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SIM Announcements

• Exciting Xtreme Reading News

- [Xtremeville](#)¹ is live, and it has nearly 100 resources (video, audio, forms, etc.) for your Xtreme reading needs!
- Xtreme [Professional Learning](#)² and [Fidelity of Implementation](#)³ Micro-credentials are now available on BadgeList. Check them out today.



Xtreme Reading Fidelity (FI)

Additional SIM™ Credentials

This badge has been awarded for fidelity of implementa

• 2021 SIM International Conference

Planning is underway for the 2021 SIM International Conference. The 2021 conference will be *fully virtual and take the place of the face-to-face conference in Lawrence*. The conference will offer synchronous and asynchronous online offerings in Canvas and Zoom. Please take our [two question survey](#)⁴ to let us know what topics you'd like to see covered at the conference.

• Bundled purchases

You can now purchase KUCRL CER & LS Manual bundles, which include both the hardcopy and a PDF version in the [online store](#).⁵

• SIM Priority Work Group Updates

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HERE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS

- The **Preservice work group**

*Developing 2 IRB approved surveys to gauge the level of use of SIM Strategies and Routines in higher education.

- The ***Certification Maintenance and Update Conference work group***

*Planning the Virtual SIM International Conference for 2021

- The ***Xtreme Reading Cadre***

*Working on a teacher resources website and

*Finalizing the Xtreme Reading Professional Developer micro-credential

• **SIM Educator Newsletter**

The Fall 2020 SIM Educator Newsletter was sent to over 6,900 people on August 10th. [View it online](#)⁸

SIM Tips & Tools

• **Technology-Enhanced SIM Learning Strategy Instructional Delivery**



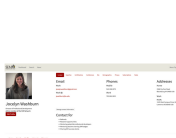
Technology Tools Per Stage of Instruction		
What does it look like?	What tools can I use?	Why is it important?
Stage 1: Pretest & Make Commitments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns with selected and critical skills or content of the lesson or unit Incorporates various levels of difficulty Should be brief and may serve as a discussion prompt to gain buy in Stage 7: Post-test & Make Commitments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assign task to confirm mastery (mirrors pre-test) Celebrate mastery Discuss achievement and attribution for success Prompt increasing student responsibility Prompt commitment to generalize 	Low-tech: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail pretest to home and student mails it back Phone call for conferencing on results and make commitments Scheduled dates for car-line pick up/drop off of materials for students Mid-tech: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email exchange of pretest Phone call or video-conference to discuss results and make commitments High-tech: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Google Forms to complete the pretest/posttest Video-conference to discuss results and make commitments 	Teachers and students who know current performance levels learn important information. Allows for students to set realistic learning goals Celebrate mastery Build a rationale for learning the strategy or generalization the strategy
Stage 2: Describe	Low-tech: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send home post-it notes on Cue Cards and use highlighters. Binder/folder set up with materials ahead of time 	Allows for students to better understand new or complex information

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Instructing with SIM Learning Strategies this fall will look different than in the past. At the CRL, we wish to support teachers in their transition to instructing LS in varied teaching and learning environments (e.g., remote, virtual, in-person with social distancing). In the future, even when typical classroom instruction resumes, teachers may continue to enhance their LS instruction with technology; thus, we hope this resource will have ongoing relevance.

The table, *Technology Tools Per Stage of Instruction*, has been organized around the eight Stages of Instruction incorporated in SIM Learning Strategies. It was developed in collaboration with more than thirty SIM Professional Developers, calling upon their experiences with a wide-range of technology tools. The *Stages of Instruction* are similar to the instructional sequence within explicit instruction. The interaction between the teacher and students for some stages is similar, given the purpose of the stage, allowing us to combine stages on the table below. For example, the procedures for Stage 1 Pre-test and Make Commitments and Stage 7 Post-test and Make Commitments will require similar technology, so ideas for technology tools are provided in one row. [Read more](#)¹⁰

• **Tour of SIM Professional Developer Resources**

	SIMville	<p>simville.ku.edu/simville</p> <p>SIMville is the online repository of tools and resources accessible to SIM Professional Developers subscribed to Strateworks.</p> <p>The password to SIMville changes at least once every 180 days per University of Kansas security regulations.</p> <p>Each Stratenotes Newsletter email includes the current SIMville password.</p>
	The Stratenotes Newsletter	<p>https://simville.ku.edu/stratenotes-website</p> <p>The Stratenotes Newsletter is now housed online. You have to log in to SIMville to access it. SIM Professional Developers subscribed to Strateworks receive an email when a new Stratenotes edition is posted.</p>
	The Stratedirectory	<p>https://directory.kucrl.org/</p> <p>Please be sure to keep your contact information up to date! If you change jobs, please change your information here.</p> <p>It is important to complete the 'Edit Your Profile' section to establish whether your profile is public, to highlight your expertise, and to let us know whether you would like to be contacted for referrals for professional development inquiries we receive at the Center, research opportunities, mentoring, or</p>

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Jocelyn Washburn has put together this [Video Tour of SIM PD Resources](#)¹¹ for new professional developers. Please have a look today, you may find something new.

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1. <https://simville.ku.edu/xtremeville>
2. <https://www.badgelist.com/Additional-SIM-Credentials/Xtreme-Reading-Professional-Learning-PL>
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8. <https://sim.ku.edu/sites/sim.ku.edu/files/docs/SIM%20Educator%20Newsletter%20Fall%202020.pdf>
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DOING ONLINE PD?

With everything happening in the world of education, the ability for teachers to attend virtual PD is in high demand. So, please let us know if you're conducting virtual PD that's open to the public simpd.ku.edu and we'll get it listed on the SIM Events page OR we'll add you to our list of PDers providing one-on-one virtual PD. Thanks!

VIDEOS TO SHARE?

Do you have videos you've made from online PD Sessions we can share with others in SIMville? If so, please email simpd@ku.edu. We're also happy to help connect people who may be doing similar sessions for collaboration or to share other things you've developed in SIMville to help others.

Find a SIM Professional Developer [StrateDirectory](#)



Upcoming SIM Events

- **2020 Online PD**
 Curriculum Planning Tools: Course Organizer - ESC Region 13, Austin, Texas
 Designing a K-12 Writing Curriculum - ESC Region 13, Austin, Texas
- **Aug. 31, 2020 - 9:30-10:30 am CST**
 Q&A with the SIM Professional Development Team
- **Sept. 10, 2020 - 12:30-1:30 pm CST**
 Q&A with the SIM Professional Development Team
- **Oct. 1-28, 2020**
 2020 Northeast SIM Update Conference: Virtual from Virginia
- **Date TBA** (rescheduling, orig. June 17-18, 2020)
 Upper Midwest SIM Update Conference
 St. Cloud, MN

Purchase SIM Materials



Does the school you're working with need a quote for materials?
 Click here for the most recent copy of the [KUCRL order form](#)

Where is SIM Happening in the Field?



SIM Workgroups are still working away on Zoom. Thanks to everyone who's participating!