

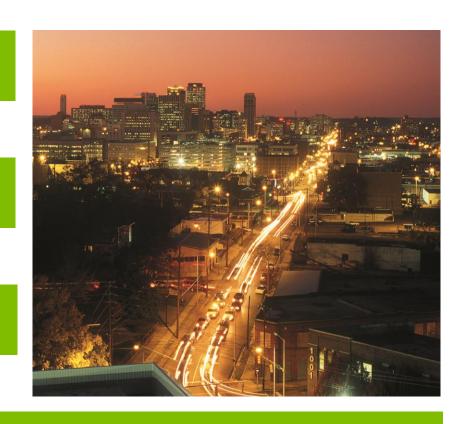
# Meeting STEMM workforce needs in the wake of COVID

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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

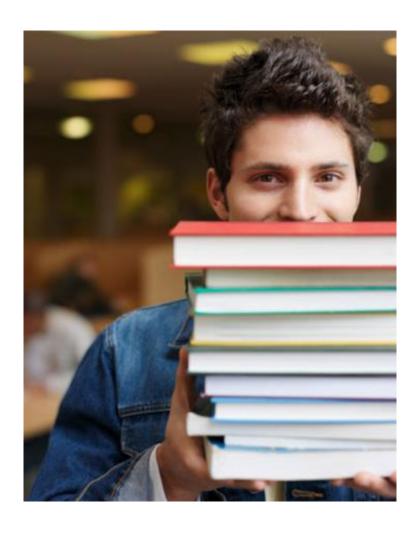






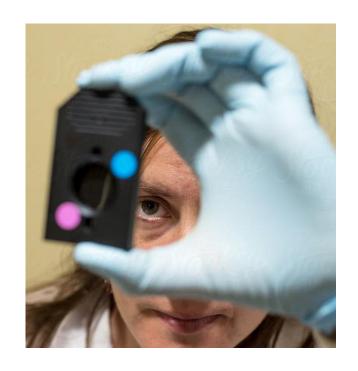






- Graduate School "stackable" certificates and interdisciplinary MS program:
  - Work in managing a research lab
    - Laboratory Management Certificate
    - Leadership and Professional Development Certificates
  - Work in a non-profit community health organization
    - Nonprofit Management certificate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