



**VIRTUAL AVATAR LABORATORY (VAL)
AUBURN UNIVERSITY MONTGOMERY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

WHAT IS THE VAL? The College of Education (COE) at Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) is proud to provide Alabama's only Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL) through Mursion, Inc. Mursion's mixed reality platform employs a combination of artificial intelligence and live actors to deliver powerful simulations that mimic the most challenging interactions that teachers face on the job. This blend of technology and human performance creates a fully immersive and challenging simulation environment that forces learners to take risks (without harming students) and from which they can learn how to improve day-to-day performance with immediate, evidence-based feedback.

WHO BENEFITS FROM THE VAL? Beyond the COE, Mursion's immersive training simulator can also be used by a wide range of partners, such as colleges, non-academic units, school systems, the Alabama State Department of Education, and other outside organizations to improve or customize an interpersonal learning environment. Partners with a wide range of needs can expect immersive personalized learning in the VAL because it is:

- **AUTHENTIC AND HANDS ON**
Models what research says works best for adult learners
- **TARGETED**
Focuses on discrete skills and produces common performance errors
- **INTERACTIVE**
Promotes self-reflection and accelerates professional growth
- **PERSONALIZED**
Meets partners where they are and enables them to practice skills they can use tomorrow

WHERE IS THE VAL? The VAL is located on the AUM campus in COE Room 100.

WHEN IS THE VAL AVAILABLE? The VAL is available 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, (depending on prior scheduling). Scheduling to use the VAL can be found on the COE website, education.aum.edu.

WHO DO I CONTACT ABOUT THE VAL? For more information and pricing details, contact Dr. Kate D. Simmons at ksimmon2@aum.edu or call 334-244-3590.