



SIMOPS 2025

Justification Toolkit

Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center

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July 16-18, 2025 | ssih.org/simops-2025



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Check out event info, justification letter templates,
budget worksheet ... *and more!*

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WELCOME TO SIMOPS 2025!

Simulation Operations: *ACCESS GRANTED*

Let's cut to the chase ...

*Are you ready to **unlock**
your next level?*

This year's theme — "Access Granted" — isn't just a cool catchphrase. It's your badge to step into new possibilities, new thinking, and new outcomes in healthcare simulation operations.

From July 16-18, you will join your peers at the Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center in Peoria, Illinois, and discover just how far you can go when barriers are removed, collaboration is amplified, and ***YOU are fully plugged in.***



What You'll Gain at SimOps 2025:

- Professional Development
- Hands-On Education
- Targeted Networking
- Simulation-Specific Innovation
- Ops Solutions You Can Use NOW

THANK YOU, SIMOPS 2025 SPONSORS!

SimOps 2025 wouldn't be possible without the incredible support of our sponsors. These organizations are more than just logos — they're champions of innovation, access, and excellence in healthcare simulation.

Thanks to their partnership, we're delivering a powerful, hands-on experience that equips simulation operations professionals with the tools, insights, and connections needed to drive real-world impact.

We are proud to stand alongside these industry leaders as we open the doors to **Access Granted**. Thank you for your commitment to simulation, to education, and to the safety of every patient we ultimately serve.

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SIMOPS 2025 KEYNOTES

David Shablak NRP, CHSE, CHSOS-A

David Shablak is a nationally respected leader in healthcare simulation, known for his practical innovation, advocacy for simulation operations professionals, and over a decade of frontline experience.

As the co-host of the SimGeeks podcast and the creator of the This Old Manikin video series, David shares real-world insights, creative solutions, and behind-the-scenes tips that resonate across the simulation community. He is the founder of Simulation Tek, where he designs task trainers, develops moulage solutions, and consults on simulation center operations nationwide.

A published author and lifelong tinkerer, David brings humor, honesty, and hard-won expertise to every conversation—making him a compelling voice for the future of simulation operations.

Dr. Jon Handler

Dr. Jon Handler is the Senior Fellow for Innovation at OSF Healthcare and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Dual board-certified in Clinical Informatics and Emergency Medicine, Dr. Handler's career has focused on advancing clinical decision support and medical informatics to transform healthcare delivery. He previously served as Director of Research and Informatics at Northwestern and led the SAEM Consensus Conference in Emergency Medicine Informatics.

A former President of the ACEP Informatics Section, Dr. Handler has developed and commercialized key clinical systems, including technologies acquired by eMedicine and Microsoft. His past leadership roles include Chief Deployment Architect at Microsoft Health Solutions, CMIO at M*Modal, and VP of Digital Innovation at Baxter Healthcare.

Across every role, his mission remains clear: to enable rapid, accurate diagnoses and optimal, personalized care for every patient.



SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



2025 SIMOPS

Access Granted

JULY 16 - 18, 2025

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025

- 8:00 – 5:00: CHSOS Course
- 8:00 – 5:00: See Page 2 for the Full Listing of Preconference Courses
- 6:30 – ????: SimOps 2025 Kickoff Celebration
Join us at Obed & Issac's Beer Garden

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

- 7:00 – 9:00: Breakfast w/ Exhibitors
- 7:45 – 8:45: Learning Labs w/ Exhibitors
- 9:00 – 10:15: Welcoming Ceremony & Keynote
- 10:30 – 12:00: Educational Sessions & Learning Labs w/ Exhibitors
- 12:00 – 3:00: Networking Lunch & Exhibitor Showcase
- 2:00 – 3:00: Professor Rounds & SimVentors Showcase
- 3:15 – 4:15: Educational Sessions & Learning Labs w/ Exhibitors
- 4:30 – 5:30: SOTS Meeting
- 5:30 – 6:30: Networking Social Hour & SSH Board of Directors Meet & Greet
 - Sponsored by: Simulab

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

- 7:00 – 8:00: Light Breakfast
- 7:45 – 8:45: Learning Labs w/ Exhibitors
- 9:00 – 10:15: Welcoming Ceremony & Keynote
- 10:30 – 12:00: Educational Sessions & Learning Labs w/ Exhibitors
- 12:00 – 1:30: Networking Lunch
- 1:45 – 2:45: Educational Sessions
- 3:00 – 4:00: Educational Sessions



Keynote Speaker
DAVID SHABLAK



Keynote Speaker
DR. JON HANDLER

RATE GUIDE



SimOps 2025 Live attendance Includes:

- Opening & Closing Keynotes (July 17 & 18, 2025)
- Two days of live SimOps workshops (July 17 & 18, 2025)
- SimOps Exhibit Hall (July 17, 2025)
- SSH SimVentor Showcase & Professor Rounds (July 17, 2025)
- Meeting of the Simulation Operations Technology Section (SOTS)
- Meals and Beverages:
 - Thursday – Continental Breakfast, Lunch
 - Friday – Light Breakfast, Lunch
 - Coffee, tea, and water available from 30 min. prior to the first event through 30 minutes prior to last event each day
- Social and Networking Events:
 - Networking Kick off Celebration happy hour offsite at Obed & Isaac's Beer Garden! 6:30 PM
 - Thursday: Meet and Greet Happy Hour with the SSH Board of Directors at JUMP. Time TBD

Member Pricing * membership must be current through July 31, 2025, for member pricing	Non-Member Pricing *includes a one-year SSH membership (\$199 value) starting August 1, 2025
Early Bird: Open – June 13 - \$375 Regular: June 14 and after - \$500	Early Bird: Open – June 13, 2025 - \$525 Regular: June 14, 2025 and after - \$650

Additional Items:

Preconference sessions on July 16 - \$299 – SimOps general registration required.
Commemorative Coins - \$10

Group Registration: Groups may contain a mix of on-site and virtual registrations. SSH Accredited programs receive a 10% discount with three (3) or more in a group, and non-Accredited programs receive a 10% discount with five (5) or more in a group

Contact admin@ssih.org for registration questions.

BUDGET WORKSHEET

Expense	Guidance	Cost
SimOps: Live In-Person Registration July 16-18, 2025	General registration includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two (2) keynotes; At least seven (7) sessions of accredited educational courses; Exhibit Hall access; SimVentors; Learning Labs 	See rate guide! \$
Hotel	Check out SimOps hotel reservations for special discounts.	\$
Travel (flight/ground) to Peoria, Illinois.	Check online travel sites for pricing and information.	\$
Transportation: Airport to Hotel	Use an airport shuttle service or other available transportation to get to/from your hotel.	\$
Parking Reimbursement	If your company offers parking reimbursement, keep parking receipts!	\$
Mileage Reimbursement	If your company offers mileage, track your business driving miles!	\$
Meals	Your SimOps general registration includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, July 17, Breakfast and Lunch Friday, July 18, Breakfast and Lunch 	\$
Preconference Courses (WEDNESDAY)	<i>Can be purchased at an additional fee to the SimOps General Session. \$299 per course. Preconference course attendance REQUIRES registration for SimOps General Session.</i>	\$
Subtotal:		\$
Total number of employees attending:		
Subtotal x total number of employees attending = SimOps 2025 Budget :		\$

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear <Supervisor's Name>,

I would like to attend the 2025 SimOps Conference, July 16-18, at the Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center in Peoria, Illinois. The event is hosted by my industry's leading professional organization, the Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH).

SimOps is the only conference focused exclusively on the needs and advancement of healthcare simulation operations specialists. The 2025 theme, "*Access Granted*," highlights how simulation operations professionals enable equitable access to quality education, innovation, and patient safety across healthcare settings.

By attending SimOps 2025, I will engage in two days of hands-on workshops, peer-to-peer learning, and direct interaction with simulation leaders, vendors, and innovators. The program includes:

- Keynotes from Dr. Jon Handler and David Shablak
- SimVentor Showcase and Professor Rounds
- A dedicated Exhibit Hall day featuring more than 15 top-flight vendors (July 17)
- Simulation Operations and Technology Section (SOTS) Meeting
- Networking events with SSH's Board of Directors and peers
- Optional preconference courses on July 16 (e.g., CHSOS Course, Simulator Troubleshooting, ROI Planning, Data Management, Task Trainers)

Sessions I plan to attend are directly aligned with our current priorities and challenges. I will be equipped with new insights, tools, and strategies to improve operational processes, technology integration, and training quality.

Participation also provides access to Interprofessional Continuing Education Credits (ICPE), supporting my professional growth and our compliance goals.

Estimated costs are as follows:

Registration: \$375 (Early Bird, SSH Member)

Preconference Course (optional): \$299

Airfare: <\$xxxx>

Ground transportation: <\$xxxx>

Hotel: <\$xxxx>

Meals: <\$xxxx>

Total: <\$xxxx>

SimOps 2025 is a high-impact investment in my professional development and our program's success. I would appreciate your support in attending.

Sincerely,
<Your Name>



Society for Simulation in Healthcare™

01

Founded in 2004

The Society for Simulation in Healthcare (SSH) was founded in 2004 to support healthcare professionals in using simulation technology for training and education. Since its inception, SSH has grown into an international organization focused on improving patient safety and healthcare quality through innovative simulation methods.

02

Membership benefits

Members gain access to an extensive network and resources. SSH offers diverse membership levels, catering to professionals ranging from educators to researchers. Members receive benefits such as access to conferences, specialized resources, and opportunities to engage in collaborative projects that advance simulation in healthcare.

04

Research and publications

SSH publishes a peer-reviewed journal, *Simulation in Healthcare*. This journal disseminates high-quality research studies, reviews, and guidelines concerning the use of simulation in healthcare. It serves as a valuable resource for practitioners and researchers seeking to enhance simulation-based education and improve healthcare outcomes.

06

Standards and guidelines

SSH develops standards for simulation-based education in healthcare. Through collaborative efforts, SSH creates guidelines that help institutions effectively implement simulation programs. These standards promote best practices and ensure that simulation-based training meets the highest benchmarks for quality and effectiveness in education. And, SSH Accreditation? It's THE GOLD STANDARD!

08

Focus on patient safety

SSH emphasizes simulation to improve patient safety. The organization advocates for the use of simulation as a tool to enhance clinical skills, improve communication, and reduce errors in healthcare settings. By focusing on patient safety, SSH's efforts contribute to better healthcare outcomes.

03

The International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare (IMSH)

SSH hosts an annual conference showcasing innovations in simulation education. Each year, the SSH conference brings together thousands of professionals to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and learn about the latest advancements in simulation for healthcare education and training.

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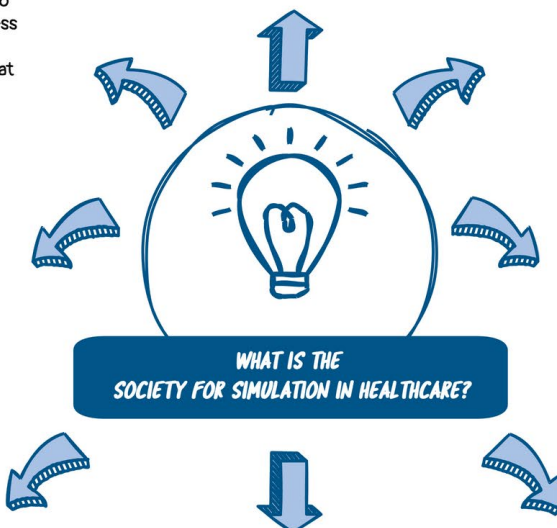
Certification programs

SSH offers certifications for simulation educators and professionals. These certification programs validate the skills and knowledge of individuals engaged in simulation-based education. By completing the certification process, professionals demonstrate their commitment to excellence in using simulation for effective healthcare training. Check out CHSE and CHSOS to get started!

07

Networking opportunities

SSH facilitates networking among simulation professionals. Through regional events, online forums, and special interest groups, SSH provides members with opportunities to connect with like-minded professionals. This networking fosters collaboration, knowledge sharing, and mentorship in the field of simulation in healthcare.



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