

4 STEPS FOR CHOOSING THE MOST EFFECTIVE NURSING SIM TOOLS

Not all simulation options are created equal. When considering new tools, follow these steps to spend your \$\$\$ wisely & ensure students' success.

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FOLLOW THE CORRECT PROCESS

Rather than "Buy, think, plan" (like most programs do), switch the order of those steps so you:

- A. Think (about what you want to teach).
- B. Plan (how to spend your budget).
- C. Buy (only after you've done A & B).

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CONSIDER INACSL DESIGN STANDARDS

During the "Think" phase, these standards will help you decide which questions to ask, such as:

- What needs does your program have?
- What can't you teach in traditional clinical?
- What situations do you want to guarantee every student experiences?
- Do you want students to become really good at recognizing common-occurrence concerns so they recognize abnormalities quickly? Or do you want them to see high-risk, low-occurrence incidences?
- What do you really want your school or your students to be able to do (based on your teaching philosophy)?

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BE DILIGENTLY DELIBERATE

During the "Plan" phase, consider the following aspects to make your final decision:

- Your students' learning needs
- Finances
- Space limitations
- Resource constraints
- Other aspects specific to your program.

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BUY WITH CONFIDENCE

Having a plan, you can determine which simulation tool best meets your school's needs.