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Virtual Worlds and Social Work Education: Potentials for " Second Life"

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Abstract

Virtual worlds such as "Second Life" hold promise for social work education. They may be especially useful for distance/distributed education. Social relationships, groups, organizations and entire communities can be modeled and explored for role playing

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and laboratory instruction. This article provides an overview of " Second Life," an example of a well developed virtual world.