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Sunset Commission,

As the Dean of Health Sciences and Director of Nursing programs at Texarkana College in Texarkana, Texas, I recommend letting the Excelsior College exemption from hands-on clinical experiences for students expire. While online simulation activities have a place in nursing education, nothing can replace learning to take care of a living human being in the clinical setting.

Yesterday, the Texarkana College Nursing Advisory Board discussed this issue at their annual meeting. The Board, whose members include nurses from healthcare employers and a representative from a four-year university nursing program, unanimously recommended letting the exemption expire as well.

I appreciate you considering our viewpoint.

Best regards,  
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