University of Otago
Rural Simulation Faculty Development Plan
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Rural Health Academic Centre Ashburton (RHAC) is developing a rural simulation faculty development plan for rural practitioners in conjunction with Rural Postgraduate Program.

Vision:

The Rural Simulation Faculty vision is of a pool of inter-professional faculty with expertise around simulation-based education (SBE) and debriefing who can all contribute to all rural simulation courses as needed. The group of rural courses should be strategically planned each year by the whole group to maximise value and demand. Each course will have designated course directors or leaders but can expect assistance from all faculty group members as available.

Objectives:

- Establish a broad interprofessional rural group of SBE faculty across NZ.
- Describe a common pathway for rural faculty to be credentialled as course providers through a shared understanding and experience of SBE
- Maintenance and development of simulation expertise through feedback, mentoring and sharing of learning resources
- Develop opportunities for learning, developing and collaborating using simulation-based education.
- Design interprofessional educational courses for rural health care workers.
- Research and evaluation of rural SBE

Rural simulation faculty development stream:

A. Open for all doctors, GP's, nurses, paramedics, allied health and midwives involved in rural health care at all levels of training.

B. Faculty development stream comprises 7 components within three tiers, with stepwise progression through.

C. Participation is purely voluntary and is expected to be self directed
**Components:**

1) **Online Journal library:**
   Read basic reading material on simulation based education and debriefing. Core simulation knowledge required to build a foundation for practice.

2) **Rural SBE Course Participant:**
   Participant or observer in at least 1 simulation course, such as RISC. Observation provides context and offers a big picture view of how simulation is implemented. Observation also allows for self-reflection. It also ensures familiarity with the technical content of the course.

3) **Simulation Course:**
   Attend a simulation workshop/course. Participation in a simulation course/workshop helps the participant gain the perspective of a learner and also to understand the concept of psychological safety, and the debriefing process.

4) **SBE Practice:**
   Start facilitating with simulation based education. Regular practice is necessary to maintain any skill (e.g., debriefing, the role of the embedded simulation person, mannequin operations, and scenario direction).

5) **SBE Evaluation and Feedback:**
   Debriefing Assessment for Simulation in healthcare (DASH) evaluation completed for minimum 3 debriefing sessions. Participation with expert feedback maintains competence and exposure to all aspects of simulation.

6) **Rural Faculty Mentoring:**
   Providing mentoring to colleagues. Mentoring takes place across all levels of expertise. It may be formal or informal. Practicing faculty are able to mentor those new to the field, whereas expert faculty can mentor those who are at all stages.

7) **Networking, Development & Research:**
   Participate in networking, research and evaluation projects. Develop new rural scenarios, course content, and materials.

**Faculty development Stream**

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Reading journal list:

Interprofessional Education:

- https://www.otago.ac.nz/medicine/staff/resources/otago727994.pdf

Debriefing:


Simulation:


Faculty Development:

Online Access

- University of Otago RHAC website https://www.otago.ac.nz/christchurch/research/rhac/
- Leaning on Fence Posts rural research blog https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/rural/
- Rural Postgraduate Programme Moodle: RAFT

List of Approved Simulation Based Education Courses and Providers

1. Centre for Medical Simulation
   https://harvardmedsim.org/training/simulation-instructor-training/
   Courses in USA, Australia, New Zealand and Online debriefing assessment course

2. University of Otago Christchurch
   https://www.otago.ac.nz/christchurch/services/simulationcentre/otago090914.html
   Instructor training workshop

3. Other SBE courses may be suitable. Please contact us to discuss

Application & Enquiries

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