SSH ANNOUNCES THAT MORE THAN 100 HEALTHCARE SIMULATION PROGRAMS INTERNATIONALLY ARE FULLY ACCREDITED

WASHINGTON, DC – JUNE 13, 2017 – The Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH, www.ssih.org) announced today that more than 100 healthcare simulation programs globally have been accredited by the society, making SSH the largest accrediting body in the field.

Accreditation means that a healthcare simulation program has met core operational standards as well as specific criteria in at least one of four areas: assessment, research, teaching/education and systems integration. SSH’s accreditation has been designed for simulation programs that use any of the various modalities (manikins, standardized patients, virtual reality), teach to any type of learner, and are located anywhere in the world.

There are currently more than 100 SSH-accredited programs in nine countries.

Accreditation is a rigorous, peer-reviewed process that can take four to six months. Rewards include increased prestige for the center, better staff recruitment and development, improved patient safety and a competitive edge for community programs and grant funding.

“One benefit of accreditation we’ve realized is validation of our processes for teaching, assessment and research related to developing and measuring competencies of our students in the colleges of medicine (human and veterinary) and nursing” said Mary Kay Smith, Director, Michigan State University and SSH Accreditation Council Chair. “The accreditation process can be tough, but, in the end, it’s helped ensure our programs is on the right track.” View her full interview.

Interested programs may apply here for the next accreditation review cycle, prior to the December 15, 2017 deadline.

The Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) seeks to improve performance and reduce errors in patient care through the use of simulation. Established in 2004 by professionals using simulation for education, testing, and research in health care, SSH membership includes nearly 3,700 physicians, nurses, allied health and paramedical personnel, researchers, educators and developers from around the globe. SSH fosters the improvement and application of simulation–based modalities such as human patient simulators, virtual reality, standardized patients and task trainers.