# Unleash the Power of Tomorrow

A Future Shaped by Ideas, Connections, and Community



**NCWorks Partnership Conference**
**October 9 - 11, 2024**

Sheraton Four Seasons
Koury Convention Center
Greensboro, NC

# Register Online @ TRAIN.ncworks.gov

## Conference Registration

**Early-Bird Registration Fee = $325**

*Online registration must be confirmed by September 17, 2024*

**Regular Registration Fee = $425**

*After September 17, 2024*

Registration fee covers all conference programs, workshops, and materials, including dinner, October 9; breakfast buffet and Governor's Awards Banquet October 10; and breakfast buffet October 11.

## Cancellations

**Registration cancellation requests must be received via email no later than September 17, 2024.**

***Cancellations*** *after September 17 will incur the full registration fee of $325.*

*Substitutions received via email are accepted at any time.*

***CANCELLATION & SUBSTITUTION REQUESTS:***

**Email: Jonathan Snow, Registrar**
**Jonathan.snow@commerce.nc.gov**

**Payment: check or money order ONLY**

***Payable to:*** NC Department of Commerce/Workforce (45-5336839)
***Mail to:*** NCWTC, 4351 MSC, Raleigh, NC 27699-4351

## Accommodations

**Sheraton Four Seasons Hotel**
3121 W Gate City Blvd
Greensboro, NC
1-800-242-6556

**Sheraton Online Reservations**
**Click Here**

**Hotel room rate is $153.00 (plus $19.51 tax) for up to four guests per room.*

*Specify that you are attending the NCWorks Partnership Conference to receive the conference rate honored until* ***September 8, 2024****.*

*You are responsible for cancelling your room reservation if your plans change. There is a 48 hour cancellation policy.*

## Unleash the Power of Tomorrow

- **Build** an inclusive workforce.
- **Increase** community outreach.
- **Highlight** the critical role of quality workforce services.
- **Understand** the clean energy sector.

**Questions? Contact:** The NCWorks Training Center at **ncwtc@commerce.nc.gov**

# Preliminary Agenda

## Wednesday, October 9

**8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.....REGISTRATION**

**9:00 AM - 11:30 AM.....NC ASSOCIATION of WDBs**

**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.....EXHIBITORS**

**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM.....NCWorks Online Q&A**

### Opening Session

**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

*Keynote*

***The Positive Power of Connections and Community***

**Carlos Whittaker**

*Author, Speaker, Storyteller*

**2:30 PM - 3:00 PM.....BREAK**

**3:00 PM - 4:30 PM.....CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

- How to Human: Shape Your Future by Ideas, Connections, and Community
- Getting the Unskilled Back to Work with Apprenticeships
- Revolutionizing Workforce Development Through AI-Driven Solutions
- The Latest News from Washington
- Findings from the 2024 Employer Needs Survey
- Wind Works for NC: Opportunities in a $200B Industry
- Who Will Farm? The Role of Workforce Development in Agriculture

## Wednesday, October 9 *continued*

### Connect with Your Circle

***A Networking Opportunity for Everyone***

**4:45 PM - 5:30 PM**

### NCWorks Buffet

**5:30 PM - 7:00 PM**

## Thursday, October 10

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM.....BREAKFAST BUFFET**

**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.....REGISTRATION & EXHIBITORS**

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM.....CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

- Leveraging AI in the Job Search
- What's Happening in Our Economy and What it Means for You
- Unlocking VISA: Your Path to Personal Discovery
- Unleashing Youth Potential Through Real World Simulation
- Elevate Your Emotional Intelligence in Five Steps
- Power NC: Careers in Clean Energy
- Sector Partnerships from a Local Perspective
- Driving Collaboration with myFutureNC Attainment Profiles

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM.....BREAK**

NCWorks PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

***Scheduled sessions are subject to change***

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## Thursday, October 10

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.....CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

- Engaging Youth with Apprenticeships
- Second-Chance Hiring: What Employers and Candidates Need to Know
- Promising Practices: Serving Native American Military Veterans
- Resume Revolution: From Blues to Cruise, Empowerment to Infuse
- Reading the Tea Leaves: Changes in the Workforce World
- Industry-Driven Education: A Regional BILT Model's Influence on Curriculum and Badging
- The True UNMASKING
- How Workforce Ecosystems Help Employers, Schools, and Communities

**12:00 PM - 1:30 PM.....LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

**1:30 PM - 2:30 PM.....CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

- Populations with Barriers to Employment: Opportunity Youth and Older Workers
- Building Relationships Through Disagreement
- Powering the Future: Strengthening the Clean Energy Workforce
- Engaging Rural Opportunity Youth Through Collaboration
- If I Can "C" It, I Can Be It! Curiosity, Creativity, and Career Exploration for Women
- AI and Workforce Transformation: A New Era
- Harnessing the Power of Individuals with Disabilities
- Beyond the Past: Pathways to Hiring Justice-Involved Job Seekers

**2:30 PM - 3:00 PM.....BREAK**

**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.....CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

- Mind Matters: Mental Health First Aid Essentials
- Collaboration: Your Superpower for Success
- What's New with Career Exploration

## Thursday, October 10 *continued*

- Just TEXT ME! (Please don't call)
- Biotech in NC: Possibilities for All
- Understanding WIOA Credentials and ETPL Data
- Learning and Employment Records: Bridging Skills to Opportunities
- Empowering Students: Creating a Workforce

### Governor's NCWorks Awards of Distinction
### 6:30 PM
**Banquet and Awards Presentations**

## Friday, October 11

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM.....BREAKFAST BUFFET**

**9:00 AM - 10:30 AM.....CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

- Strengthening Workforce Development through Adult Education Integration
- The Power of Inclusion!
- Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: The Sequel
- Best Practices for Supporting Youth
- Generative AI and the Workforce: Opportunities and Potential Disruptions
- Medicaid Expansion: Opportunities for Job Seekers and Employers
- Veterans Treatment Court: Striving to Serve
- *Innovative Partnership Award Recipient*

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM.....BREAK**

### Closing Session
### 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

***Bet on Yourself***

**Molly Grantham**

*Anchor, Author, Speaker*