

# RCC Liberty Education & Workforce Training Center



## THE ASK

Randolph Community College, located in the heart of NC, respectfully requests a federal investment of \$65M for the development of the RCC Liberty Education & Workforce Training Center — a scalable regional workforce hub aligned with national economic and workforce priorities. This investment supports the critical expansion of the skilled talent pipeline needed to support major industrial growth, strengthen US competitiveness, and drive sustained job creation through high-quality industry-aligned education and training.

## SITE OVERVIEW

- 22-acre site located along the US 421/NC 49 corridor in Liberty, NC.
- Strategically positioned to support workforce development, business attraction and expansion, and regional economic growth.
- Planned for phased development toward full campus status, allowing rapid deployment of high-demand training while supporting long-term regional growth.

## CHAMPIONING OPPORTUNITY

*“Toyota would not have built its factory here without this community college. That is why the Liberty Center is so important. We are going to need that training facility that may need to expand as soon as we build it because we want to help Toyota continue to grow and improve. The only thing that will stop our growth is if we fail to prepare for it.”*

**US Representative Richard Hudson**



## WORKFORCE CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

### Manufacturing

- 45,905 Job Vacancies in Piedmont-Triad Region<sup>1</sup> projected by 2030
- 25% of Randolph Co. Workforce<sup>2</sup>

### Healthcare

- 46,247 Job Vacancies in Piedmont-Triad Region<sup>1</sup> projected by 2030
- 9% of Randolph Co. Workforce<sup>2</sup>

1) NC Department of Commerce, Major Occupational Group (2026)  
2) JobsEQ (2026)

The Piedmont Triad Regional Council (ptrc.org) projects population growth of 88,078 between 2024-2030 in our region.

# OUR STORY

- With the departure of furniture and textile industries, Randolph County was home to one of the fastest dying cities in the country. RCC was pivotal in transforming the area into one that now projects up to 15% growth in the next decade.
- As national momentum builds around Made in the USA, North Carolina must sharpen its competitive edge to attract and grow industries, employers, and investors — and RCC, with a 60+ year history of workforce leadership and recognized excellence in career-focused education, plays a critical role in preparing the talent that makes that growth possible.



## CHAMPIONING OPPORTUNITY

*“When we invest in community colleges, we’re investing in the workforce that keeps our economy strong.”*

**NC Senator Dave Craven**

*“Every learner who walks through these doors is here for one reason — to build a better future. RCC is not just about degrees — it is about helping people of every age and ability find purpose and possibility.”*

**NC Senator Amy Gale**

*“If we are going to be the premier institution, not only in this region, but in this country, it takes partnerships. I unashamedly ask you for your support of this institution — yes, that is checks and that is adding zeroes to the end of those checks.”*

**NC Representative Neal Jackson**

*“The data speaks for itself. Why wouldn’t we invest in RCC?”*

**NC Representative Brian Biggs**

*“When factories closed overnight, RCC put people back to work within weeks. That is what this college means to our community.”*

**Randolph County Board of Commissioners Chair Darrell Frye**

## OUR TRACK RECORD

- #1 Community College in NC as ranked by Niche (2025, 2026) and Smart Asset (2025).
- Apprenticeship Randolph named the 2025 Outstanding Apprenticeship Partner by ApprenticeshipNC.
- 2025 Associate Degree in Nursing graduates achieved a 100% first-time pass rate for the 5th year.
- RCC’s 98th & 99th BLET classes earned a 100% state exam pass rate under NC’s new BLET standards.
- RCC’s 2025 Radiography Class achieved a 100% first-time pass rate for national certification.

## OUR PARTNERS

### TOYOTA | NC

According to Business North Carolina (Nov., 2025), Toyota NC employs 2,500, with a goal of reaching 4,500 by 2035.

- Randolph County invested \$8.5M in RCC in the past couple of years, including 1.5M for the purchase of land for this project.
- NC invested \$3M in RCC and another \$80M in water & wastewater infrastructure for the region.
- Industries like Toyota and Cone Health recently approached RCC to expand partnerships, discuss co-location, and expand funding to RCC.

### JetZero

According to JetZero.aero (June, 2025), its new Greensboro facility will create more than 14,000 high-tech jobs.



*“North Carolina is ranked the number one top state for doing business and the number one top state for workforce development, which is a testament of the North Carolina Community College System’s impact.”*

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