

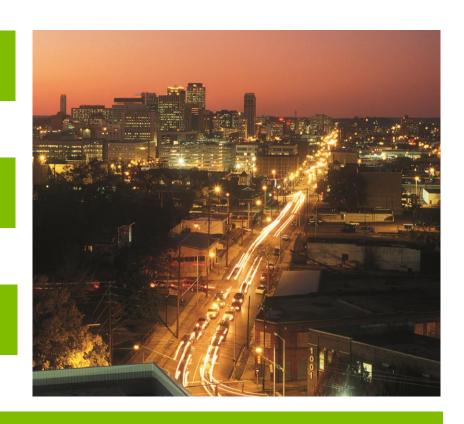
Meeting STEMM workforce needs in the wake of COVID

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STEMM Undergraduate Programs

Graduate School Stackable Certificates

Lifelong Learning Initiative



Alabama ASSET

- New interdisciplinary bachelor's degrees:
 - Bioinformatics
 - Immunology
 - Genetics and
 Genomic Sciences
 - Cancer Biology
 - Entrepreneurship

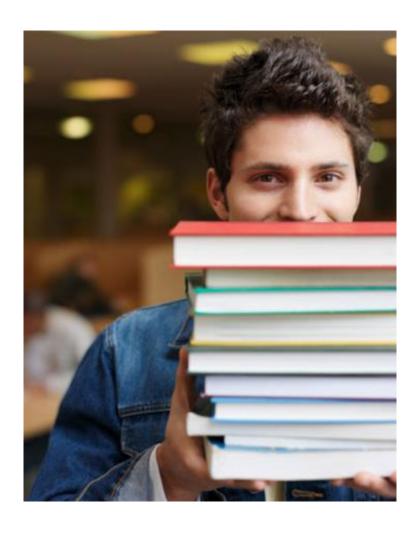






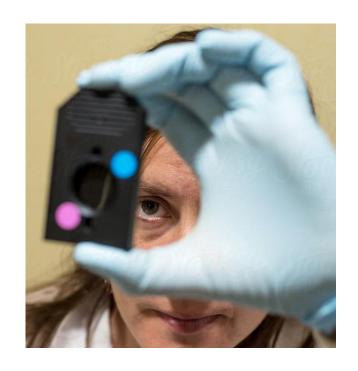






- Graduate School "stackable" certificates and interdisciplinary MS program:
 - Work in managing a research lab
 - Laboratory Management Certificate
 - Leadership and Professional Development Certificates
 - Work in a non-profit community health organization
 - Nonprofit Management certificate
 - Public Health Certificate
- "Lifelong learning"

- Alabama ASSET: Advanced Specialized Skills, Education and Training (microcredentials)
 - Purpose: rapidly meet dynamic workforce needs for employment, advancement or transferable skills for career mobility
 - Assets are 6-15 hours of graduate credit
 - Participating AL institutions
 - An asset must be completed at a single institution but multiple assets can be combined from different institutions (e.g., Bioinformatics Asset and Research Communication Asset)
 - Assets may count toward a master's degree





COVID Initiatives

- Childcare resources for the largest single employer in Alabama
 - Childcare program for employees' children at our campus hotel providing virtual learning assignments done with support of UAB students in a safe environment
 - Partnering with McWane Center (Birmingham's science museum) to provide full day childcare and high-quality STEM programming

- "Leadership in COVID healthcare for the State of Alabama
 - UAB has treated over 1,400
 COVID patients since March 25
 - Participating in several clinical trials for treatments and vaccines





Thank you!