

About Us

Southeastern Education and Economic Development (SEED) is an initiative of the NC Business Committee for Education, sponsored by Smithfield Foods. SEED is focused on growing eastern NC's advanced manufacturing and agriculture workforce through work-based learning and pre-apprenticeships. This summer, the program is launching two pathways in Industrial Systems and Agriculture.

This program includes:

- 8 weeks paid summer internship (\$15/hour for 25-28 hours/week)
- Potential to earn up to 15 college credits at no cost
- Monthly transportation and supplies stipend
- Classes led by industry professionals
- Hands-on learning experiences
- Weekly field trips to local businesses
- Career Readiness Certificate



SOUTHEASTERN EDUCATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Summer Advanced Manufacturing Academy and Agriculture Academy

Programs held at James Sprunt, Lenoir, Sampson, Wayne, and Wilson Community Colleges

Why Choose Pre-Apprenticeship?

Jumpstart your career in an in-demand field ✓

Mentor support from an experienced professional in your field ✓

A pathway that leads to industry-recognized credentials and degrees ✓

What's Next?



Attend an Info Session

Each community college will be hosting info sessions for their program. Attending an info session is mandatory for applicants, and make sure to bring a parent or guardian with you!



Submit an Application*

Complete your application by answering all of the questions, attaching your resume, a recommendation letter, and uploading your video response.



Visit ncbce.org/seed to learn more and apply

*Eligibility Requirements: Participants must be a current NC high school student or recent graduate. Participants in the program must turn 16 years of age before May 21, 2025.