

Stockton Kicks Off New Initiative to Teach Students Through Simulated Real-Life Scenarios

Information Sessions on Program to be Held on April 11 & April 14;
Training Sessions for Actors on April 15-16

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Galloway, N.J. - Stockton University students in various fields including Nursing, Social Work, Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy will be learning through simulation, also known as standardized patient sessions, where they will interact with actors portraying patients in real-life scenarios to practice for challenges and situations they may face on the job after graduation.

“What we do is provide as realistic a recreation as we can through the use of actors to challenge students to apply the knowledge they have learned in class on real people and situations,” explained Dr. Mary Padden-Denmead, assistant professor of Nursing. “For example, Nursing students have been assigned a patient (actor) who was having difficulty breathing and the nursing students needed to recognize the problem and take the necessary steps to help alleviate the condition.”

The Stockton University Simulation Initiative, or SUSI, kicks off on **Monday, April 11** from 5-6 p.m. in G-wing, Room 103 and on Thursday, **April 14** from 5-6 p.m. in L-Wing, Room 115 with informational sessions to explain in more detail what exactly a simulation entails and how actors can help students to learn real life skills.

Then on **Friday, April 15** at 3:30 p.m. in L-115 and on **Saturday, April 16** at noon in L-115, there will be training sessions for people interested in being an actor for simulations at Stockton.

The public is invited to attend these informational sessions and find out more about becoming an actor in this learning initiative, Padden said.

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