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National Center for the Biotechnology Workforce

The National Center for the Biotechnology Workforce creates new ways and means for educating biotechnology technicians. It cultivates partnerships that add resources, enhance techniques, raise quality levels and improve efficiencies. The National Center for the Biotechnology Workforce (NCBW) expands BioNetwork effectiveness by creating out-of-state relationships and partnerships that grow expertise.



L-R: Russ H. Read, Mona Cofer, Mica Welsh and Nick Meacham Not pictured - John Grady and Tim Dubuque.

The primary mission is to represent, support and provide leadership at the national level on behalf of BioNetwork, a North Carolina Community College System Biotechnology training and educational initiative. NCBW became the seventh center of BioNetwork through a cooperative agreement between the US DOL, Forsyth Technical Community College and NC Community Colleges.

Among the compatible organizations or institutions it works with are the Biotechnology International Organization, the NSF-ATE, Bio-Link, US DOL-ETA, Bioscience WIRED Initiative, Biotechnology Institute, National Association for Manufacturers and Academy for Educational Development. NCBW seeks partnerships via mutual grant opportunities.

The Center supports students, graduates and faculty through applied research methods. For example, a Biotechnology Graduate Tracking Model was designed to learn of graduate experiences and outcomes. Valuable data can now be applied for success statewide and in other disciplines. The NCBW creates best practice publications on collaborative topics to increase and advance training and education of the biotechnology workforce.

Goals of the NCBW are to:

Represent, enable and provide leadership at the national level of the biotechnology workforce with compatible organizations, educational and training institutions.

Support NCCCS BioNetwork, Forsyth Tech, North Carolina and the Piedmont Triad Biosciences community.

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