NEW CERTIFICATIONS AND ACCREDITATIONS IN HEALTHCARE SIMULATION RECOGNIZED AT THE 2017 INTERNATIONAL MEETING FOR SIMULATION IN HEALTHCARE (IMSH)

WASHINGTON, DC – FEBRUARY 27, 2017 – The Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) recognized over 340 newly certified professionals last month at the International Meeting for Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH).

These professionals received either a certification as a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE), Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator – Advanced (CHSE-A), or Certified Healthcare Simulation Operations Specialist (CHSOS).

In addition, 16 new SSH Accredited Simulation Programs were recognized during IMSH and eight were re-accredited. Accreditation is a peer-reviewed examination of a simulation programs’ process and outcomes in assessment, research, teaching/education and systems integration.

Full lists of newly certified professionals and newly accredited programs are available online.

In all, more than 1,000 individuals in 24 countries have successfully passed the CHSE examination; more than 135 individuals from seven countries have successfully passed the CHSOS examination; and 22 individuals from three countries hold the prestigious CHSE-A certification.

“Certifications in simulation are marks of professionalism, competence and mastery of knowledge in simulation,” said Andrew Spain, MA, NCEE, EMT-P, Director of Accreditation and Certification at SSH. “The growing numbers of professionals who have attained certification demonstrate a commitment to quality simulation and an increasing recognition of simulation as an education and research tool.”

The CHSE and CHSOS are supported by the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning (INACSL), Simulation Australasia/the Australian Society for Simulation in Healthcare (ASSH), and the Nurses Organization of Veterans Affairs (NOVA, Inc). CHSE is also supported by the Association of Standardized Patient Educators (ASPE) and it is also a recognized certification that Magnet-recognized and Magnet-applicant organizations may report in the Demographic Data Collection Tool™ (DDCT), through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.
The guidelines from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) emphasized the use of simulation in nursing training, and recommend certification to demonstrate that the lead faculty and simulation lab personnel are qualified. The guidelines specifically cited the CHSE as a suggested resource for simulation educators.

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 healthcare, SSH membership includes nearly 3,200 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.