



From North Carolina's renowned state universities to local education and training programs, Wayne County offers opportunities for its community members to increase their opportunities. Quality education at all levels is a top priority in Wayne County. Our local and regional institutions pride themselves in preparing workers who are job-ready. From a strong public school system through higher education and ongoing professional training, Wayne County is committed to providing quality education for our residents and businesses. We have excellent educational facilities from public/ private primary and secondary to community college.

## **COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

With 9 community college options within 40 miles on Wayne County, there are thousands of career paths open to NC students. Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, plays a significant role in higher learning, training, and continuing education in our community.

### **Wayne Community College**

Students can earn two-year degrees in a variety of disciplines. The school offers over 70 degree, certificate and continuing education programs, in addition to customized training for specialized job opportunities.

#### **Customized Training**

Wayne County is proud to offer customized training programs through Wayne Community College. We are committed to providing our industries with the best quality workforce available in Eastern North Carolina.

#### **Wayne Advanced Manufacturing Center**

By the end of December 2014, plans were coming together for the purchase of a currently undisclosed location for the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center of Excellence. This exciting project is possible through a partnership of the College, County and Economic Development and will be a one-of-a-kind facility for Eastern North Carolina. Wayne County's manufacturing sector has been engaged in conceptualization and promotion through the establishment of an Advisory Group for the Advanced Manufacturing Center. Benefits of the center include;

- Public-private partnership engagement in facility purchase, upgrades and marketing.
- Strengthens Career and Technical Ed (CTE) and STEM programs.
- Provides for a state of the art Manufacturing Training Center that can be utilized as a recruitment tool to market the county, city, community college and public schools
- Provides a facility that can be utilized to provide for entrepreneurial programs
- Provides for the sharing of critical resources, facilities, equipment and staffing by college, public schools, WCDA, and the manufacturing community.
- Allows for the involvement of industry in marketing, recruitment and changing the perception of manufacturing related employment.





- Allows WCC to expand and add programs on campus by repurposing space as Applied Tech programs relocate
- Creates a regional concept for Wayne, Duplin and surrounding counties

## **LOCAL UNIVERSITIES**

### **University of Mount Olive**

Founded in Mount Olive, NC in 1953, the private, four-year Baptist College offers SACS accredited degrees in a multitude of disciplines. Besides the main campus in Mount Olive (Wayne County), the school has operated a satellite campus in Goldsboro at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base since 1975 to provide military and civilian students with a convenient learning location. The school also operates six other satellite campuses outside the county and offers a comprehensive agriculture program, as well as online degrees, including MBA.

## **REGIONAL UNIVERSITIES**

### **Duke University**

- Private 4 year university with undergrad and graduate programs
- Tier one university
- 17,575 enrolled

### **University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC**

- Public 4 year university with undergrad and grad programs
- Tier one university
- 31,614 enrolled

### **NC State, Raleigh, NC**

- Large four year public college offering both undergrad and graduate programs
- Tier one university
- 26,965 enrolled

### **Eastern Carolina University, Greenville NC**

- Offering undergrad and graduate level courses
- 21,352 enrolled
- 38 miles from Goldsboro

### **Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC**

- Mid-size four year private college offering both undergrad and graduate programs
- 5,047 students enrolled



### **North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, NC**

- Small four year private college offering undergraduate programs
- 1,529 enrolled

### **Shaw University, Raleigh, NC**

- Small four year private college offering both undergrad and graduate programs
- 1,599 enrolled

### **Wake Technical College, Raleigh, NC**

- Mid-size two year community college offering undergraduate programs
- 7,612 enrolled

### **Meredith College, Raleigh, NC**

- Small four year private college offering both undergrad and graduate programs
- 1,702 enrolled