

NCWORKS CAREER CENTER CERTIFICATION **AUGUST 13, 2025**

The NCWorks Commission is responsible for ongoing oversight of the state-wide NCWorks Career Center system. This responsibility is mandated in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and N.C. General Statute. The local workforce development boards have oversight, planning and coordination of the NCWorks Career Centers, which provide a variety of workforce development services to individuals and businesses through a network of physical locations, staff, and virtual services.

Workforce partners come together under one roof at these sites to connect customers to workrelated education and training, as well as to help businesses find a qualified workforce.

20 local workforce areas are recommended for certification today, August 13, 2025:

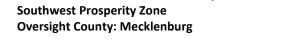
1. Cape Fear Workforce Development Board **Southeast & Sandhills Prosperity Zones** Oversight Counties: Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Pender

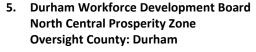


- 2. Capital Area Workforce Development Board **North Central Prosperity Zone** Oversight Counties: Chatham, Johnston, Lee, Orange, Wake
- 3. Centralina Workforce Development Board **Southwest Prosperity Zone** Oversight Counties: Anson, Cabarrus, Iredell, Lincoln, Rowan, Stanly, Union



4. Charlotte Works Workforce Development Board **Southwest Prosperity Zone Oversight County: Mecklenburg**



















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- 8. Gaston County Workforce Development Board Southwest Prosperity Zone Oversight County: Gaston
- GuilfordWorks Workforce Development Board Piedmont Triad (Central) Prosperity Zone Oversight County: Guilford
- High Country Workforce Development Board Northwest Prosperity Zone Oversight Counties: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Wilkes, Watauga, Yancey
- 11. Kerr-Tar Workforce Development Board
 North Central Prosperity Zone
 Oversight Counties: Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance, Warren
- 12. Lumber River Workforce Development Board
 Sandhills Prosperity Zone
 Oversight Counties: Bladen, Hoke, Richmond, Robeson, Scotland
- 13. Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board
 North Central and Sandhills Prosperity Zones
 Oversight Counties: Cumberland, Harnett, Montgomery
 Moore, Sampson
- 14. Mountain Area Workforce Development Board
 Western Prosperity Zone
 Oversight Counties: Buncombe, Henderson, Madison, Transylvania
- Northeastern Workforce Development Board Northeast Prosperity Zone Oversight Counties: Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Terrell, Washington
- 16. Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board Piedmont Triad (Central) Prosperity Zone Oversight Counties: Alamance, Caswell, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Randolph, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Yadkin
- 17. Rivers East Workforce Development Board
 Northeast Prosperity Zone
 Oversight Counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Martin, Pitt
- 18. Southwestern Workforce Development Board
 Western Prosperity Zone
 Oversight Counties: Cherokee, Haywood, Jackson, Macon

























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TURNING POINT WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

- 19. Turning Point Workforce Development Board
 Northeast & North Central Prosperity Zone
 Oversight Counties: Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, Northampton, Wilson
- 20. Western Piedmont Workforce Development Board Northwest Prosperity Zone Oversight Counties: Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba



These 20 local workforce development boards' 2025 NCWorks Career Center certification evaluation and supporting documentation for the career centers were reviewed by the NCWorks Commission staff and the Governance and System Alignment committee. The certification process establishes a minimum level of quality and consistency of services for the following criteria: effectiveness, physical and programmatic accessibility, and continuous improvement.

As a result of the certification criteria evaluation reviews and onsite visits, the NCWorks Commission staff have determined that all criteria have been met and recommend these 20 local workforce development board's NCWorks Career Centers for certification.