

Past President - Kim Leighton, PHD, RN, CNE

Kim Leighton is the Dean of Educational Technology at BryanLGH College of Health Sciences in Lincoln, NE. In this role, she supports the ongoing integration of high-fidelity simulation in the College's Nursing, Allied Health, and CRNA programs. She also promotes use of simulated clinical experiences for new graduates, new hires, seasoned nurses, and annual competency assessments. Kim is currently involved in the development of a 9-bed simulation center and busy getting a graduate Certificate in Simulation Education off to a great start. Kim enjoys providing consultation for nursing schools and hospitals for curriculum integration of simulation.

The opportunity to serve the INACSL membership as President is exciting! Simulation use continues to grow at an amazingly fast rate and the needs of membership continue to evolve. My main concern is that the members have the tools necessary to be successful when facilitating learning with simulation, standardized patients, and for psychomotor skill development. This Association has the potential to significantly impact the evolution of simulation in healthcare education. Kim's interests lie in improving the simulation environment to meet the learning needs of undergraduate nursing students, and managing the dying patient in the simulation lab. Kim completed her education at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Nebraska Wesleyan University, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she obtained her PhD in Educational Leadership in Higher Education.

In her free time, Kim enjoys lying on a beach chair soaking up the sun while reading a good spy/espionage novel.