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“Quality and safety competencies come alive in simulation”

QSEN Institute and Shadow Health® announce partnership to develop virtual patient simulations

CLEVELAND, Ohio. (June 15 2017) -- The [Quality and Safety Education for Nurses \(QSEN\) Institute](#) at Case Western Reserve University has partnered with [Shadow Health](#), an educational software developer, to infuse the QSEN competencies into web-based Digital Clinical Experiences™. This fall, Shadow Health will launch “Undergraduate Mental Health and Gerontology Digital Clinical Experiences” -- the first of the simulations developed in full partnership with the QSEN Institute.

Shadow Health’s Digital Clinical Experiences are designed to augment courses for nursing and allied health programs. Using a state-of-the-art conversation engine and interactive 3D imagery, students engage with Digital Standardized Patients™ to perform assessments, practice documentation, and demonstrate critical thinking. Since 2012, more than 1,300 programs in the United States have adopted these Digital Clinical Experiences for use in their courses.

“The Shadow Health simulations effectively integrate quality and safety competencies into nursing education. Quality and safety competencies come alive in simulation. Students have the opportunity to see and react to real-time experiences,” said Mary Dolansky, PhD, RN, FAAN, Director of the QSEN Institute and Associate Professor at Case Western Reserve’s Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing. “The Shadow Health simulations enable students to connect the dots between nursing care and quality and safety. This connection is essential for the next generation of learners to have an impact on contributing to the triple aim: quality, health, and cost.”

Shadow Health has developed Digital Clinical Experiences for Advanced Health Assessment, Health Assessment, and Pharmacology. The QSEN Institute will advise and provide expertise to Shadow Health team members as they build virtual patient simulations for all courses across the graduate and undergraduate nursing curriculum.

“We believe a cord with three strands is not quickly broken. This is the lens through which we begin our partnership with QSEN to lead and learn within the nursing education community,” said David Massias, CEO of Shadow Health. “This positions each partner to singularly operate within their strengths. QSEN’s scholarly approach to see the quality and safety standards applied uniformly across all of nursing curriculum aligns with Shadow Health’s desire to create a standard of excellence in delivering conversation-centric Digital Clinical Experiences that facilitate these standards uniformly across the

nursing curriculum. The nursing faculty and students across the globe will continue to be our first shared priority for our partnership.”

All QSEN participants are invited to engage in a complimentary pre-release product trial. Last month Gerry Altmiller, EdD, a QSEN Consultant and Associate Professor at The College of New Jersey, presented at the May 30th [2017 QSEN Forum](#) on achieving QSEN competencies through virtual simulation learning.

“Students need direct care experience while they are learning so that they can understand the complexities of health problems and how these manifest in specialized populations of geriatric and mental health patients,” Altmiller said. “Shadow Health provides an interactive platform for learners to develop skill with assessment, diagnosing, and implementing a plan of care framed with the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) Competencies. This well-rounded experience contributes to learners’ understanding of appropriate patient care as well as quality and safety strategies, preparing them to be strong advocates for both in today’s nursing workforce.”

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About the QSEN Institute

The [Quality and Safety Education for Nurses \(QSEN\) Institute](#) at Case Western Reserve University is a collaborative of healthcare professionals focused on education, practice, and scholarship to improve the quality and safety of healthcare systems. The QSEN project addresses the challenge of preparing future nurses with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes (KSAs) necessary to continuously improve the quality and safety of the healthcare systems within which they work.

About Shadow Health

[Shadow Health](#) develops Digital Clinical Experiences to address the critical issue facing our national and global health care systems -- maintaining quality-of-care in the face of increasing provider shortages. Shadow Health is uniquely positioned to reform the status quo of nursing education by providing a virtual and in--depth clinical environment in which to practice critical thinking, deductive reasoning, communication, and procedural skills. Shadow Health’s instructional designers, developers and programmers work closely with faculty and industry experts to deliver accurate health information, learning metrics and engaging experiences to transform how we educate our future health care givers, for the better. To schedule a live faculty product demonstration of Shadow Health’s Digital Clinical Experience(s), visit <https://shadowhealth.com/contact.html>.