MAY 8, 2020 WEBINAR

Virtual Labs

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WELCOME TO THE DIGITAL LEARNING INITIATIVE WEBINAR

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OVERVIEW OF VIRTUAL LABS
In the vast shift to online teaching caused by the new coronavirus, one of the most common questions raised was: But what about lab classes? Is it even possible to move a lab course quickly online and still meet your learning objectives?
How to Quickly (and Safely) Move a Lab Course Online

By Heather R. Taft | MARCH 17, 2020

https://www.chronicle.com/article/how-to-quickly-and-safely/248261

How to Rethink Science Lab Classes

John D. Loeke and Marian Stitz-Leuke have identified five objectives for online labs that are critical to any science laboratory experience and lend themselves well to online teaching.

https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2020/04/08/five-objectives-online-science-labs-lend-themselves-virtual-teaching-opinion

https://news.berkeley.edu/2020/03/23/coronavirus-forces-hands-on-learning-to-go-online-and-hands-off/
• Instructor Created Labs
• Lab Kits
• Virtual Labs
• Simulations

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UNC System Digital Learning Webinar

Special Edition: Virtual Labs Landscape

May 8, 2020, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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11:15 AM – 11:25 AM
Labster and McGraw-Hill Connect Virtual Labs

Sarah Arrington, Ph.D.
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Tom Van Gilder
Director, Learning Technology Services,
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11:35 AM – 11:45 AM
Commercial Products and Publisher Offerings

Bill Prensky
Chief Executive Officer

Asi Simon-Hart
Head of Operations

Benoit Buysse
Head of Product Development and Innovation

Dyllis Wiseman
Executive Director, Strategic Partnerships

11:25 AM – 11:35 AM
Campus Developed Virtual Labs

Cathi Dunnagan
Senior Instructional Designer

John Gordon
Associate Director, Instructional Media Productions

David Howard
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Team Lead, Multimedia Development
• The **problem you were trying to solve** (e.g., give students a lab experience online when they could not physically go to a lab).

• The **alternatives you considered** - did you come up with any checklists or rubrics when considering solutions or commercial products before rolling your own?

• Any **changes** you had to make in the f2f learning objectives in order to move from a physical class to online?

• Overall, **how difficult** was it to create these virtual labs and was the effort worth it? What is the **cost**?

• Other **lessons learned**?
VIRTUAL LAB OVERVIEW

Presented by Sarah Arrington, Ph.D. & Tom Van Gilder, Director LTS
Appalachian State University
WHY GO VIRTUAL?

1. To provide greater access to general education laboratory courses
2. To supplement in-class laboratory experiences
3. To allow development of hybrid lab courses to provide better on-campus space utilization
4. To provide continuity of instruction when access to campus is not accessible or for circumstantial reasons

Virtual Labs ≠ Hands-on Experience
OPTIONS EXPLORED

**Labster**
- Pilot: Fall 2019 - Spring 2020
- F19: ~290 Students
- Sp20: ~290 Students
- Majors & Non-Majors Biology
- 6 Virtual Lab Simulations
- Total Cost: $17,472 (pilot)

To Continue with Labster
- $65 - $85/student
- 6 lab simulations

**Connect**
- Covid: Sp20 last 8 weeks
- Sp20: ~588 Students
- Majors & Non-Majors Biology
- 6 Virtual Lab Simulations
- Total Cost: $0 (pilot)

To Continue with Connect
- $60/student – part of textbook rental program
- Unlimited lab simulations
At the start of each lab, students are provided instructions about how Labster simulations work. They are given the option to turn off the narration.
Excellent graphics that allow students to navigate around the lab.

The instructions of what to do are shown in the bottom left corner as well as being verbally expressed by the narrator.
Students are introduced to real-world applications, such as the GHS labeling system.
Periodically throughout the simulation students are presented with questions to check their understanding. These scores can be recorded in your LMS grade book.
Each lab starts with an overview of what will be covered along with key concepts that they will need to know.
Students are guides through the exercises, referred to as phases, by the navigation panel on the right.
Frequently throughout the simulation students are asked questions about the lab they are performing. They cannot advance until they get the answer correct.
At the end of the simulation, learners are asked questions that require them to apply what they have learned.

**Laboratory Simulation**

**Select all that apply**

- A. Sharp objects
- B. Splattering
- C. Spills
- D. Flame
- E. Corrosive chemicals
The last phase of each simulation provides a summary of what was covered, and will include any lab notes, graphs, and data collected throughout the simulation.
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: OPEN SOURCE

https://www.labxchange.org/library/pathway
3. Predictions

During this simulation, you will be dispensing different volumes of liquid red dye with a micropipette onto a blotting paper. How do you think the different volumes will influence the size of red circles you expect to see on the blotting paper? Make your predictions here by adjusting the controls to make each circle larger or smaller.

Estimate the size of each blot if you set the micropipette to:

- 10µl
- 20µl
- 15µl
- 7.5µl
- 2µl

SAMPLE A B C D
HOW TO DECIDE WHAT TO GO WITH

1. Who is your audience?

2. Will the simulations be used to supplement a hands-on lab or will it be used as a stand alone learning resource?

3. Are the products accessible? Think ADA compliance, software application requirements, etc.

4. What is your budget? Who will pay for the virtual labs?
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- LabXchange: https://www.labxchange.org/

- NC BioNetwork: https://www.ncbionetwork.org/educational-resources
SUMMER SUPPORT

• NC State Distance Education and Learning Technologies (DELTA) reached out to summer faculty to offer support.
  • What can we do to help in a few weeks? Consultations, online resources and existing solutions were the focus.

• Asked Associate Deans what courses were a priority. (This turned into an open call for support that got distributed through department heads.)

• Proactively emailed faculty with large courses
  • Sections with 75+ students (that weren’t already planned for online delivery)
  • Courses where all sections totaled 100+ students

• Proactively emailed faculty teaching labs
TIPS FOR PIVOTING LABS

• Based on Long Term Production Projects to create DE Labs

• Separate the in-person lab into its component parts
  1. Pre-lab
  2. Instrument, Equipment, Technique and Safety
  3. Experiment
  4. Analysis
  5. Assessment
PARTS OF A LAB

1. Pre-lab
   • Lab overview / introduction [Idea: TA with whiteboard]

2. Instrument, Equipment, Technique, and Safety
   • Separate videos that can be reused in multiple labs
   • Require viewing as pre-lab activity
PARTS OF A LAB

3. Experiment

- “Perfect lab” taught by “perfect TA”
  - Eliminate need for branching into all possible outcomes
  - Preserve known typical accidents and sources of error
- First-person POV in lab coat and gloves; hide physical attributes
  - Help viewer see themselves as the “virtual scientist / analyst / technician”
- Minimize video locations
  - Lab Station – begin with all equipment and chemicals within reach
  - Instrument Room – begin in place with all equipment within reach
PARTS OF A LAB

4. Analysis
   • Option: TA with whiteboard explains experiment results
   • Option: Zoom session to discuss results

5. Assessment
   • Pre-lab Assessment – Quiz or Worksheet
   • Post-lab Assessment – Worksheet
     • Case study approach: Data required for analysis is presented as part of the lab content and students must do analysis and turn in, as usual
Don’t let the perfect be the enemy of the GOOD

{Voltaire said that}

{That’s this guy}
DON’T DISTRACT FROM LEARNING

• Provide best AUDIO possible. More important than video.

• Keep camera in focus. Avoid auto-focus.

• Review footage before moving forward

EDITORS EDIT

• Try to find someone to edit your material
WHAT IS THE ONE THING?

• Name one thing your students will know after watching…
  • … AND GIVE IT TO THEM

• Don’t distract from the ONE thing

• Make two videos if there are TWO things, etc.
SHOOT EACH VIDEO THREE TIMES

• Wide Shot with key audio

• Wide Shot but NO talking

CLOSE-UPS

• Direct attention to what’s important (graphics, close-ups, call-out)
YOU ARE YOUR BEST SELF

• Be honest

• Be yourself

• Be the Genuine you.
INTERACTIVE VIDEO

• Online tools can transform existing videos into different kinds of activities
• Content
  • Annotations
  • Instructor commentary
  • Additional imagery
  • Key point highlights
• Interactions
  • Pauses
  • Time jumps
  • Questions
  • Discussions
ORGANIC CHEMISTRY VR

- Developed over the last two years, used with select students
- In mid-March, all Organic Chemistry students pivoted to these labs
- Free and Available to use!!

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CONNECTING THE DOTS: LEVERAGING CONNECTIVISM TO SUPPORT COMPETENCY BASED LEARNING

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