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Simulation Laboratories Staff Earn Professional Certifications in Their Field



Congratulations to Virginia Rojo, Ryan Douglas and Dr. Chris McClanahan for earning professional certifications from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH). SSH is a non-profit organization committed to furthering and supporting the science of healthcare simulation. Society members include healthcare providers, researchers, administrators, curriculum developers, technologists, and policy makers from all around the world.

Mr. Douglas successfully passed the Certified Healthcare Simulation Operations Specialist (CHSOS) examination in January followed by Mrs. Rojo and Dr. McClanahan who both earned their Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) in April. All three are now part of a select handful of technicians and educators from around the globe to hold this designation. Although relatively new certifications, both the CHSOS and the CHSE certifications are quickly becoming de facto standards for evaluating the competency of simulation healthcare professionals. Benefits of certification include:

- Improves healthcare simulation education through identification of best practices, standardization, and recognition of practice
- Strengthens patient safety efforts through simulation modalities
- Provides external validation of individual educator and technician knowledge, skills, and attitudes
- Strengthens organizational, community, and learner confidence in the quality of education
- Garners local support, resources, and commitment
- Fosters a feedback loop between education and practice
- Encourages performance improvement and knowledge expansion of the individual educator or technician

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- Programs with certified simulation professionals receive a competitive edge in the community, program offerings, and grant funding
- Recognizes expertise in simulation above and beyond domain expertise

Mrs. Rojo, Mr. Douglas and Dr. McClanahan are looking forward to continuing to improve the quality of clinical simulation and the educational experience for our students, to foster competent, safe, high quality nurses for our community, the region and the world.



From L to R: Ryan Douglas, Virginia Rojo, Christopher McClanahan