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# ANWEILER ADDS ENERGY AS NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

**W**elcome, Brian Anweiler! Brian is Wake Tech's new Athletic Director, dedicated to leading the Wake Tech Eagles to success on and off the field. He comes to Wake Tech from Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), where he served as acting athletic director and student life director. During his tenure, he managed the transition of NOVA's teams from club sport status to membership in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).



Anweiler has big plans for the Wake Tech Eagles: "My goal is to support our student-athletes and coaches and give them every opportunity to excel. I also want to increase the visibility of Wake Tech's outstanding teams and promote the Eagles program in the community."



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Wake Tech is a member of the NJCAA, Division II, Region X, and has 10 athletic teams: men's baseball, women's softball and volleyball, and men's and women's basketball, golf, and soccer – along with a cheerleading and mascot team. Many successful Wake Tech athletes have gone on to play at four-year institutions!

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**ON THE COVER**

Former stay-at-home mom Jennifer Hoffert is pursuing Wake Tech's new certificate in Mammography Technology. She already holds an associate's degree in Radiography.



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## From the President

Welcome to *CareerFocus*!

Wake Tech is a constant source of inspiration. Every day, new knowledge broadens perspectives, new skills spark smarter ways of doing things, and new ideas expand future goals.

Most important, we continue in our mission to reach students and rally around them – to provide the education and training they need to realize their dreams, and to offer resources and support along the way.

Take a look at what we have to offer and consider how it can fit into your plans and dreams.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Dr. Scott Ralls  
Wake Technical Community College





# A CAREER THAT SAVES LIVES

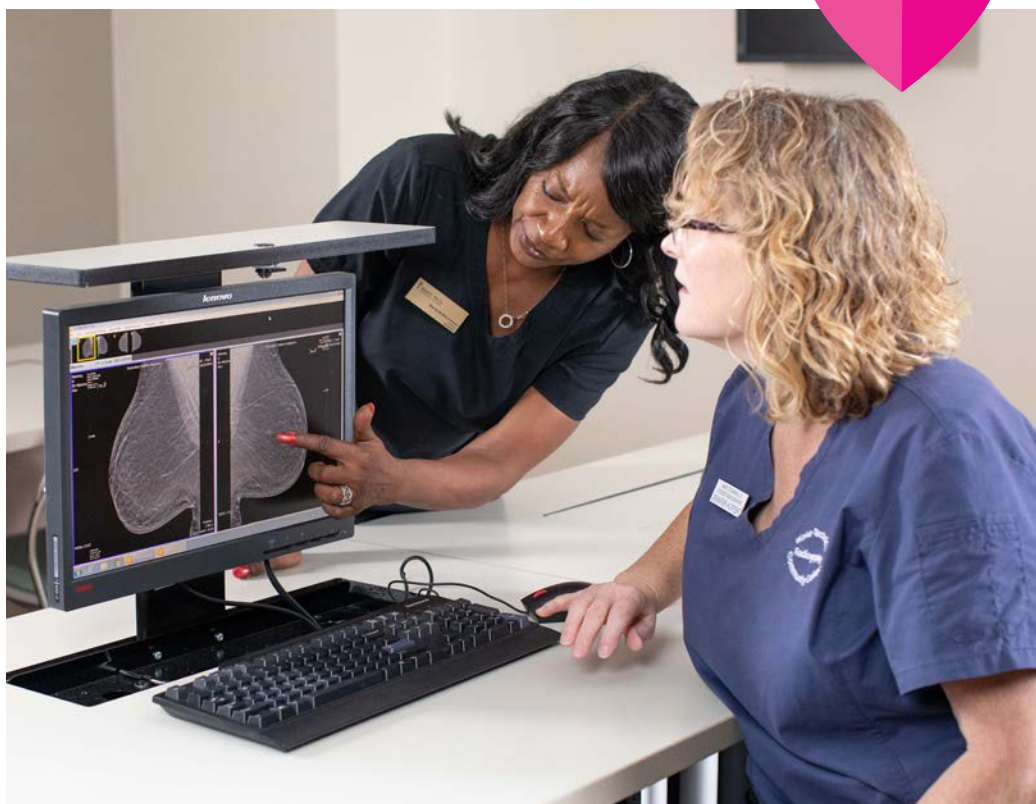
## Wake Tech Adds Mammography Program

Jennifer Hoffert is making a dream come true. She recently completed an associate's degree in radiography at Wake Tech, and she's now focused on the college's brand new Mammography Technology program.



Jennifer Hoffert

Jennifer decided to enroll at Wake Tech in 2013, once her children were out of the house: "It was my turn to figure out 'what I want to be when I grow up!'" After helping to care for a sick child undergoing x-ray treatments, Jennifer knew she wanted to focus on radiography. And once her classes started, it didn't take long to zero in on a specialty. "I knew during the first semester that I wanted to specialize in mammography. Health and wellness mean a lot to me."



### 2017 MEDIAN EARNINGS

Radiologic Technologists  
(includes Mammography  
Technologists) **\$58,440**

(Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

She wasn't sure how to get the training she needed – and then she learned that Wake Tech would begin offering a mammography certificate program in the spring of 2020. Jennifer was ecstatic! She describes the education and clinical experience she received in Wake Tech's radiography program as "stellar" and is confident she'll have a similar experience in mammography. "I am literally doing a happy dance!"

Wake Tech's Mammography Technology program is a two-semester certificate program offered at the

Perry Health Sciences Campus. It's designed for radiography students and technologists who are registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). Most of the coursework is online. Students come to campus for lab experience using a state-of-the-art 3D mammography system and take part in clinical rotations at local imaging facilities.

"This program gives students the classroom, lab, and clinical experience they need to become qualified diagnostic mammography technologists," says Dr. Angela Washington, Administrative Department Head of Wake Tech's Imaging Programs. The program will also emphasize holistic care, training students to read patients' body language and offer comfort, compassion, and understanding.



Mammography instructor Wanda Johnson says it's a wonderful addition to Wake Tech's imaging programs: "I enjoy training students on this important tool which can detect cancer early, when it's most treatable."

It's a tool that can – and does – save lives. According to AART, since 1990, mammography has helped reduce the number of breast cancer deaths by almost one-third. And as the average age of women in the U.S. continues to increase, demand for the procedure will keep rising. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that jobs for radiologic technologists (including mammography techs) are expected to grow 12% through 2026.

Mammography Technology graduates will meet initial requirements of the Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) and may be eligible to take the ARRT post primary certification in mammography. Once registered, graduates will be able to perform mammograms in hospitals and imaging facilities.

Dr. Angela Ballentine, Provost of Health Sciences programs, says Wake Tech is meeting Wake County's demand for mammography

## LESLIE WHITEHURST

Class of 2019

### From Patient to Nurse



Leslie Whitehurst

At the age of 37, Leslie Whitehurst was diagnosed with Stage III breast cancer.

"It was a shock," Leslie says. "I was a mother of two and had just completed the New York City Marathon!" But instead of feeling normal post-marathon pains, she felt something unusual. Leslie went to her doctor for a mammogram, and ended up needing a biopsy, followed by 35 days of radiation, a double mastectomy, and chemotherapy.

technologists. "Wake Tech will continue to provide the exceptional training the community has come to expect and meet the ongoing need for high-quality healthcare."

Jennifer Hoffert is right where she wants to be; she says this mammography program will allow her to help others and reach a goal she's

Somehow she stayed positive: "I truly believe that mind over matter is a thing."

While being treated at UNC Rex Healthcare of Cary, Leslie realized that the nurses were a big part of what kept her positive. She decided to shift careers from communications to nursing, and enrolled in the Martha Mann Smith School of Nursing at Wake Tech – even before completing her chemotherapy.

"Doctors will tell you they'd rather hire Wake Tech graduates because we get real-world experience."

Three months before graduating, Leslie was hired as a New Graduate Oncology RN at UNC Rex. After one year, she can transfer to the same clinic where she was treated as a patient.

"It's been a ride!" she says. "I've come full circle. And I'm now cancer free!"

**i** To learn more about Wake Tech's Associate Degree Nursing program, visit [nursing.waketech.edu](https://nursing.waketech.edu).

had for years. "Wake Tech is giving me the education and training I need to have a career in imaging – and to save lives!"

**i** For more information on a career in mammography or one of the other specialties in Wake Tech's Radiography program, visit [radiography.waketech.edu](https://radiography.waketech.edu).

# MAMMOGRAPHY



# GET PAID FOR POSTING

## Job Training in Social Media Strategy

The world of social media changes constantly: Established platforms like Facebook and Instagram are ever-evolving, while brand new analytic tools like Quintly and BuzzSumo appear everyday. Navigating all these platforms can be tricky – but a comprehensive social media campaign is one of the most effective ways to promote your business.

To help business owners and marketing professionals develop social media skills, Wake Tech has formed a new partnership. The college has teamed up with Walk West, a marketing, public relations, and communications agency based in Raleigh, to create a Certificate in Social Media Strategy and Management, a 16-week, non-degree program.

"I registered for Social Media Strategy & Management after a long break in employment – to find out if I even belonged in marketing," says Holly Bodner, a graduate of the program's first class. "What I learned far exceeded my expectations. The instructors provided me with relevant, cutting-edge information into this rapidly-changing field, and I decided to launch my own business!"

Topics include everything from developing a social calendar to measuring, calculating, and analyzing ROI across several platforms. Along with certificates of completion from both Wake Tech and Walk West, graduates of the course walk away with a Google Analytics Certification and an optional Facebook Certification.

"These days, every company needs to include social media in its



communications strategy," said Anthony Caison, Wake Tech's Vice President of Workforce Continuing Education. "This credential, backed by Walk West, gives students high-quality training from real-world industry leaders."

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## Software Training for a Competitive Edge

Giang Nong

Large businesses typically have lots of moving parts: ordering, purchasing, sales, human resources, customer service. The key to efficient operations is communication among all departments, and that's what an Enterprise Resource Planning (or ERP) system does. ERP software centralizes information and helps all parts of the business communicate to keep things humming smoothly.

"An ERP is a common database for all departments within a company," says Supply Chain Management Lead Instructor Bob Meggiolaro. "In supply chain management and logistics, for example, it allows a company to pinpoint an

order, track shipping, and communicate with customers in real-time."

Some Wake Tech students are now being trained in SAP, the most widely-used Enterprise Resource Planning system. SAP has just been added to the curriculum in the college's Supply Chain Management and Accounting degree programs.

"We want to make sure students are up to date on the latest technology," says Department Head Melanie Thomas. "Exposure to SAP will definitely make them more marketable after they graduate."

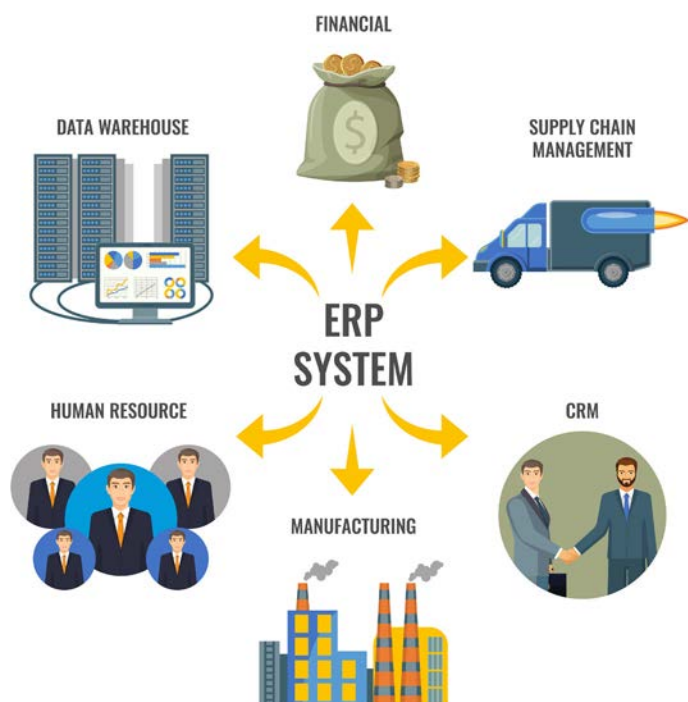
Giang Nong is a student in Supply Chain Management who moved to the U.S. from Vietnam a few years ago. She has a bachelor's degree and is just a few credits shy of an MBA. Giang landed a job as a materials handler in the shipping department at CREE, and the company agreed to cover tuition for her degree program in Supply Chain Management. Giang says she feels very fortunate: "A degree or certificate in the U.S. makes a big difference. I decided to get something that proves I'm a professional!"

Giang had not worked with an ERP before she joined CREE, but she knew it was a tool she needed to learn. "I called my sister in Vietnam and said, 'explain it to me!'"

"Companies are looking for employees who are trained on SAP software," says Meggiolaro. "Even if their future employer uses a different ERP system, knowing SAP will help them grasp whatever software they encounter."

Just as an ERP connects departments within a company, Wake Tech connects students with the skills that employers need.

**i** Learn more about Wake Tech's associate degree programs in Supply Chain Management (offered completely online) at [supplychain.waketech.edu](https://supplychain.waketech.edu), and Accounting (offered online or on-campus) at [accounting.waketech.edu](https://accounting.waketech.edu).





# NO WHEELS? NO PROBLEM!

## New Options for Getting to Campus



**E**very weekday, thousands of students buckle up for the drive to one of nine Wake Tech locations across Wake County. Some students let public transit do the driving:

"I don't have my own car," says Chyna, a student who rides the bus to the Scott Northern Wake Campus. "My mom usually drops me off at Triangle Town Center and I take the bus to campus from there."

Wake Tech students have more options than ever for getting to class. Transit routes now serve six Wake Tech locations, including the Scott Northern Wake, Southern Wake, Perry Health Sciences, Public Safety Education, and RTP campuses, as well as the Beltline Education Center.

Some of the newest routes include GoRaleigh 401X and GoTriangle 310. The 401X is a new link from Rolesville to the Scott Northern Wake Campus that makes multiple weekday runs during morning and evening rush hours.

The GoTriangle 310 runs all day long on weekdays, every half hour, from the Regional Transit Center near I-540

to the RTP Campus. GoTriangle has direct routes to the Regional Transit Center from Cary, Triangle Town Center, and downtown Raleigh, so it's possible to get to the RTP Campus from any of those locations.

The Southern Wake Campus is served by the GoRaleigh 40X, an express route from the GoRaleigh Station in downtown Raleigh. Perry Health Sciences, Public Safety Education, and the Beltline Education Center also have service from the GoRaleigh Station.

All the buses have air conditioning, and most have free wifi. Best of all, Wake Tech students ride for free! Students can bring their Wake Tech ID to a College ID Office to pick up a free GoPass!

The Wake Tech Green Trek Office is a hub for alternative transportation options and has all the information on bus maps and schedules.

**i** Explore the options – including bike and carpool – and enjoy the ride at [greentrek.waketech.edu](https://greentrek.waketech.edu)!

## TRANSIT OPTIONS

**Southern Wake Campus**  
GoRaleigh Route 40X

**Scott Northern Wake Campus**  
GoRaleigh Route 1, Route 25L, and Route 401X

**RTP Campus**  
GoTriangle Route 310

**Perry Health Sciences Campus**  
GoRaleigh Route 15 and Route 19

**Public Safety Education Campus**  
GoRaleigh Route 40X and Route 7

**Beltline Education Center**  
GoRaleigh Route 2 and Bush Street Shuttle





# Facts and Finds



## ARE YOU A CREATIVE SOUL?

Do you have the ability to dream up new and useful ideas?

Harvard researcher Roger Beaty and his colleagues recently made a mind-bending (pardon the pun) discovery:

The whole “left-brain, right-brain” idea we’ve been hearing for years is wrong.

It’s very likely that creativity can be learned. We should not consider ourselves “stuck” if we aren’t as creative as we’d like to be.

Beaty’s group used functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) machines to measure the strengths of connections between various networks in the brain. They found that these numbers corresponded to the originality of ideas!

In other words, creativity comes from how the different networks in your brain interact with each other. Saying he hopes the study dispels common myths, Beaty emphasized that creativity is “not something where you have it or you don’t” and suggested that it might well be developed through training.

Source: [sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/01/180117163954.htm](https://sciencedaily.com/releases/2018/01/180117163954.htm)

## WHERE FEMALE ENTREPRENEURS FLOURISH

Raleigh is one of the best places for women to start a business. That’s according to several new studies. According to [fitsmallbusiness.com](https://fitsmallbusiness.com), the capital city ranked #5 based on market size, startup environment, availability of resources, quality of life, and safety. Austin, Texas topped the list, followed by San Diego, Dallas, and Columbus, Ohio. A similar study by [business.org](https://business.org) ranks the Raleigh metro area #18. Wake Tech offers a host of resources to help women – and men – start their own businesses: [entrepreneurship.waketech.edu](https://entrepreneurship.waketech.edu).



## THE RISE IN NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS WORLDWIDE

Going back to school after working a few years? You’re part of a “mega-trend” shaping the world to come! A new report on international education says the number of non-traditional students is on the rise and may soon become the “new” tradition.

The report on [studyportals.com](https://studyportals.com) predicts a total of 4.3 million more students over the age of 24 in higher education around the globe over the next 15 years.

Trevor Holmes, vice president at Dublin City University in Ireland, emphasizes that schools must find more creative ways to serve the growing numbers of older students. “Institutions will need to be more creative in curriculum and program development,” he says.

Source: [studyportals.com/2018-megatrends-higher-education-webinar/](https://studyportals.com/2018-megatrends-higher-education-webinar/)

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# NEVER TOO LATE

## Get Back Into The Workforce – At Any Age!

By Mollie Hodl, Career Specialist  
Career and Employment Resources

**A**re you a mature professional seeking to re-enter the workforce after changing careers or being downsized? Focus on the valuable connections you already have, create new networks, and tap into the many community resources available. For example, Wake Tech's Human Resources Development (HRD) courses offer employability skills training and support to help you redefine your niche and get back in the game. The Career Transitions Forum is an excellent place to start, with lectures, networking activities, and information about Wake Tech resources.



**Determine what you want and what you need to get there.** Stay in shape physically and mentally, and remember: It's never too late to start something new!

### CONSIDER THESE STRATEGIES:

-  **Market yourself correctly.** Create a list of skills from your past employment that can transfer to new positions. Demonstrate how your experience can benefit the employers you've targeted.
-  **Update your skills** – particularly in technology. NC Works Career Centers provide many valuable services: career counseling, skills assessments, new career path identification, workshops, and personalized support. Explore short-term IT training, plus degree options, at [IT.waketech.edu](http://IT.waketech.edu).
-  **Consider alternatives to full-time employment.** Part-time work, temporary positions, consulting, and even volunteering are viable options to explore – as well as self-employment. The Kaufmann Foundation reports that 55 to 64-year-olds now have the highest rate of entrepreneurship. Wake Tech offers a variety of programs to help you start your own business: [sbc.waketech.edu](http://sbc.waketech.edu).
-  **Document volunteer experience on your resume to highlight transferrable skills.** Forty-one percent of LinkedIn members surveyed consider volunteer work experience as valuable as paid work experience when evaluating candidates. One of five hiring managers in the U.S. reports having hired a candidate because of volunteer experience.
-  **Find companies that are age-friendly.** More than a thousand employers have taken the AARP pledge to promote equal opportunity for all workers, regardless of age. Take a look at their jobs board to find openings for experienced workers: [jobs.aarp.org](http://jobs.aarp.org). Age-friendly employers are also listed by state and industry segment at [workforce50.com](http://workforce50.com).
-  **Explore Returnship Programs.** Some companies have these training and mentoring programs in order to access a talent pool of mature workers. Local programs include IBM Tech Re-Entry, Blue Cross NC, MetLife ACT2, Bandwidth and reachHIRE.



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Associate in Engineering (AE)  
Associate in Fine Arts (AFA)



## Career Programs

### Credentials Key:

AAS = Associate in Applied Science

D = Diploma

C = Certificate



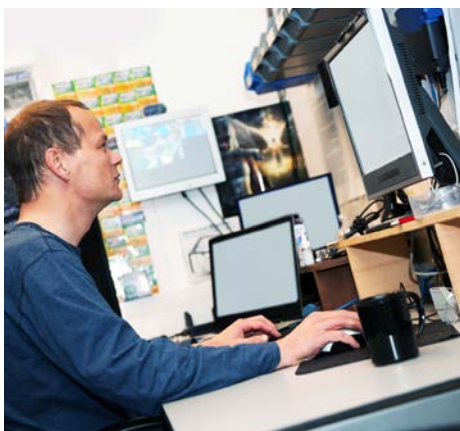
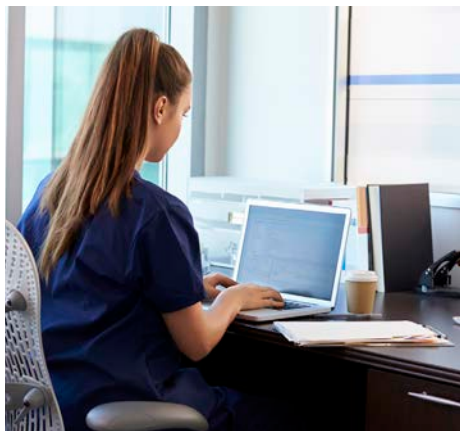
## APPLIED ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGIES

Career Path	National Median Salary
Agricultural Systems Technology (AAS, D)	\$24,645-\$47,598
Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Technology (AAS, D, C)	\$29,472-\$46,964
Architectural Technology (AAS, C)	\$26,434-\$47,319
Automotive Systems Technology (AAS) Add Certificate (AAS, C)	\$27,740-\$50,980
Biopharmaceutical Technology (AAS, C)	\$24,568-\$45,082
Civil Engineering Technology (AAS, C)	\$26,892-\$59,321
Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology (AAS, C)	\$32,020-\$54,660
Construction Equipment Systems Technology (AAS, D, C)	\$25,000-\$45,000
Construction Management Technology (AAS, C)	\$34,253-\$43,210
Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology (AAS, D, C)	\$29,261-\$54,105
Electrical Systems Technology (AAS, D, C)	\$28,000-\$49,282
Electronics Engineering Technology (AAS, C)	\$32,500-\$66,470
Facility Maintenance Technology (AAS, D, C)	\$30,427-\$41,854
Geomatics Technology (AAS, C)	\$33,483-\$48,913
Heavy Equipment Operator (AAS, D, C)	\$34,750-\$48,480
Interior Design (AAS, C)	\$23,691-\$44,862
Mechanical Engineering Technology (AAS, C)	\$34,155-\$47,036
Plumbing (D,C)	\$29,076-\$48,682
Welding Technology (AAS, D, C)	\$30,447-\$80,050



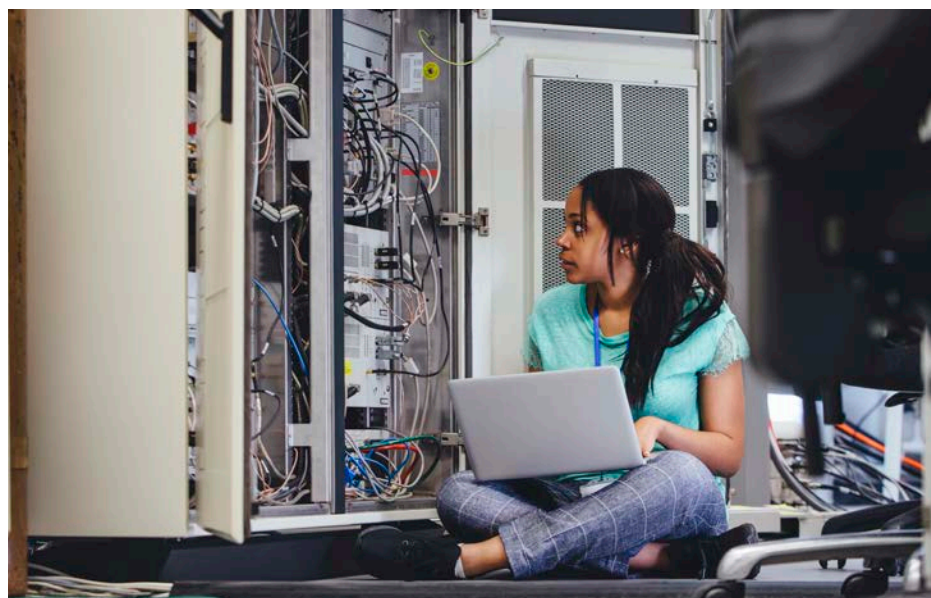
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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Career Path	National Median Salary
Advertising and Graphic Design (AAS, C)	\$29,000-\$85,000
Business Analytics (AAS, C)	\$35,000-\$60,000
Information Technology - Cyber Security (AAS, D)	\$40,000-\$115,000
Information Technology - Computer Engineering (AAS)	\$44,000-\$112,000
Information Technology - Computer Programming and Development (AAS, C)	\$50,000-\$107,000
Information Technology - Data Science and Programming Support Services (AAS, C)	\$60,000-\$129,000
Information Technology - Healthcare Business Informatics (AAS)	\$33,087-\$68,680
Information Technology - Mobile Applications Developer (AAS, C)	\$33,000-\$113,000
Information Technology - Network Management (AAS,D, C)	\$36,318-\$77,935
Information Technology - Storage & Virtualization (AAS)	\$33,906-\$74,643
Information Technology - Technical Support (AAS, C)	\$35,000-\$68,680
Information Technology - Web Designer (AAS, C)	\$31,000-\$74,000
Information Technology - Web Developer (AAS, C)	\$33,000-\$113,000
Medical Office Administration - Medical Office Professional (AAS, D, C)	\$32,000-\$45,000
Medical Office Administration - Medical Billing and Coding (AAS)	\$38,000-\$55,000
Medical Office Administration - Healthcare Administration (AAS)	\$38,000-\$55,000
Office Administration - Legal Office (AAS, C)	\$35,000-\$60,000
Office Administration - Office Professional (AAS, D, C)	\$30,000-\$45,000
Simulation and Game Development Art and Modeling (AAS, C)	\$40,100-\$78,000
Simulation and Game Development (AAS, C)	\$40,100-\$78,000



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## BUSINESS AND PUBLIC SERVICES TECHNOLOGIES

Career Path	National Median Salary
Accounting (AAS, D, C)	\$30,250-\$44,000
Baking & Pastry Arts (AAS, D, C)	\$29,472-\$46,964
Business Administration (AAS, C)	\$37,000-\$55,000
Business Administration/Global Business Management (AAS, C)	\$37,000-\$55,000
Business Administration/Human Resources Management (AAS, C)	\$38,040-\$57,400
Business Administration/ Marketing (AAS, C)	\$31,200-\$55,680
Business Analytics (AAS, C)	\$35,000-\$60,000
Cosmetology (AAS, D)	\$15,962-\$47,383
Criminal Justice Technology (AAS, C)	\$32,508-\$56,319
Criminal Justice Technology/Forensic Science (AAS, C)	\$34,410-\$56,360
Culinary Arts (AAS, D, C)	\$23,000-\$55,000
Early Childhood Education (AAS, D, C)	\$20,300-\$45,300
Esthetics (C)	\$24,300-\$36,000
Fire Protection Technology (AAS, C)	\$30,000-\$40,000
Hospitality Management (AAS, D, C)	\$28,640-\$51,030
Project Management (AAS, C)	\$64,289-\$85,706
Supply Chain Management/Distribution Management (AAS, C)	\$31,000-\$50,000
Supply Chain Management/Global Logistics Technology (AAS, C)	\$31,000-\$50,000



## HEALTH SCIENCES

Career Path	National Median Salary
Computed Tomography - CT (C)	\$61,317-\$74,110
Dental Assisting (D)	\$37,630-\$53,130
Dental Hygiene (AAS)	\$57,200-\$74,526
Emergency Medical Science (AAS)	\$33,380-\$56,990
Health and Fitness Science (AAS, C)	\$24,130-\$59,830
Health Simulation Technology (AAS, C)	\$22,734-\$45,011
Human Services Technology (AAS)	\$25,140-\$34,750
Human Services Technology/Gerontology (AAS, C)	\$28,850-\$38,520
Human Services Technology/Mental Health (AAS, C)	\$28,850-\$38,520
Human Services Technology/Substance Abuse (AAS, C)	\$25,140-\$40,400
Mammography (C)	\$64,378-\$77,844
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) (D)	\$66,801-\$80,441
Medical Assisting (AAS, D)	\$27,580-\$38,340
Medical Laboratory Technology (AAS)	\$35,692-\$57,720
Nursing, Associate Degree (AAS)	\$61,330-\$79,000
Pharmacy Technology (AAS, D)	\$20,580-\$42,400
Phlebotomy (C)	\$27,350-\$38,800
Radiography (AAS)	\$40,684-\$60,944
Therapeutic Massage (D)	\$27,640-\$57,280

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# BUILDING A STRONGER “NEST”

## Wake Tech Food Pantries Part of “The Great Pantry Makeover”

**W**ake Tech students overcome a variety of challenges to pursue a college education, and for some, the challenge is food insecurity. To help those students, Wake Tech has five food pantries, collectively known as “The Nest.” The pantries rely on donations from staff and faculty, community members, and local non-profits.

The Nest now has a new look and newly-stocked shelves, thanks to the generosity of Food Lion. The company’s Food Lion Feeds initiative selected Wake Tech for its “Great Pantry Makeover” program last fall. More than 30 local Food Lion associates and community food bank partners came together to renovate the pantries – and fill them with nutritious food. Food Lion also presented Wake Tech with a generous \$125,000 gift to expand college



efforts to help students and their families combat food insecurity.

“At Wake Tech we believe in ‘reach and rally,’” said Wake Tech President Dr. Scott Ralls. “We want our students to focus on their studies and their goals – not worry about being hungry. This partnership with Food Lion will allow us to expand our efforts to help students succeed and thrive.”

Food Lion associates installed new shelving in


all five pantries and filled them with non-perishable food for Wake Tech students in need. The makeovers also included new refrigerators, aimed at expanding the pantries’ capacity for distributing fresh produce. Wake Tech offers The Nest food pantries on the Scott Northern Wake, Southern Wake, Perry Health Sciences, and RTP campuses, as well as at the Beltline Education Center.

Khalid Pickering, Director of Operations at Food Lion in Raleigh, summed it up: “No one should have to choose between food and books.”

In a 2016 survey, 41 percent of Wake Tech students reported experiencing food insecurity, and 29 percent said hunger or housing problems were affecting their academic performance. Wake Tech is committed to eliminating barriers to success, and providing assistance with basic needs is one way to do that. Wake Tech

students, faculty, and staff, as well as campus clubs and organizations, contribute inventory through food drives and “Sponsor-a-Shelf” initiatives. Since The Nest first opened in 2014, it has received 32,397 pounds of non-perishable food donations and provided vital food assistance to more than 2,396 students in need.

Food Lion, headquartered in Salisbury, NC, has donated more than 500 million meals to individuals and families since 2014. It has committed to donate one billion more meals by 2025 as part of its Food Lion Feeds initiative.

 Learn more at [foodpantry.waketech.edu](https://foodpantry.waketech.edu).



Madison Alexander, Student Ambassador for The Nest

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