

Statewide PSM Initiative in Florida

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The Florida Council of Graduate Deans, in partnership with the Governor's Office, the workforce agencies in the state, employers, and universities have begun a statewide initiative to create 28 PSM programs in biotechnology, environmental sciences, health care, simulation, and forensic science in the next 3 years, producing ultimately 1,500 graduates annually.

The Florida Statewide Initiative is in its beginning stages, having received start-up funds from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to (1) create advisory boards for the PSM programs, (2) create a statewide advisory board for state coordination and course sharing, and (3) develop the curricula with employer partners.

This poster will detail the lessons learned in beginning a statewide initiative, from faculty buy-in to state support to industry interest. The key steps that Florida has engaged in to create the statewide initiative are identified.