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Desiree Diaz is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Central Florida College of Nursing. She has been a nurse educator for the past 13 years. She earned her PhD in Nursing with a focus on simulation and Limited English Proficient Patients. She is interested in and investigating simulation best practice and using simulation as a mode of education to decrease healthcare disparities with vulnerable populations. Her current research activities include looking at different types of simulation and student outcomes and improving missed care with correctional healthcare nurses via simulation. She completed a simulation research post-doc with Dr. Pamela Jeffries at John Hopkins University. Desiree is an ANCC Board certified Medical-Surgical Nurse and Certified Nurse Educator. She was one of the first 150 people in the world to pass the Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator exam in 2012 and currently is a CHSE-A since 2016. She also practices in the acute care setting to assure clinical relevance in her work. Cultural awareness and linguistically competent care are hallmarks of her teaching, scholarship and practice—an true commitment to diversity