great strides towards endorsement and needs an additional year to demonstrate achievement of the expectations of the Core Four
- **Not Endorsed:** Program does not meet the expectations for the Core Four endorsement and needs to review feedback to develop a plan for meeting the expectations of the Core Four. Consider reapplying in the future



# Benefits & Desired Outcomes

- Facilitate sustained application of best practices to simulation experiences and programs
- Recognize all varieties of simulation-based experiences, including skills training, low fidelity, high fidelity, AR/VR, distance, manikin-based, and various levels of technology
- Facilitate positive changes that improve simulation education based on the application of evidence-based practices and research
- Encourage ongoing performance evaluation and improvements within simulation programs
- Improve healthcare education and patient safety as a whole through the promotion and practice of high-quality simulation





# 2021-2022 Pilot Acknowledgement

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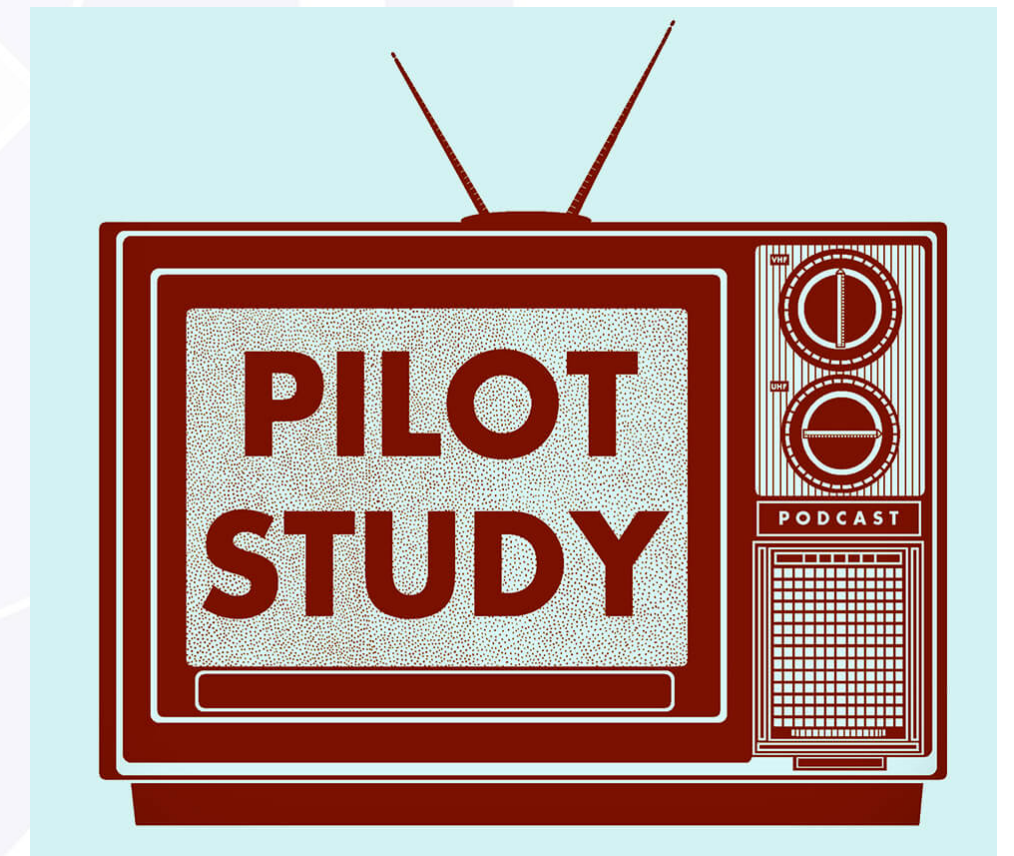
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# Pilot Program (2022)

- 12 programs completed the letter of intent
- 11 submitted applications
  - 2 international programs
  - 2 hospital-based programs
  - 9 academic institutions
  - Public and private
  - ADN, BSN, MSN, allied health
- 9 Endorsements
- 2 Conditional Endorsements



# Pilot Feedback: Survey N = 10

How many hours did it take you to complete the application?

- 15-20 (4)
- 20+ (6)

Worthwhile investment?

- 100% said Yes (10/10)

Did you learn anything new about your program?

- 5 yes, 5 no

# Pilot Feedback – Focus Group Meeting

- Maybe include evaluation information from stake holders beyond students
- Overall positive experience
- Honored to be part of the process
- Gap identification
- More specific instructions and formatting guidelines
- We really enjoyed the process
- Instructions were not clear – need clearer instructions
- Helpful as a self-review
- We had more to show
- Maybe have a map of total program overview as a requirement
- Wonderful activity of self-evaluation



# Pilot Feedback Survey: Qualitative

- What is the perceived value of the endorsement?
  - *High value for proof of adherence to the Core 4.*
  - *I think being endorsed by INACSL will validate the quality of our simulation program.*
  - *Recognition of program excellence to simulation community as well as university administration. Recruiting tool for more simulation faculty.*
  - *shows outside stakeholders that we are following the standards and expect excellence*



# Pilot Feedback: Survey - Qualitative

- What was the intangible value of going through this process?
  - *A chance for self-review and involving faculty engaged in simulation in looking at the "big picture" of SOBP.*
  - *The recognition by other simulation experts.*
  - *The process helped us in our review of internal processes and to clearly state our goals for the future of our simulation program.*
  - *The intangible value is the teamwork members of our program felt throughout this process. Working together to understand INACSL and the importance of alignment with HSSOBP is invaluable. Bringing together members of our team to collaborate on aspects of the application brought new levels of professional and personal respect that will be reflected in our day-to-day operations.*



# Eligibility and Application

- Healthcare agencies, hospitals, simulation centers, and academic institutions
- Two annual call for submissions.
- Endorsement is granted for 3 years; reapply for 5 years
- Digital application designed to encourage innovation and creativity.
- Applicants are provided examples of suitable evidence to submit that demonstrate their application of the Core Four, rather than prescriptive requirements
- **Please note:** you do not have to be a INACSL member to submit



# Fees

- Equity Pricing
  - Category A Countries
    - \$150 USD filing fee – paid with submission of letter of intent
    - \$2,500 USD application fee – paid with submission of full packet
  - Category B, C, D Countries
    - \$100 USD filing fee – paid with submission of letter of intent
    - \$1,500 USD application fee – paid with submission of full packet

*Visit website for full country category listing.*

# Designation Period and Renewal

- Endorsement: three (3) years,
- Reapply: five (5) years.





# Evaluation

- Demonstration of the Core Four Standards (meets, doesn't meet, partially meets)
- Gestalt of the Application
- Inter-rater Reliability
- Minimum of 2 Reviewers for each application
- Committee Discussion
- Final Vote
  - Endorsed
  - Conditionally Endorsed
  - Not Endorsed



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# Criteria and Examples

**Criteria from the Healthcare Simulation Standards**



**Combined Suitable Examples for application**

## **Examples of evidence:**

- Videos
- Scenario templates
- Policies
- Narrative text
- Scripts for debrief and prebrief



# Disclaimer

The suggested evidence is not mandatory, nor exhaustive. Every example for each of the Core Four Healthcare Simulation Standards is not required; approval is not based on the volume submitted. The purpose for the examples is to provide tangible descriptions and application of demonstration of adherence and adoption of the Core Four Healthcare Simulation Standards.





# Recognition of Endorsement

- Wall plaque
- Recognition on the INACSL Website
- Logo tagline for institution website and email signature
- Ribbon at conferences
- Media opportunity on accomplishment





# Fall 2023 Timeline

Date	Activity
Aug 23, 2023 8PM EST Aug 24, 2023 1200 EST	1 hour Webinar: Endorsement
Monday Aug 28, 2023	Call for letters of intent opens
Sept 22, 2023	Reviewer training meeting
Sept 29, 2023	Deadline for submission of letters of intent
Oct 9, 2023	Applications open
Oct 23-27, 2023	Reviewer meeting for inter-rater reliability
Oct 30, 2023	Application deadline
Nov 3-30, 2023	Reviewers complete individual evaluations
Dec 8, 2023	Reviewer meeting
Dec 18-22, 2023	All decisions and notifications of results





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# Questions?



# Common Areas for Improvement: Prebrief

- Orientation to technology and simulation experience not described well
- Often stated 'safe space' without providing options if students feel upset or threatened. Important to state identify ways to make it a safe learning space.
- Standardized wording or concepts related to psychological safety, fiction contracts and sensitive information not provided.
- No demonstration of progression of learner in the prebrief.
- Lack of evidence of a needs assessment to describe why a simulation was selected for specific curriculum.
- Limited evidence of level of learner related when determining simulation objectives.
- Lack of curricular mapping to simulations to demonstrate integration.





# Common Areas for Improvement: Facilitation

- Lack of demonstration that facilitators focus on the simulations learning objectives in the debrief.
- Limited evidence facilitators were competent in simulation; evidence of training or professional development.
- No regular evaluation of faculty as facilitators
- Limited evidence facilitation was completed at the level of the learner
- Limited documentation of scaling simulation up with subsequent simulations.
- Often no evidence of facilitation beyond the simulation
- Lacking evaluation if the simulation learning objectives were met.
- There needs to be evidence of effective facilitation of all the students i.e. observers and participants in the simulation room.



# Common Areas for Improvement: Debriefing

- No identified debriefing framework.
- Lack of focus on the learning objectives in the debrief.
- Debriefing framework provided but in the application scenario a different debriefing framework was used.
- Limited documentation of the evaluation of the facilitator from students and peers.
- Facilitator sets the tone by being professional and a role model.



# Common Areas for Improvement: Professional Integrity

- No policy related to signing of confidentiality form, and how often it needs to be signed.
- Lack of demonstration of embedding the SSH code of ethics
- DEI/EDI was described as the policy for the institution and not for the simulation department.
- Limited evidence of integration of DEI/EDI in all aspects of the SBE
- Lack of integration of professional standards related to the participants program.







# Questions?

