

# NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES

## GUIDE TO SUCCESS

With 58 community colleges across the state and hundreds of programs to choose from, North Carolina Community College System offers limitless opportunities to learn and grow. Nearly every North Carolina resident lives within a 30-minute drive of their local community college, making higher education easily accessible.

Offering a comprehensive range of curriculum programs and workforce continuing education courses, North Carolina's community colleges are equipped to help you achieve almost any career or educational goal.

**76**

number of available workers for every 100 job openings in North Carolina, according to U.S. Chamber of Commerce

**170%**

ROI on apprenticeship programs for employers

**80%**

number of North Carolina Community College System students stay and work in the communities where they receive their training and education.

**100%**

percentage of community colleges that offer customized workforce training

**645+** businesses started every year by the Small Business Center Network



# NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES ACROSS THE STATE

**ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
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AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTE**  
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Belmont, Dallas, Lincolnton | [gaston.edu](http://gaston.edu)

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Colfax, Greensboro, High Point, Jamestown  
[gtcc.edu](http://gtcc.edu)

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Burnsville, Newland, Spruce Pine | [mayland.edu](http://mayland.edu)

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Marion | [mcdowelltech.edu](http://mcdowelltech.edu)

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[sandhills.edu](http://sandhills.edu)

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Sandhills Community College Collision Engineering Career Alliance is designed to prepare students for successful careers in the collision repair industry.

**North Carolina’s Community College System** is a powerful partner for businesses across the state, offering workforce solutions designed to drive growth, innovation and competitiveness. With 58 colleges strategically located throughout North Carolina, nearly every employer has convenient access to high-quality training, education and support services tailored to meet evolving industry demands.

Community colleges work directly with businesses to develop custom training programs that address specific operational needs, from onboarding new employees to implementing advanced technologies. Many of these programs are available at little to no cost through state-funded workforce initiatives, helping companies control expenses while strengthening their teams. Whether upskilling incumbent workers or preparing new hires for high-demand fields such as advanced manufacturing, healthcare, information technology, skilled trades, transportation, or biotechnology, colleges provide a reliable pipeline of job-ready talent.

In addition to training, community colleges support work-based learning opportunities such as registered apprenticeships, internships and cooperative education programs. These partnerships allow employers to cultivate skilled workers while reducing recruitment risks. Small businesses and entrepreneurs also benefit from free counseling, startup guidance, and professional development resources offered through Small Business Centers across the state.

By collaborating with local economic developers, North Carolina’s community colleges play a vital role in attracting new industries and supporting business expansions. Flexible delivery options — including on-site, online, and evening or weekend classes — ensure training fits seamlessly into company operations. Together, these services position the North Carolina Community College System as a strategic ally committed to strengthening the state’s workforce and sustaining long-term economic success.

## SANDHILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE COLLISION ENGINEERING PROGRAM ONLY ONE OF SIX IN THE UNITED STATES



This industry-driven training pathway is designed to prepare students for successful careers in the collision repair industry. In collaboration with the **Collision Engineering Career Alliance**, classroom instruction is combined with hands-on learning and real-world experience, giving students the technical skills and professional confidence needed to succeed in today’s workforce. Through a unique apprenticeship-style model, the only one on the East Coast, students alternate between on campus learning and paid work experience in local collision repair shops. The program covers the cost of tuition, uniforms and tools.

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## COLLEGE OF THE ALBEMARLE

**College of The Albemarle** (COA) empowers students with hands-on learning, individualized support and strong partnerships across the region. Serving seven counties in northeastern North Carolina, COA provides academic degrees, workforce training, and continuing education aligned with the needs of today's students and employers.

In classrooms and labs, students engage in practical, real-world learning guided by experienced faculty in areas such as health sciences, technology, skilled trades and university transfer pathways. From short-term certificates to associate degrees and transfer programs, COA offers flexible options for every stage of a student's educational journey.

Focused on access, career readiness and economic mobility, COA prepares learners to gain the skills employers value, step confidently into the workforce and build a stronger future for themselves and their communities.

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## REFLECTING REAL-WORLD NEEDS AND EVOLVING TECHNOLOGIES

**Johnston Community College** is a driving force behind workforce development in one of North Carolina's fastest-growing regions. Through strong partnerships with local and regional employers, JCC delivers customized, high-impact training that prepares talent for today's most in-demand industries. JCC works hand-in-hand with biopharmaceutical companies, advanced manufacturing leaders, healthcare providers, and public safety agencies to ensure programs reflect real-world needs and evolving technologies.

Students gain hands-on experience using industry-standard equipment, earn credentials that matter, and graduate ready to contribute on day one. JCC operates the Workforce Development Center in Clayton and the Advanced Manufacturing Training Facility in Four Oaks to offer accessible opportunities for training across the region.

For employers, JCC is a strategic partner committed to building a skilled, reliable workforce pipeline. By aligning education with economic growth, Johnston Community College strengthens businesses, supports innovation and helps communities thrive.



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## ACCESS TO EDUCATION CAN TRANSFORM LIVES

**Wake Tech** is built on a simple but powerful idea: access to education can transform lives. Each year, more than 72,000 students turn to North Carolina's largest community college to gain the skills, credentials, and confidence that open doors to economic mobility and personal fulfillment. As a fully accredited, two-year public institution serving Wake County, Wake Tech offers more than 250 degree, diploma, and certificate programs, and accelerated non-degree workforce training.

Wake Tech's mission is backed by measurable impact. The college ranks in the top five percent of North Carolina colleges for graduate return on investment 10 years after graduation, and its annual economic impact on the region is estimated at \$1 billion. And, the Aspen Institute has named Wake Tech as one of the 200 institutions eligible to compete for the Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's premier recognition of high achievement and performance among two-year colleges. With more than 90 fully online programs, the college is also nationally recognized as a leader in accessible, high-quality online education.

Wake Tech is expanding its reach across the county to meet the rapidly growing needs of area business and industry. At the Perry Health Sciences Campus, located adjacent to WakeMed in Raleigh, construction is underway on the **Perry Family Simulation Hospital**, which will be one of the largest and most comprehensive facilities of its kind in the nation. The three-story, 100,000-square-foot hospital will replicate real clinical environments, from emergency and operating rooms to imaging suites and patient care spaces, preparing students to collaborate across disciplines before they enter the workforce. Funded by the voter-approved Workforce Forward bond and made possible through the Wake III Partnership with Wake County and WakeMed, the facility is scheduled to open for classes in Fall 2027.

Wake Tech will open the new **Advanced Technology Center at the Eastern Wake Campus** in Wendell later this year. The state-of-the-art engineering and advanced manufacturing education center will support Industry 4.0 production with unique simulated biotech work environments, a Systems Integration Lab with intelligent automation, robotics, mechatronics and microelectronics, and a makerspace for student collaboration.

**The Fire and Rescue Training Center**, also opening later this year at Eastern Wake, will be a facility for advanced firefighting techniques, rescue scenarios in mid- to high-rise buildings and hazardous materials training, featuring a six-story fire training tower, five-story rescue tower, a hazardous materials and vehicle extrication ditch, a liquid petroleum training pad and a fire engine pump drafting pit.

Looking west, plans are also moving forward for Wake Tech's new **Conlon Western Wake Campus** in Apex. Slated to open in 2030, the campus will sit alongside the future North Carolina Children's Hospital and a rapidly expanding biopharmaceutical corridor. With programs in biotech, health sciences, business, IT, and university transfer, the campus will help ensure Wake Tech reaches students in every corner of Wake County, and rallies around them to go as far as their dreams, talents, and resilience take them.



*Perry Family Simulation Hospital adjacent to WakeMed in Raleigh*



*Advanced Technology Center at the Eastern Wake Campus*



*The Fire and Rescue Training Center at Eastern Wake Campus*



*Wake Tech's new Conlon Western Wake Campus in Apex*



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# MAKING A LASTING IMPACT FOR THE ROANOKE VALLEY



Since coming home in 2023, current **Halifax Community College** president, Dr. Patrena B. Elliott, has been focused on serving her community through measurable action and long-term results. Her leadership reflects a clear commitment to expanding access, strengthening workforce pipelines, and ensuring residents can earn credentials that lead to stable employment and economic mobility. In 2025, that work continued to gain strong momentum and national attention, reinforcing Dr. Elliott's vision for HCC as a community-centered institution that delivers real outcomes for students and families.



*Dr. Patrena B. Elliott, president  
Halifax Community College*

Halifax Community College was recognized as a 2025 \$1 million Aspen Prize finalist, highlighting HCC among the nation's top community colleges for student success and workforce results. In the same year, HCC also earned recognition in *USA Today's* list of the Top 250 Vocational Schools in the United States for 2025, reinforcing the strength

of the College's career-focused programs and hands-on learning opportunities.

Major workforce expansion efforts aligned with regional needs have been a top priority. The establishment of the Halifax Community College Truck Driving Academy strengthened the community's pipeline of CDL drivers and created a clear path into a high-demand field. HCC advanced access for adult learners by becoming the pilot institution for the Regional Online Adult High School program, supporting individuals who need flexible options to complete credentials while balancing work and family responsibilities.

To expand healthcare workforce capacity, the College established evening and weekend classes for its Practical Nursing Program to allow more working adults to enroll and persist. Dental programming was expanded to include a Dental Assisting Program for those desiring to enter the field faster.

HCC's skilled trades footprint has been strengthened by establishing and expanding workforce training programs in Building Construction Technology, HVAC, and Facility Maintenance Technology, helping students enter essential careers that support infrastructure and industry across the region.

Dr. Elliott has also emphasized that educational opportunities must include support systems. A \$2 million grant was awarded by the Department of Education to aid advisement and retention. Through the CADA Head Start program on HCC's campus, the college has helped families access high-quality early childhood services that support both children and student parents. Together, these achievements reflect a community college focused on building opportunity, improving quality of life, and making a lasting impact for the Roanoke Valley.



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## DRIVING REGIONAL GROWTH: PITT COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT 65



*This March, Pitt Community College (PCC) celebrates 65 years of transformative service. Since its charter on March 2, 1961, the college has evolved from a small industrial center into a premier engine for economic mobility in Eastern North Carolina, balancing a storied history with forward-thinking innovation.*

### NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN CYBER DEFENSE

PCC continues to set the standard for digital security, recently earning reaffirmation as a **National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD)**. This prestigious designation, awarded by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), is valid for another five years. It ensures that PCC's curriculum meets the nation's most rigorous standards, providing students with a validated program of study and a distinct competitive edge in the high-stakes cybersecurity job market.

### BUILDING THE FUTURE: WELDING TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Physical expansion is matching the college's digital growth. Construction is well underway on a new **\$17.7 million Welding Technology Building**. Scheduled for completion in 2026, the 32,000-square-foot facility will feature 96 welding booths and dedicated space for robotic welding instruction. This state-of-the-art expansion allows the state's largest welding program to finally meet the surging regional demand for skilled fabricators in the marine, construction, and manufacturing sectors.

### STRATEGIC BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

As part of its diverse portfolio of workforce development efforts, PCC's **Business and Workforce Solutions** is again launching its successful Pre-Hire Program. This specific initiative, running April 20–May 1 in partnership with Boviet Solar, Weyerhaeuser, Thermo Fisher, and other area industries, serves as a model for the division's ability to bridge the gap between talent and industry. The two-week program provides rigorous technical training and industry credentials, ensuring participants are ready for immediate job opportunities through on-site employer interviews.

### COMPREHENSIVE PATHWAYS

From its humble beginnings, PCC has grown to offer more than **280 total credentials**. The academic landscape is remarkably diverse, including over 40 Associate Degree programs for university transfer or high-skill employment, alongside 20 diploma and 20 certificate tracks designed for rapid skill acquisition. Additionally, the Continuing Education department manages 20 program areas focused on non-degree workforce training and personal enrichment for thousands of residents annually.

As Pitt Community College marks its 65th anniversary, it remains steadfast in its mission: Educating and Empowering People for Success. From the sparks of the new welding center to the sophisticated algorithms of its cyber labs, PCC is actively building the future of North Carolina's workforce.



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**Fayetteville Technical Community College (FTCC)** serves more than 30,000 students each year across campuses in Fayetteville and Spring Lake, as well as six additional locations throughout Cumberland County, including Fort Bragg. The College offers in-person, online, and hybrid learning options in more than 250 academic and continuing education programs designed to meet the needs of today's learners and employers.

Students may pursue associate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and non-degree credentials that support immediate workforce entry, career advancement, or transfer to four-year institutions. FTCC also provides a robust student experience through a vibrant Student Activities program and a five-sport intercollegiate athletics program.

Specialized support services include the All American Veterans Center, which serves military-connected students such as active-duty service members, veterans, and their families. Guided by a commitment to innovative instruction, personalized support and student success, FTCC delivers industry-aligned programs and state-of-the-art facilities that prepare students for meaningful careers while strengthening the region's workforce and economy.



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## A TRUSTED PARTNER FOR TALENT, TRAINING AND BUSINESS GROWTH IN WAYNE COUNTY AND BEYOND

Since 1958, **Wayne Community College** has been a cornerstone of educational opportunity and community enrichment in Wayne County and beyond. WCC offers more than 150 degree, diploma, certificate, and continuing education programs designed to meet the needs of both traditional and non-traditional students. Whether individuals seek to earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year university, acquire new job skills, or pursue personal enrichment, WCC has something to offer.

As a vital hub for workforce development and economic growth in Wayne County, WCC identifies workforce needs through partnerships with local industries, businesses, and government agencies and tailors its programs to align with these demands. By offering specialized training programs and certifications in fields such as healthcare, manufacturing, and information technology, WCC equips students with the skills and knowledge necessary to thrive in today's competitive job market.

In late fall of 2024, WCC celebrated the completion of its newest building on campus, the Center for Industrial Technology and Engineering (CITE). The nearly 42,000-square-foot building is now the new home to many of the College's Applied Technologies programs. CITE provides necessary growth for WCC while also offering critical workforce development opportunities for eastern North Carolina residents and employers.

WCC has several recently completed and ongoing projects underway to accommodate the growing student population and to provide high-quality training resources and facilities. A custom lecture hall is under construction to serve more students in the College's nursing programs. An agriculture lab and equipment storage building will soon add space for Agriculture and Natural Resources students, providing hands-on training with live animals on campus. WCC is also home to a new state-of-the-art cybersecurity lab designed to mirror real-world environments and foster learning of critical defense strategies.

In addition to its commitment to workforce development, WCC plays an integral role in community enrichment and cultural advancement. The college hosts a variety of public events, workshops, and cultural activities, fostering community engagement and lifelong learning. From art exhibits and musical performances to guest lectures and community forums, WCC offers residents of Wayne County opportunities to explore new interests, connect with others, and broaden their horizons.

As WCC continues to evolve and adapt to the changing educational landscape, its commitment to accessibility, hands-on learning, and community engagement remains steadfast. With a focus on innovation and service, WCC will continue to empower individuals and enrich communities for generations to come.



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# THE SMARTEST INVESTMENT IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY'S FUTURE WORKFORCE

## How Central Piedmont fuels growth for students, businesses, and the regional economy

Central Piedmont Community College is the backbone of Charlotte-Mecklenburg's workforce pipeline. From healthcare to information technology, skilled trades to public safety, the college offers programs aligned directly with the needs of local employers. Students graduate with more than classroom knowledge — they gain hands-on experience through labs, clinical rotations, and apprenticeships that simulate real workplace environments.

Thanks to a recent grant from the National Science Foundation, Central Piedmont has expanded its Artificial Intelligence associate degree program, ensuring students can pursue cutting-edge training in one of the fastest-growing fields. That investment is part of a broader strategy to deliver not only degree programs but also short-term certificates that allow working adults to upskill quickly in high-demand sectors.

Others find opportunities in fields that keep our region running, such as line workers, HVAC technicians, and electricians, to earn competitive wages while addressing regional labor needs. Programs like commercial truck driving (CDL) provide additional pathways into careers that combine stability with upward mobility.

Healthcare remains one of the strongest areas of demand, and Central Piedmont addresses it head-on with training for medical assistants, nurses, pharmacy technicians, physical and occupational therapy assistants, dental hygienists and assistants, ophthalmic technicians, and radiography professionals.

Central Piedmont also offers unique and specialized programs that few institutions in the region provide. Students can pursue non-destructive examination for industrial safety, or cytotechnology to examine human cells for signs of disease like cancer. These options ensure that Charlotte's diverse economy has the skilled professionals it needs across every sector.

From specialized technical training to healthcare careers, Central Piedmont's programs are designed with one goal in mind: connecting students to meaningful, well-paying jobs while fueling the growth of the region's economy.

## CENTRAL PIEDMONT BY THE NUMBERS

**52,000+**  
students annually

**300+**  
programs in  
**14**  
career fields

**6**  
campuses across  
Mecklenburg County

**4.5**  
consecutive years  
of growth

**23,000**  
students currently or  
soon-to-be seeking employment

**60+**  
years of service to the  
Charlotte-Mecklenburg region

Serves as workforce  
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**HONORING OUR LEGACY, BUILDING OUR FUTURE:  
DRIVING ECONOMIC GROWTH  
THROUGH ARTS AND INNOVATION**

For more than 50 years, the Bladen Community College Auditorium has been a place where our community gathers to celebrate, perform, and grow. It has hosted graduations and nurse pinning ceremonies, showcased dance recitals and talent shows, and welcomed academic competitions like Battle of the Books and spelling bees. For generations, it has served as a cultural landmark and a shared space for families, schools, and community events.



Now, Bladen Community College is preparing for the future.

Through a capital fundraising campaign, the College plans to transform the auditorium into a modern, expanded venue that better serves our growing community. Updates will include renovations to the existing space, increased seating capacity, and the addition of a new reception hall for forums, dinners, and special events.

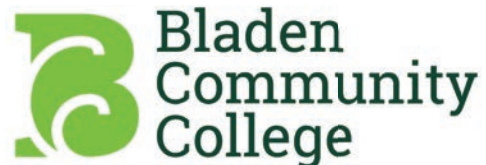
This project is about more than a facility—it's about opportunity.

A revitalized auditorium will expand access to theater and cultural arts programming while creating new opportunities for local schools to grow their performing arts offerings. It will ensure that students and residents can experience the arts close to home, while strengthening community pride and preserving an important gathering place.

The impact will also be economic, attracting visitors and events that support local businesses and enhance the region's appeal.

As we honor the past, we are investing in a future where arts, culture, and community continue to thrive in Bladen County.

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# UNLOCK YOUR COMPANY'S WORKFORCE POTENTIAL WITH REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

Finding, training, and retaining skilled employees is a challenge for many organizations. As the gold standard of work-based learning, Registered Apprenticeship doesn't just help train workers — it helps create a skilled, loyal team that fits your organization's needs. With over 1,400 apprenticeable occupations, this high-quality, employer-driven model has a proven ROI, reduces hiring costs, increases productivity, and engages employees.

## WHAT IS REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP?

Registered Apprenticeship spans a wide range of careers, including nursing, cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, and skilled trade occupations. This structured training model combines paid on-the-job learning with related instruction. Related instruction is flexible and may be provided in-house or by any employer-approved source, including community colleges, universities, vocational schools, and labor unions. Upon successful program completion, registered apprentices receive a portable, nationally recognized Journeyworker credential certifying occupational mastery.

## HOW DOES APPRENTICESHIPNC HELP?

ApprenticeshipNC is designated by the U.S. Department of Labor to Register Apprenticeships in the State of North Carolina. The ApprenticeshipNC Team works directly with employers, educational institutions, and community partners across all 100 counties to help design and implement Registered Apprenticeship Programs — so employers are never navigating the process alone. Once an employer has a Registered Apprenticeship Program, they can register multiple occupations within their business and begin building a pipeline of trained, motivated, and dedicated workers.

## WHY EMPLOYERS INVEST IN REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP?

"Registered Apprenticeship is how Brady Services develops talent that's prepared, confident, and committed. Through hands-on coaching and a clearly defined learning path, our apprentices grow quickly and contribute meaningfully from day one. The result is a stronger workforce — people who stay, grow with us, and carry our culture forward." —Missy Akin, Director of Workforce Partnerships, Brady Services

"At the NC Masonry Contractors Association, we know Registered Apprenticeships fuel a skilled workforce. Representing over 90 employers, we offer Pre-Apprenticeship and Registered Apprenticeship Programs that equip career seekers with the training and experience to excel. Registered Apprenticeship supports employees, employers, and the economic growth of North Carolina." —Ryan Shaver, Executive Director, NC Masonry Contractors Association



## THE BENEFITS OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

If you're looking for tangible benefits, consider these:

- ✓ **Proven ROI:** The average Registered Apprenticeship Program yields the employer a 50% return on investment. That means for every \$1 you invest you get back an average of \$1.50.
- ✓ **Ready-to-Work Talent:** Registered Apprenticeship Programs are open to individuals ages 16 and older, including high school students and recent graduates, incumbent workers, veterans, justice-impacted individuals, and those looking for a career change.
- ✓ **High Apprentice Completion & Low Turn-over Rate:** In 2025, North Carolina Registered Apprenticeship Programs had a completion rate of 69%. Over 90% of employees who complete their Registered Apprenticeships are still with their employers five years later.
- ✓ **Increased Loyalty:** Registered Apprenticeships build loyalty and strengthen company culture. Apprentices are employees from day one and are mentored and trained to do the job the way employers want it done.



### NEXT STEP

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