Mannequin or manikin?

The terms mannequin and manikin are pronounced the same way, and both terms refer to a model representing the human body, but the terms are used in different contexts.

A mannequin is a model used to display clothes in a clothing store or studio.¹

Example:
As spring drew closer, the clothing on the mannequins in the windows changed from sweaters to swimwear.

A manikin is a model of the human body used for illustrating or teaching anatomy, such as in a health care simulation center.²

Examples:
Each student needed to demonstrate CPR on the manikin to pass the workshop.
The breathing motion on the new manikin was designed to simulate a patient in respiratory distress.

Although mannequin was also previously used in this context, manikin is now the preferred term.³
References


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