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CAREER OVERVIEW

I am an Associate Professor of Simulation Based Education (SBE) and the Director for Enterprise and Engagement for the Department of Nursing, Midwifery and Health at Northumbria University. A role that encompasses leading and supporting knowledge exchange initiatives including the development and delivery of regional, national and international programmes and, collaborative and contract research projects.

I qualified as a Registered Nurse in 1988 and specialised in Critical Care where I was appointed as a charge nurse in 1998. During this time, I developed a keen interest in healthcare education and in 2001, he was appointed as a lecturer practitioner in critical care and it was in this role that I developed my passion for SBE.

In 2006, I joined Northumbria University as a senior lecturer, which incorporated the development of SBE in the undergraduate healthcare programmes. This led to me being recognised nationally and internationally for the development of SBE and, its integration into nursing curricula. In 2014, I was awarded the title of Teaching Fellow by Northumbria University, for my innovative SBE work, which in June 2016 this to led my appointment as an Associate Professor of SBE. I completed my Professional Doctorate (Education) on the use of SBE in healthcare education in 2019.

I am passionate about SBE and have published and presented nationally and internationally on the subject. I served on the executive committee of the Association for Simulated Practice in Healthcare (ASPiH) from 2010 – 2014 and, during this time, I worked as a National Simulation Development Officer (SDO). In addition, I was vice president (Ad-interim) of the International Nursing Association for Clinical Simulation and Learning – Chapter Europe (INACSL – Chapter Europe) from 2015 - 2019.

In recognition of my contribution to the development of SBE, I was awarded an ASPiH Fellowship in November 2017. Currently, I am a member of the National Simulation Reference Group, which is currently developing the UK national SBE Strategy.
