

# 5 REASONS VIRTUAL HUMANS ARE BETTER THAN REAL HUMANS



Sure, real humans are crucial to nursing students' learning. But, in certain situations, virtual humans do an even better job of helping them.

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## **Virtual humans aren't intimidating.**

Trying to learn and practice in front of peers causes anxiety for many nursing students. Removing that factor lets students feel comfortable and safe for exploring and learning.

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## **Virtual humans are more than "just cartoons."**

Technology allows for incredibly effective realism with virtual humans that is totally believable. They are designed to mimic human behavior in appearance, emotional responses, body language, facial expressions, and tone of voice.

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## **But virtual humans aren't too realistic for a reason.**

Research shows that learning, retention, and engagement are actually undermined by overly realistic characters.

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## **Virtual humans provide a safe environment.**

Practicing in a virtual environment is obviously safer because you can't make a mistake that will endanger a client's life. Interactions in this virtual world also build students' confidence as they practice new techniques over and over. When it's time to work with a real client, the student feels very prepared.

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## **Virtual humans ensure consistent experiences for students.**

Every student's experience is the same in the virtual world. Educators never have to worry about peer actors in live simulations not taking their roles seriously or deviating from the plan and negatively impacting other students' learning.