

Artificial Intelligence in Simulation: The State of Practice

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BACKGROUND

- Artificial intelligence (AI) is on the rise across sectors including nursing education. Simulation is a natural specialty for the exploration of AI, being at the forefront of incorporation of technology in nursing education.
- Beginning with low-fidelity manikins, moving onto high-fidelity manikins, then innovating with virtual reality, Al is the next frontier in nursing simulation.
- As Al becomes more integrated in healthcare delivery, nursing education has a role in educating nursing students about uses, limitations, and concerns around Al.
- Al supports students' visual learning and engagement. Virtual reality (VR) using Al has also been evaluated to increase learning in interprofessional domains simulating various team members in VR simulation.

PURPOSE

- The purpose of this literature review was to explore the role of AI in the three phases of simulation: prebriefing, facilitation, and debriefing/evaluation to support student learning.
- A review of the literature identified gaps in the use of Al in the three phases of simulation education as very few studies have been conducted.



LITERATURE SEARCH STRATEGY

Databases

- CINAHL
- ERIC
- Medline (EBSCOHost)
- PubMed
- Other
- Google Scholar

Journal Hand Search

Search Criteria

- · Published in the last five years
- English language
- Peer-reviewed
- Research articles
- Scoping reviews, meta-analyses, systematic reviews

Keywords and Key Terms

- Artificial intelligence, AI in healthcare simulation, simulation, nursing education, AI in nursing simulation
- 32 studies met the inclusion criteria.
 - 28 Quantitative
 - 1 Qualitative
 - 3 Reviews (2 Scoping, 1 Systematic)

References



RESULTS

Current research has shown that the integration of Al has become prominent in nursing education and simulation education.

The most common AI technologies:

- ChatGPT
- Virtual avatar apps
- Smartphones
- · Predictive analytics
- Robots
- · Virtual or augmented reality
 - voice-controlled
 - menu-based options

CONCLUSION

- As the use of AI continues to grow in healthcare, there is a growing need to explore the use of AI in nursing simulation.
- Al was noted to improve student learning when utilized in simulations.
- Al has effectively enhanced student learning, particularly during facilitation and debriefing phases.
- Based on a review of 32 articles, 27 articles utilized readily available AI technology such as ChatGPT as a voice/text component, and only 5 articles used AI in the virtual format, incorporating both voice and physical interaction.
- Educators will need to explore the limitations of AI including ethical concerns, security and data privacy, financial affordability, sustainability, and technological support for use in learning environments.
- Nursing simulationists are at the forefront of using new technologies and should be the leaders in exploring this new pedagogical tool to enhance student learning.