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- Growing enrollment in workforce programs = closing the skills gap
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Building trades students from Fayetteville Technical Community College assist Fayetteville Area Habitat for Humanity with construction of a house during fall semester 2019. Construction students spend up to 18 hours a week building a home during the school year.

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NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

HITTING THE BOOKS

North Carolina puts the "community" in community colleges.

North Carolina's community college system is frequently hailed as one of the most comprehensive in the country. Based on the number of colleges, the system is the third-largest in the nation and tends to specialize in career-readiness.

Speaking to community colleges throughout the state, one frequently hears about a passionate focus on working with area businesses to

Pitt Community College's new simulation hospital enables students to better practice real-time procedures while instructors observe nearby.

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train students to match their specific needs. Creating a stable and highly qualified workforce is the goal for many of the institutions of higher education in North Carolina.

The North Carolina Community College System had more than 680,000 students in academic year 2017-18, according to its Raleigh-based office. The system estimates 40% of the current workforce received training at a community college in the last 10 years.

Working with existing industries to offer up-to-date training in areas of need has contributed to our state's solid economy.

Wake Technical Community College's Research Triangle Park Campus offers specializations in cybersecurity, business analytics, project management, network management and other lucrative industries.

"Innovation fuels the RTP Campus,"

Wake Tech President Scott Ralls says. "It is strategically positioned to meet the workforce training needs of the community that surrounds it."

Edgecombe Community College is analyzing local workforce needs to offer the latest educational opportunities in advanced manufacturing specifically. Their new Center for Innovation on the Tarboro campus opened for classes in January and will focus on the manufacturing industry. Additionally, Blue Ridge Community College works specifically with industries in Henderson and Transylvania counties to develop programming.

Another industry integral to the state's economy is aviation, which compelled Guilford Technical Community College to open a 242,000-square-foot Center for Advanced Manufacturing in Greensboro and launch an expansive aviation training program in 2018.

Community colleges are a draw for students of all ages. Many work with older students as they look to start a new career. Lenoir Community College's Quick Jobs program provides students with the training to work in less than six months in the areas of energy distribution systems technologies, electrical wiring, heating, ventilations, air conditioning, certified production technician, transportation operations management, truck driver training (CDL Class A) and welding. Some colleges also offer free classes to high school students.

Fayetteville Technical Community College caters to transitioning soldiers. Transition Tech is its no-cost educational program for veterans, providing credentials in various occupations to help them succeed in the civilian workforce. FTCC is also home of the All American Veterans Center, which is staffed by veterans and offers a number of specialized services and educational counseling for veterans.

Hands-on training is the draw for many interested in community colleges. Several of the state's colleges work with local businesses to offer students the opportunity to train in real time. Pitt Community College's simulation hospital, which opened in January 2019, allows students in multiple health-sciences tracks to work together as they would in a real hospital, all while instructors watch from a control room to provide further direction.

In the following pages, you'll find more examples of the tremendous impact our community colleges are having on local communities. Their ability to train the next generation and the work they do to ensure students find job placement within the state are vital.

A History of Business Success

For more than 50 years, Blue Ridge Community College has partnered closely with businesses and industry leaders in Henderson and Transylvania Counties to promote economic development.

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GUILFORD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CONNECTING WITH INDUSTRY

With an eye toward the future, GTCC's new Center for Advanced Manufacturing opens.

Guilford Technical Community College is committed to building a talented, highly-skilled workforce to meet the needs of industry. With five campuses, GTCC offers more than 80 programs of study and offers customized training programs to support the area's growing aviation, logistics and advanced manufacturing sectors.

In August 2019, Anthony J. Clarke became GTCC's eighth president. He brings nearly 15 years of experience working in the community college system in North Carolina and Kentucky. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Clarke spent two decades working in industry and brings a deep understanding of the operational demands manufacturers face in today's business environment. He worked as a production engineer for General Mills, a consulting manager for Arthur Andersen and a quality leader and six sigma black belt at GE Aircraft Engines.

"The skills and experience I've developed in the military, industry and community college leadership positions have prepared me to serve," said Clarke. "I will work hard to lead the talented team at GTCC and contribute to the educational attainment and economic development of Guilford County both now and into the future."

With a recently opened 242,000 square-foot Center for Advanced Manufacturing and expansive aviation training program, GTCC is poised to meet the community's workforce training needs. For more information about GTCC, visit www.gtcc.edu.

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Fayetteville Technical Community College is the smart choice for education, and prospective students can easily see why when visiting our campus locations in Fayetteville, Spring Lake, and at the Fort Bragg Training and Education Center or our website for virtual tours of our campus and programs of study. With over 280 academic programs of study to choose from leading to an associate degree, certificate, or diploma, students can choose from a variety of program options in the fields of business, computer technology, engineering and applied technology, health, public service, arts and humanities, and math and sciences. Courses—and even entire programs of study—are available online or in the traditional classroom setting. While enjoying the beauty of our campuses, students can enhance their college experience by participation in student organizations, athletics, and unique programs that foster growth through leadership roles and engagement with peers on campus and from the community. Fayetteville Tech also has excellent options for quiet study times, such as the newly renovated Paul H. Thompson Library, computer labs, or even beautiful outdoor areas to enjoy nature. Fayetteville Tech recently established a new, state-of-the-art greenhouse for use by students pursuing Horticulture Technology. Renovations underway at Trojan Field at the J. P. Riddle Stadium provide unique academic opportunities and experiences for our students. Tuition expenses are considerably lower than at four-year colleges, yet the quality of education is high. With scholarship opportunities and financial aid assistance, FTCC opens its doors to all who seek education, paving the way to a brighter future for its students. Whether a recent high school graduate, a transitioning soldier, or a workforce member seeking to upgrade or learn new skills, FTCC helps students save money by completing a two-year education and then transferring to a four-year college or entering the workforce career-ready. FTCC offers Transition Tech, a no-cost educational program for transitioning soldiers, which provides credentials in various occupations to help soldiers succeed in the civilian workforce. FTCC is home of the All American Veterans Center, staffed by veterans and offering a number of specialized services and educational counseling for veterans. Students can pursue FTCC's Corporate and Continuing Education programs of study to receive a high school equivalency, quickly gain the necessary job skills for career success, or pursue a personal hobby or special interest. FTCC has expanded its athletics program, which now includes Men's and Women's Basketball, Men's Baseball, Women's Softball, and Women's Volleyball. Join us, and discover why over 38,000 curriculum and continuing education students annually choose Fayetteville Tech as their smart choice for education.

Fayetteville Technical Community College provides convenient opportunities for education at an affordable price.

Dr. J. Larry Keen, President

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LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CLOSING THE SKILLS GAP

Since 1958, Lenoir Community College has been committed to the citizens of Lenoir, Greene and Jones Counties to provide a skilled workforce to meet the needs of industry partners. As one of the oldest institutions in the North Carolina Community College System, LCC offers unique programs to help close the skills gap between employers and qualified employees in the area..

"The college is a leader for economic development in the area, providing an educated workforce needed to attract and retain employers in our region," LCC President Rusty Hunt said. "There are many opportunities available for students at an affordable price and quality instruction."

High school students have an opportunity to attend college at no cost while taking their high school classes. High school graduates can attend LCC for the first two years and enter the workforce or they can transfer to a four-year college or university. Displaced workers can enroll in short-term training and be in a new career through one of the college's newest programs, Quick Jobs.

"Quick Jobs is designed to put qualified applicants to work in a short amount of time," LCC Workforce Development Coordinator Dusk Stroud said. "This program will help develop a pipeline of potential employees for our industry and health-related partners in areas that are in high demand."

Quick Jobs offers programs to help students find not only a job, but also a new life-long career. The industry-related program provides students with the training to be working in less than six months in the areas of energy distribution systems technologies, electrical wiring, heating, ventilations, air conditioning, certified production technician, transportation operations management, truck driver training (CDL Class A) and welding.

The health-related program provides students with training in the areas of EKG technician, health unit coordinator, healthcare billing and coding, pharmacy technician, medication aide, nurse aide I and II, and phlebotomy technician, according to Director of Health-Related Programs Faith Bynum.

"These jobs are currently in demand," Stroud said.

Industry and Health related short-term trainings are available through Quick Jobs at Lenoir Community College.

"Through Quick Jobs, tuition assistance may be available as well as the opportunity to receive nationally recognized credentials. The college has partnered with employers in the area to help students find a new opportunity to work."

"LCC has much to offer with a wide range of college level and continuing education programs from which to choose," Hunt said. "Whether students choose to attend traditional classes face-to-face or online or a combination of both, LCC has a schedule to meet students' needs."

For more information or to register online, go to www.lenoircc.edu/QuickJobs or to explore the many opportunities, check out www.lenoircc.edu and start your career today.

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'REAL WORLD' SIMULATION TRAINING

A Simulation Hospital and state-of-the-art equipment are giving Pitt Community College health sciences students a real-world environment in which to develop the proficiency and confidence necessary for providing high-level care in real-life medical situations..

During an open house in 2018, PCC administrators showcased the results of a $1.61 million-project to renovate the college's William E. Fulford and Herman Simon buildings and purchase new equipment. According to PCC Health Sciences Dean Donna Neal, much of the funding came from Vidant Medical Center, which gave Pitt a $500,000-grant for highly-advanced human patient simulators, and the Golden LEAF Foundation, which provided a $200,000-grant.

Mark Sorrells, senior vice president of the Golden LEAF Foundation, said his organization's support stemmed from its commitment to investing in "the physical and human infrastructure" of North Carolina and its rural communities.

"Part of what we do in working with community colleges … is to invest in the talent and the programs that align to the high-need employment areas of the state," Sorrells said. "Our state is growing and, with that, the health needs and employment opportunities in health care are really exploding."

Renovations began in 2017 and resulted in a 10-bed simulation hospital, Emergency Medical Science classroom and laboratory, Medical and Cardiovascular Sonography classroom and scanning lab, and Nuclear Medicine hot lab.

The simulation hospital, which PCC began utilizing regularly in January 2019, features a pair of five-bed hospital units with a control room in between that allows instructors to observe students as they run simulations. Neal says the exercises can be recorded and played for students during a debriefing period.

"The simulation hospital offers students the experiential learning they can't always engage in during real-life patient care," she said. "It also serves as a clinical placement site that allows students from multiple health sciences programs to work together like they would in an actual hospital."

Students in PCC's Health Sciences programs now have the opportunity to train in a state-of-the-art simulation hospital to gain 'real world' experiences.

Neal says the renovations have also allowed several health sciences programs to expand enrollment. Nursing, for example, can now serve up to 300 students annually, she said, adding that many of PCC's health sciences graduates will find work at Vidant and other local health care agencies.

"Most of our health sciences students are from this region, and they want to find jobs here to remain close to their families," Neal says. "For many of our graduates, that's easy to do, given health care is a leading industry in Pitt County and eastern North Carolina."

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