



SESAM 2026 Pre-Congress

Writing Retreat

Faculty

- Gabe Reedy, Editor-in-Chief Advances in Simulation
- Debra Nestel, Editor-in-Chief Journal of Healthcare Simulation
- Nicole Harder, Editor-in-Chief Simulation in Healthcare

Workshop details

- **Date:** Tuesday 16 June 2026
- **Timing:** All day (09:30 - 12:30, 13:30 - 16:30)
- **Duration:** 6 hours

Session description

Do you have a writing project to move to publication? Perhaps a research project, an evaluation, an innovation, something controversial as an editorial, perspective, commentary or letter? This Writing Retreat might offer just what you need to move your project along. The focus is to support and help you develop your writing practice, rather than the content of your project, balancing the excellent scientific content and workshops that will be the backbone of the SESAM Annual Meeting!

Aims:

- To provide participants with an opportunity to develop academic writing skills
- To build a support network for furthering academic writing

Who should attend:

Anyone who is interested in undertaking research in healthcare simulation, especially those thinking about or already studying as postgraduate research students. Alternatively, you may work in a healthcare simulation role and want to share your ideas about simulation practices. Whether you are at the stage of writing a research proposal, drafting a manuscript, or writing a report this Writing Retreat is likely well suited to you.



What you can expect:

By joining the Writing Retreat, you will participate in a structured program to develop your academic writing skills. This includes:

- Strategies to construct manuscripts for peer reviewed publication
- Close in-person coaching
- Dedicated time to write (including research proposals, ethics applications, manuscripts) with the option of sharing with fellow participants
- Development/extension of your professional authoring network including the option to participate in a follow up webinar
- Enduring resources to continue your writing development

Learning objectives:

After participating in the Writing Retreat, you will be able to:

- Outline a range of personal strategies to foster productive writing
- Create a writing plan for a specified project
- Produce sample writing aligned with a project important to you
- Identify and access resources to support your writing

Facilitators

Gabriel Reedy is the Editor-in-chief of *Advances in Simulation*, and a simulation researcher and educator. He is a professor at King's College London (UK) and leads a master's programme in health professions education and frequently supports students and colleagues who are working to improve their academic writing.

Debra Nestel is the Editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Healthcare Simulation*, and a simulation researcher and educator. Based in Australia, she is a professor of healthcare simulation at Monash University and a professor of surgical education at the University of Melbourne. Debra leads masters' level faculty development programs in clinical simulation and surgical education and supervises graduate students in doctoral research.

Nicole Harder is the Editor-in-Chief of *Simulation in Healthcare Journal*, and a simulation researcher and educator from Canada. She is a professor at the University of Manitoba, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and holds the Mindermar Professorship in Human Simulation. She supervises graduate students and contributes to the scholarship of teaching and learning in simulation and health professions education, while supporting learners and colleagues in advancing their academic writing