The Casual Learning Area: Frequently Asked Questions

“What services does the CLA provide?”

The Casual Learning Area (CLA) is a clinical simulation area specifically designed as a place for both undergraduate and graduate students to practice clinical skills in a safe learning environment. Additionally, the CLA offers a variety of services that support clinical and classroom education including simulation activities, skills check-off, clinical make-up, proctored testing, and remediation. Customized learning activities can be created to meet any faculty or student need.

“What resources are available?”

- 8 desktop and 3 laptop computers available for online testing, research and study
- An extensive library of books, videos, and DVDs
- Meeting and classroom space for special projects
- 5 simulated “patients” for use in creating realistic nursing situations for students (in the CLA AND the classroom)
- The Lynn Hospital and Clinic Space offer traditional clinical environments for practice and simulated experiences. These spaces can also be configured to create any environment (a patient’s home, a shelter…)

“Who can use the CLA?”

- Any member of the faculty from any campus can use the CLA services and resources. Since design of some programs can take up to two weeks, please contact Candy Hickman, CLA Coordinator, as soon as possible to begin the process.

“What if I have an idea or a need other than what is outlined here?”

- Just ask! We are committed to supporting the educational needs of faculty and students through the use of simulation and interactive learning.

How do I make a request for services or resources?

To best accommodate all faculty requests and student needs, we ask that you submit an electronic CLA Request Form for each service or resource needed. Completed forms should be emailed to Candice.hickman@fau.edu. Within 24 hours, you will receive a confirmation of your request.

Thank you!

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