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Cheryl Feken RN MS is the Clinical Simulation Coordinator at Tulsa Community College, where she transformed the lab experience from a didactic and traditional skills practice environment to a simulation experience. She first became interested in the use of simulation after the purchase of a SimMan in 2002. Because her college was unfamiliar with how to best utilize SimMan he lived in the respiratory therapy for a year. Her fascination with the technology and desire to implement SimMan in the medical surgical course motivated her to attend one of the first simulation network group meeting sponsored by Laerdal. Cheryl later became involved with the NLN/Laerdal research project in 2003 as one of the site coordinators. With Cheryl's intense desire to utilize simulation she took the position as Lab Coordinator in 2005. She participated in the design of Tulsa Community College's Nursing Simulation Laboratory. Cheryl's position evolved in 2007 to Clinical Simulation Coordinator for TCC's Nursing and Certificate Programs. She manages labs on two campuses utilizing a variety of manikins.

Cheryl and her colleagues have utilized simulation in capturing the interest of future nursing students by introducing them to SimMan, VitalSim Anne and Kelly during Camp Scrubs. In this "camp" young men are introduced to health care professions particularly nursing.

Cheryl became involved in INACSL shortly after its inception recognizing the need and important for networking. She has participated on the membership committee and the Communication Committee.