International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INASCL) Standards of Best Practice: Simulation℠

“The International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL) has developed the INACSL Standards of Best Practice: Simulation℠ to advance the science of simulation, share best practices, and provide evidence-based guidelines for implementation and training.

The INACSL Standards of Best Practice: Simulation provide a detailed process for evaluating and improving simulation operating procedures and delivery methods that every simulation team will benefit from. Adoption of the INACSL Standards of Best Practice: Simulation demonstrate a commitment to quality and implementation of rigorous evidence-based practices in healthcare education to improve patient care by complying with practice standards.”

Full standards may be downloaded here. Major topic areas include:

- **Simulation Design**: Simulation-based experiences are purposefully designed to meet identified objectives and optimize achievement of expected outcomes.
- **Outcomes and Objectives**: All simulation-based experiences begin with the development of measurable objectives designed to achieve expected outcomes.
- **Facilitation**: Facilitation methods are varied and use of a specific method is dependent on the learning needs of the participants and the expected outcomes. A facilitator assumes responsibility and oversight for managing the entire simulation-based experience.
- **Debriefing**: All simulation-based experiences include a planned debriefing session aimed at improving future performance.
- **Participant Evaluation**: All simulation-based experiences require participant evaluation.
- **Professional Integrity**: Professional integrity is demonstrated and upheld by all involved in simulation-based experiences.
- **Simulation-Enhanced Interprofessional Education**: Simulation-enhanced interprofessional education enables participants from different professions to engage in a simulation-based experience to achieve shared or linked objectives and outcomes.
- **Operations**: All simulation-based education programs require systems and infrastructure to support and maintain operations.
- **Simulation Glossary**: Consistent terminology provides guidance and clear communication and reflects shared values in simulation experiences, research, and publications. Knowledge and ideas are clearly communicated with consistent terminology to advance the science of simulation.

**References**