Simulation Program
Operating Policy and Procedure Manual

SIM OP:  90.270 Deliberate Practice and Independent Practice

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Simulation Program policy is to differentiate between deliberate practice and independent practice.

REVIEW: The Simulation Program OP will be reviewed September 1 of each even-numbered year by the Executive Director of the Centers.

POLICY/PROCEDURE

1.0 Policy

There are clearly differentiated processes involved between deliberate practice and independent practice within the Simulation Program. The definitions are provided on the definitions link on the Simulation Program Policy and Procedure website: http://www.ttuhsc.edu/simulation/operating-policies.aspx

2.0 Procedure

A. In independent practice:
   a. Either the student or faculty can initiate independent practice.
   b. Go to website (http://www.ttuhsc.edu/simulation/reserve.aspx) and to schedule the independent practice session at least 24 hours in advance on a business day (8:00 am – 5:00 pm). At least 72 hours in advance if requested over the weekend/holidays or after normal business hours.
   c. Submitting an independent study request via the scheduler does not confirm your reservation. You will receive an email confirmation, or if there is a scheduling conflict, a simulation center staff member will contact you.
   d. Walk-ins are welcome; however, they will be accommodated depending on available resources (staff, equipment/supplies, and space).
   e. During identified emergencies such as a pandemic, modifications in the procedure for independent practice will include:
      i. masks, social distancing and handwashing protocols are enforced
      ii. only 2 students per room or bay
iii. independent practice sessions will be limited to 60 minutes
iv. time between independent practice session is required for cleaning

B. In deliberate practice:
   a. Only faculty or residents can initiate deliberate practice
   b. Go to website (http://www.ttuhsc.edu/simulation/reserve.aspx) and to schedule the deliberate practice.
   c. Deliberate practices should be scheduled at least one week in advance of the event due to the resources needing to be secured (faculty, staff, equipment/supplies, and space).
   d. If deliberate practice is scheduled less than one week in advance, resources needing to be secured may not be available (faculty, staff, equipment/supplies and space).
   e. Please refer to the Guidelines for Use of Deliberate Practice (SIM OP 90.270 Attachment A).

SD/SB
Adopted: 10/2016
Date of last revision: 9/10/2020