

**WHA Foundation, Inc.
Clinical Simulation Training Scholarship
Program Description and Criteria - 2026**

The WHA Foundation will award scholarships to interdisciplinary teams from WHA member hospitals who want to participate in clinical simulation training. The WHA Foundation has obtained agreements with clinical simulation labs making them available to scholarship recipients for training sessions.

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Each scholarship is unique, covering either 4 or 8 hours of clinical simulation training for an interdisciplinary team of up to 8 members.

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

- Payment for training will be made directly to the simulation lab after the training has occurred.
- No funds will be paid directly to a hospital, health system or an individual participant.
- The value of the scholarship pays for the use of the simulation center and its resources. It does **NOT** cover participant wages, meal expenses or transportation costs to attend the training.
- All participant wages, meal expenses and transportation expenses related to the simulation training must be funded by the recipient organization. No travel expenses will be covered by the scholarship, the simulation lab, nor by WHA or the WHA Foundation. Application for a scholarship implies your understanding of and agreement to this.
- **If, after a scholarship has been accepted and the partnering simulation lab begins work on the specific scenarios, the scholarship recipient decides to withdraw from participating in the lab, the cost of the lab will be charged directly to the scholarship recipient by the WHA Foundation.**
- In order for scholarships to remain valid and for payment to be made to the Simulation Lab the scholarship recipient must:
 - Submit the required *Pre-Training Scholarship Report* prior to the scheduled lab date(s).
 - Ensure that simulation training must occur by December 31.
 - Ensure that simulation training take place at one of the identified partnering simulation labs. Payment will not be made for training occurring at other locations.
 - Submit the required *Post-Training Scholarship Survey* within a week of receiving survey.

Not following these requirements will prevent the team's individual hospital from receiving future WHA Foundation simulation training scholarships.

APPLICATION SCORING PRIORITY

- Participating team is an interdisciplinary team that includes nurses, physicians and/or other advanced practice clinicians who deliver patient care.
- The participating team has clearly identified its Team Facilitator and agreed to the responsibilities of the Team Facilitator in both planning for and implementing the actual simulation training.
- Team has had no recent clinical simulation training (within past 3 years)
- For those selecting **Sepsis**: Annual volume for sepsis/septic shock, mortality rate for patient population, and success to-date of implementing processes to identify and appropriately treat sepsis.
- For those selecting **Stroke**: Access to brain imaging CT 24/7, a telestroke program in place or other communication with expert consultation, and success to-date of implementing processes to evaluate and appropriately treat/transfer acute stroke patients.
- For those selecting **High-Risk OB Delivery**: Have a low monthly volume of births (i.e. less than 60 births/month), and located in a rural area of Wisconsin.

SIMULATION TRAINING DETAILS and REQUIREMENTS

- Training must occur at the identified partner clinical simulation training lab.
- All scholarship recipient team members must be employed by a hospital member of the Wisconsin hospital Association.
- Recipients will schedule training directly with the clinical simulation lab they have been assigned to (See list provided). Training date(s) must be submitted to WHA Foundation by October 1 and training must be completed by December 31.

Roles and responsibilities of the Simulation Lab

- Assist with the creation of the simulations, partnering with the Team Facilitator, developing the flow of the training day, including set-up, clean-up and making the simulation as realistic as possible. The simulation lab staff will speak as the patient in the simulations.

Roles and responsibilities of the Scholarship Recipient Team

- Each team must identify a Team Facilitator and list his/her name and contact information on the application. **This person must have subject matter and hospital policy and procedure knowledge. This person will be responsible for contacting the lab to arrange the date/time of the lab, partner with the lab to create the simulation, be engaged in the planning of the simulation, and attend/participate in the lab.**
- Guide the debriefing after each simulation (referencing the organization's policies, procedures, performance measures, etc.)
- Determine what pre-training preparation is necessary for team members attending the training and provide that in advance to all team members.
- Provide the Simulation Lab with specific measurable outcomes the team wishes to reach with the training and what the outcomes are based upon (internal data, quality measures, etc.)
- Play the role of Medical Provider during all simulations if one does not attend the training as part of the hospital team.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION and DUE DATE

To apply, please click

Application submission deadline is no later than 5:00 pm CST on **Friday, May 15 2026**

SELECTION REVIEW and NOTIFICATION

Applicants meeting the deadline will be notified during the week of May 18. All scholarship selections are final.

Selected Simulation Lab Location for 2026

Lab: Gundersen Health System Integrated Center for Education (ICE)

Location: 1827 Sims Place La Crosse, WI 54601

Contact Information: Integrated Center for Education

P#: 608-775-1452

Email: ice@gundersenhealth.org

Scholarship format: Two – 4 hour sessions (May have the same cohort attend each session or have two different cohorts)

Scenarios offered at this lab: Sepsis/Septic Shock, Stroke and high-risk OB

Team size: 8