

CAWD Youth Program Overview

NCWorks NextGen



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Program Purpose

- **Support youth and young adults in gaining skills, education, and work experience.**
- **Empower participants to overcome barriers and access sustainable career pathways.**

Who We Serve

- **Youth and young adults ages 14–24.**
 - Out-of-school youth ages 16–24.
 - In-School ages 14 and above (*only 20% of those served can be in-school*)
- **Individuals with barriers: basic-skill deficiencies, justice involvement, low income, dropouts, foster care/aging out of foster care, etc.**
- **Youth of Wake, Johnston, Lee, Chatham, and Orange Counties**
 - 75% of Youth served are Wake County Residents
 - 80% of youth served are “out of school” youth

Program Components

- **Career Planning & Assessment**
- **Education Support**
- **Career Readiness Training**
- **Work-Based Learning**
- **Apprenticeships**
- **Supportive Services**
- **Job Placement & Follow-up**

Community Partnership

- **Collaboration with employers, schools, and community organizations.**
- **Strong workforce pipeline development.**
 - High Growth Industries: Healthcare, Construction, Advanced Manufacturing, Transportation/Logistics
 - Career Pathways developed for all key industries except Transportation/Logistics

Impact Report

\$6,935,411

Total estimated earnings for those employed

322

Young people served

65

Scholarships

117

Work Experiences

73%

Employment Success

97.5%

Had significant barriers to employment
309 low income / 60 with disabilities / 18 long-term unemployed

Wake County NextGen Center

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Your Future Starts Here

Wake ARPA Youth Initiative

The Apprenticeship Prep initiative is a targeted NCWorks NextGen program designed to build sustainable career pathways for young adults (ages 17–24).

- Focus 1: Advanced Manufacturing to meet local labor demands
- Focus 2: Education and Work-based Learning
- Employer and education partners : Merck, Grifols, Aurobindo Pharma, Ajinomoto, Biogen, Thermo-Fisher, North Carolina Biotechnology Center, Murphy's Naturals, and Wake Technical Community College.

Total Enrollment & Completion: 30

Core Credential Attainment: 100%
BioWork credential at Wake Tech

Advanced Training Rate: 43% completed
specialized biopharma training

Internship: 30%

Employed/Education: 76%

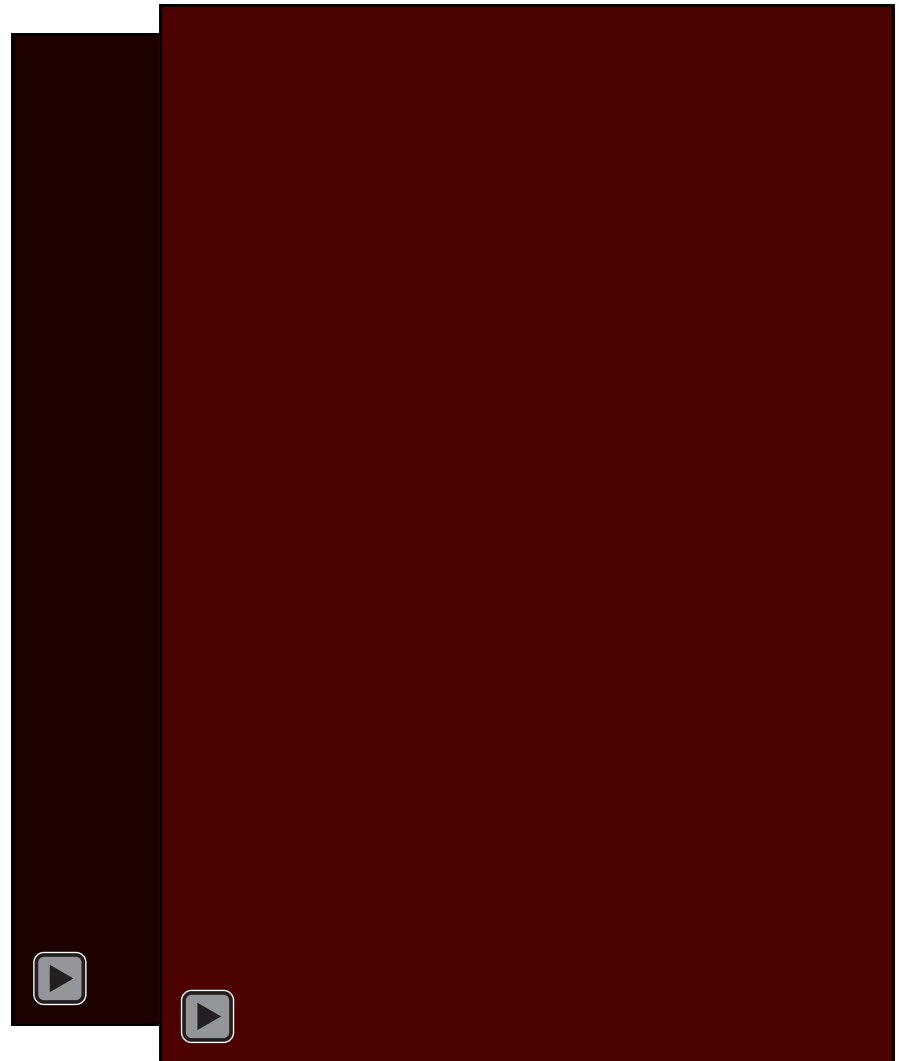
Average wage: \$20+ per hour

Success Story

Meet Kameron!

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Kameron is one of several young adults who went through our BioManufacturing program, which led to great job! NextGen participants like Kameron reflect our team's dedication and the impact our services have on the lives of young people. From small moments of success to life-changing choices, these are the stories that keep us pushing the boundaries of excellence.





Thank you!

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