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National Capital Simulation Consortium Awarded Society for Simulation in Healthcare Accreditation

Bethesda, Md. — The National Capital Simulation Consortium, including the Val G. Hemming Simulation Center of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), was granted 5-year accreditation by the Society for Simulation in Healthcare. The accreditation is for the Consortium's Assessment, Research, Teaching/Education, System Integration and Patient Safety programs. This is the first accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to the Consortium, which includes USU, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital.

The accreditation decision represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and shows the Consortium's

substantial conformance to the SSH standards. In earning the five-year accreditation, the Consortium put themselves through a rigorous peer review process and demonstrated to the accreditation team of surveyors, through evaluation of a comprehensive application and during an on-site visit, its commitment to offering healthcare simulation training programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

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