

Galen College of Nursing Hazard Campus Shines with Successful Simulation-Based Experience

Our Hazard Campus recently implemented a simulation-based experience as part of the maternal and pediatric nursing course, which proved to be highly successful.

During the summer 2023 school quarter, students enrolled in the course had the opportunity to complete 12 hours of simulation during the clinical portion of their curriculum. Led by Rebecca Conley, CLL coordinator, along with nursing faculty Krista Campbell and Amber Goins, the simulation-based experience was planned and executed specifically for the Hazard Campus. All participating faculty and staff underwent additional simulation training to prepare for the experience.

The feedback we received from the students was overwhelmingly positive. Using the simulation effectiveness tool, which evaluates pre-briefing, simulation scenarios, and debriefing from the student perspective, more than 88% of students strongly agreed with all items. The average scores were remarkably high, with 17.8 (out of a possible 18) on the learning subscale, and 17.7 (out of 18) on the confidence subscale, indicating that students felt the simulation significantly contributed to their learning and boosted their confidence.

Student comments further emphasized the success of the experience:

- "Krista and Amber made us feel empowered and confident. They explained things in the pre-brief; however, we went rogue once we got in there. We were a bit lost in the team aspect and after debriefing, we saw how we can make this better in the future on playback. I am excited for the opportunity to go back to SIM lab and make strides as a team."
- "We have the knowledge; this allowed us to build the confidence to apply our knowledge into a real-world scenario."
- "We need more simulated experiences, which would prepare us for when we graduate and become nurses."

This pilot program highlights the value of incorporating simulation-based experiences into our curriculum at Galen College of Nursing. The success of the program at the Hazard Campus provides a strong foundation for expanding the use of simulation at this campus and across the college. We want to extend our gratitude to the faculty and staff who worked diligently to make this incredible learning experience possible for our students.

The enthusiastic response from students and the success of the pilot program underscores the potential of simulation in enhancing the education of future nurses. We look forward to continuing unique learning opportunities that prepare our students for successful nursing careers.

This blog post was created for the Pure Community of Galen College of Nursing to provide updates and share experiences with faculty and staff