

CULTIVATING
AND ADVANCING
LIFE SCIENCES



**NORTH
CAROLINA**

NORTH CAROLINA:

HOME TO THE FUTURE OF LIFE SCIENCES

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The Raleigh-Durham area was ranked the #2 US biomanufacturing hub in 2025 by JLL, bolstered by a strong manufacturing base, robust talent pipeline, and solid infrastructure.

76K

76,000 life sciences professionals call North Carolina home, ensuring companies have access to the talent they need to scale their operations.

8 OF 10

8 out of the 10 top pharma companies in the world by revenue have operations in North Carolina.

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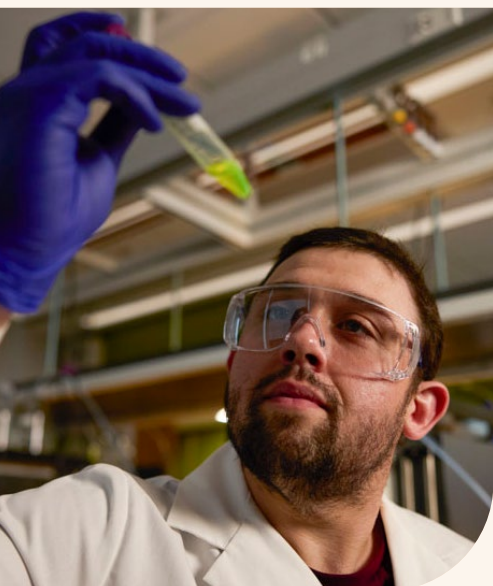
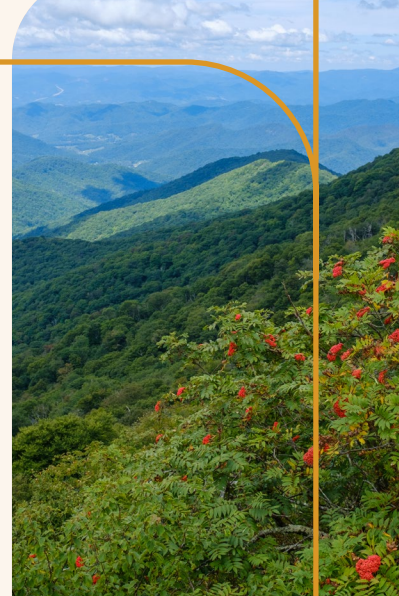
The University of North Carolina (UNC) Eshelman School of Pharmacy, with campuses in Asheville and Chapel Hill, is ranked the #1 Pharmacy School in the nation by US News & World Report.

INDUSTRY LEADERS CHOOSE NORTH CAROLINA



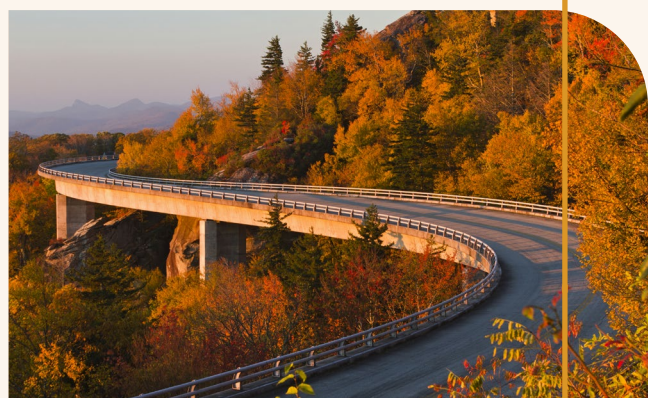
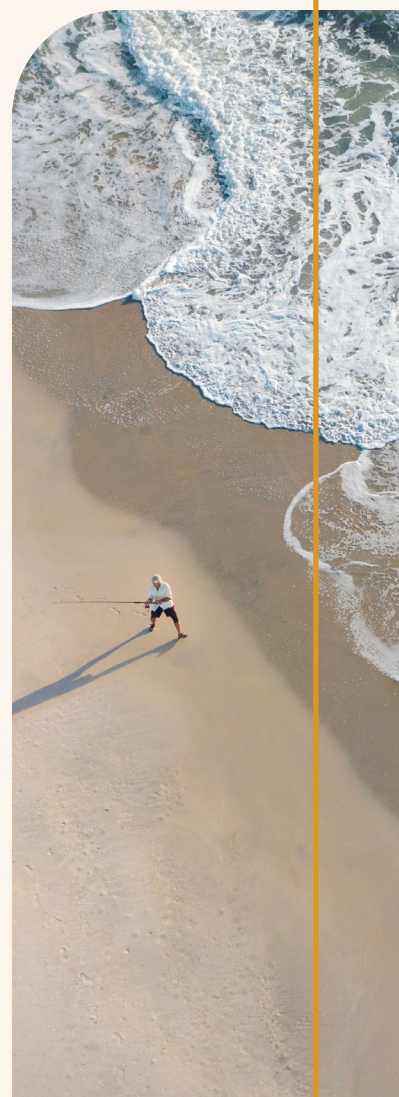
Johnson&Johnson





**“NORTH CAROLINA
HAS BEEN A HOME TO
NOVARTIS FOR TWO
DECADES, ENABLING
OUR GROUNDBREAKING
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LIFE-CHANGING GENE
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VAS NARASIMHAN,
CEO OF NOVARTIS



RESOURCES FOR LIFE SCIENCES GROWTH



The North Carolina Biotechnology Center (NCBiotech) leads life sciences economic development in the state. Headquartered in Research Triangle Park with satellite offices across the state, NCBiotech supports innovation, investment, and job creation by providing grants and loans, and talent pipeline support.



The North Carolina Life Sciences Organization (NCLifeSci) supports the industry through policy leadership, workforce development, and industry collaboration. NCLifeSci connects companies with partners and strengthens the talent pipeline to support innovation.



The Pearl is Charlotte's innovation district, bringing together healthcare, education, and technology. It is anchored by Wake Forest University School of Medicine Charlotte, IRCAD North America, a surgical training hub, and Connect Labs by Wexford, which offers turnkey wet labs, engineering labs, and shared equipment spaces.

DIVERSE LIFE SCIENCES TALENT

North Carolina offers a highly talented workforce across a range of life sciences specialties with competitive wages.

Industry	Jobs	NC Average Annual Wages	US Average Annual Wages	Employment Concentration*
Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	33,479	\$117,671	\$139,632	2.35x
Research, Testing & Medical Laboratories	33,729	\$129,906	\$151,795	1.25x
Agricultural Feedstocks & Chemicals	2,788	\$142,005	\$103,514	1.78x
Medical Devices & Equipment	3,840	\$81,371	\$108,556	0.72x

**Compared to US average. A number above 1 denotes a higher concentration of these workers in North Carolina.
Source: NCBiotech*

RECENT INVESTMENTS

Johnson & Johnson

\$2B

TOTAL INVESTMENT

920

ANNOUNCED JOBS

Johnson & Johnson announced major biopharmaceutical manufacturing investments in Wilson and Holly Springs, North Carolina in October 2024 and January 2026, with a focus on innovative biologics.

abbvie

\$1.4B

TOTAL INVESTMENT

730

ANNOUNCED JOBS

AbbVie announced in April 2026 plans to build a small volume parenteral (SVP) drug product manufacturing facility in Durham, which will also serve as the company's US Center of Excellence for SVP manufacturing.

Genentech

\$2B

TOTAL INVESTMENT

500+

ANNOUNCED JOBS

Genentech announced investments in May 2025 and January 2026 to develop a manufacturing facility in Holly Springs for next-generation metabolic therapies.

A SPECIALIZED TRAINING NETWORK

Life sciences companies locating in North Carolina gain immediate access to a statewide network of workforce training resources through NCBioImpact, so building a skilled, job-ready team starts on day one.



BUILDING NORTH CAROLINA'S BIOMANUFACTURING WORKFORCE

NCBioImpact is a statewide public-private partnership delivering industry-driven training. NCBioImpact ensures companies have access to job-ready talent at every stage of production, with flexible training delivered on-site, online, or through the state's network of colleges, universities, and community colleges.

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS & TRAINING PARTNERS



BIOMANUFACTURING TRAINING AND EDUCATION CENTER (BTEC)

Located at NC State University, BTEC offers hands-on education and customized courses for companies, with industry-grade equipment simulating real biomanufacturing environments.



BIOMANUFACTURING RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND TECHNOLOGY ENTERPRISE (BRITE)

Housed at North Carolina Central University, BRITE provides hands-on training in drug discovery and biomanufacturing technologies.



NORTH CAROLINA PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES NETWORK (PSN)

At East Carolina University and Pitt Community College, PSN provides courses and a training facility for oral solid dose manufacturing, aseptic gowning, and isolator environments.



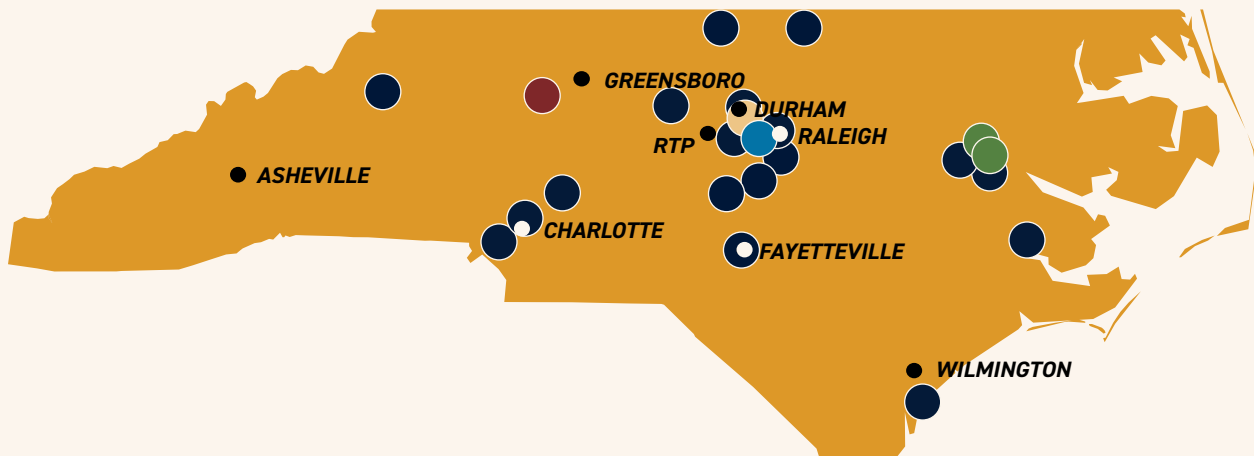
NATIONAL CENTER FOR THE BIOTECHNOLOGY WORKFORCE (NCBW)

NCBW at Forsyth Tech Community College connects industry, educators, and workforce to align training with bioscience workforce needs through state-of-the-art laboratories.



BIOWORK CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Offered by numerous community colleges across the state, this certificate program prepares students for entry-level roles in life sciences manufacturing.



YOUR PARTNER IN NORTH CAROLINA SITE SELECTION

The Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina (EDPNC) is your all-in partner to navigate the site selection process. Our team will learn more about you and your business' goals so we can help you plan for the complexities of relocating or expanding. We can assist you with:

- Real Estate and Site Selection
- Business Climate & Operational Costs Overview
- Custom Labor Market Data
- Connections to Key Resources and Partners
- International Firms Support

The EDPNC can also help facilitate custom talent acquisition strategies in partnership with local communities, workforce development organizations, and education institutions to develop your company's pipeline and hiring strategy.

Visit edpnc.com to learn more about all the business advantages North Carolina has to offer.



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