

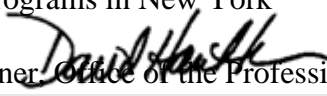


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TO: Chief Executive Officers of Institutions of Higher Education in New York
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SUBJECT: Changes to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education Relating to Using Simulation Experience

The purpose of the memo is to inform you that Chapter 134 of the Laws of 2023 (Chapter 134) allows one-third of clinical education to be completed through simulation experience, effective November 11, 2023. At its October 2023 meeting, the Board of Regents took emergency action to amend Section 52.12 of the Commissioner's Regulations to implement Chapter 134 (refer to <https://www.regents.nysed.gov/sites/regents/files/1023ppca3.pdf> for the Regents Item). Attachment A is the expedited application form for nursing programs to seek prior approval to implement clinical education through new simulation experience in nursing programs.

As required by the amended Section 52.12 of the Commissioner's Regulations, by November 11, 2024, all nursing programs shall include clinical education with a) adult patients in an acute care setting; b) pediatric patients; c) patients receiving treatment for acute and chronic psychiatric, behavioral, and/or cognitive conditions; and d) maternal/newborn, postpartum and/or pregnant patients. No patient/population experience may be met solely through simulation experience. Attachment B is a verification form that existing programs need to submit prior to November 11, 2024, to demonstrate that the program includes clinical education with the required patient/population group; and no patient/population experience is met solely through simulation experience.

If you have any questions, please contact the Professional Education Program Review Office at OPPROGS@nysed.gov.