CHSE-A Pre-Application Self-Assessment Worksheet

This worksheet is designed to assist you in determining your readiness to apply for CHSE-A and to guide you in profiling your accomplishments that document your qualifications for certification in healthcare education at the advanced level. Use of this worksheet is voluntary, but we strongly encourage you to complete it and discuss the information with the individuals who will be completing the online form of recommendation prior to deciding to apply for admission.

The minimum criteria to become a CHSE-A include:
An individual may submit a portfolio for Advanced certification status if they demonstrate meeting the following criteria:
- Currently certified as a CHSE®
- Demonstrate focused simulation expertise with learners in undergraduate, graduate, allied health, or healthcare practitioner programs.
- Involvement, impact, and influence in healthcare simulation in areas beyond own institution
- Possess a master’s degree or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Document five years of continued simulation use in healthcare education, research, or administration.
  *Any candidate who does not have a master’s degree or higher may petition the Council for consideration of equivalency based on combined education and experience.

In addition to these minimum criteria, the CHSE-A portfolio reviewers will be assessing your portfolio for evidence of leadership and influence in the field of healthcare simulation over the last 3-5 years demonstrating consistency. The evidence for this leadership and influence is outlined in the “Standards and Suggested Evidence” available on the SSH website. Applicants must show evidence that they have influenced and advocated for simulation-based education that extends beyond their own institution at the state, regional, national and international level. This can be demonstrated through a multitude of activities such as: publications, presentations, policy development, leadership in national and international organizations, etc. An applicant does not have to have done all of these, but some combination which exemplifies this leadership. CHSE-A’s are leaders in healthcare simulation. These individuals have proven themselves to be advanced in their practice. They serve as examples to others in the field, positioning themselves to serve as leaders, mentors, and advocates for simulation. CHSE-A’s have the ability to critically self-reflect and to modify behavior based on that self-reflection.

Reflective Self-Assessment Questions:
The following questions are intended to help you evaluate your readiness for to apply for the CHSE-A. While your responses for each item do not need to be expansive, evidence for a majority of these items should be present and strongly described. The questions in this section are not specifically in the online application; they have been provided to help the applicant understand the level of demonstrated performance necessary for certification at the advanced level.

- How have you led curriculum development?
- How are you responsible for strategic planning of simulation initiatives?
- How have you been actively involved in state/national/international simulation organizations (e.g. chairing committees, task forces)?
- When and where have you led presentations of your work at national and international conferences?
- In what peer review journals or formats have you published your work?
- How have you mentored other simulation faculty/educators?
- How have you collaborated on simulation projects across disciplines, schools and organizations?
- Have you conducted research studies, if so, how have they impacted the field?
- How have you synthesized new knowledge in simulation and education for the purpose of improving simulation activities?
- How have you designed and developed simulation based educational programs from needs assessment through evaluation?
- How have you acted as a consultant to others in the development of simulation based educational programs?
- How has your work impacted simulation at the state, regional, national or international level?