



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE

NEW STUDENT  
ORIENTATION

# College of Computing and Informatics

Spring 2026

*Bojan Cukic*

**Dean**

# CLT Campus

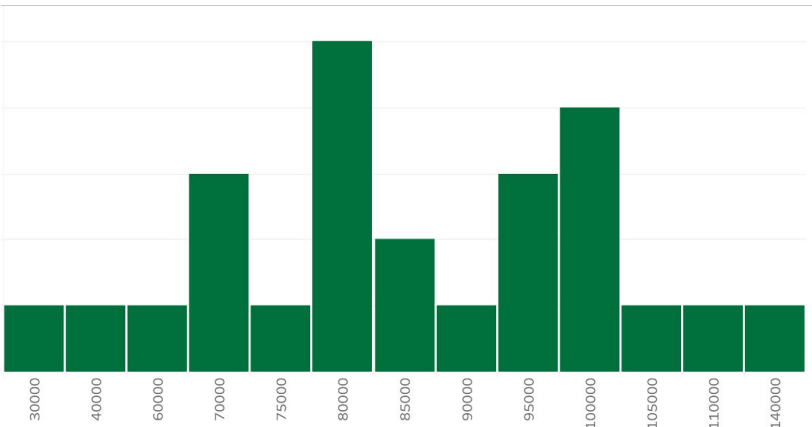
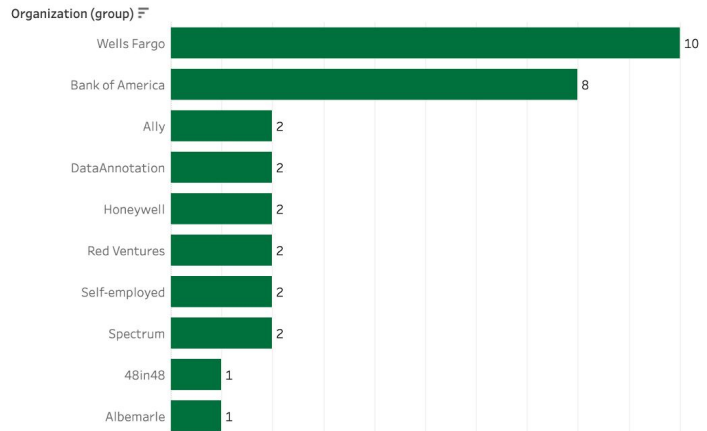
- Core courses offered face-to-face or hybrid
- On-line options available



- 1,000 “quintessentially academic” acres ☺
- New residence halls
- 10-floor library with glass-walled study rooms
- Botanical Gardens
- University recreation center



### Top Employers



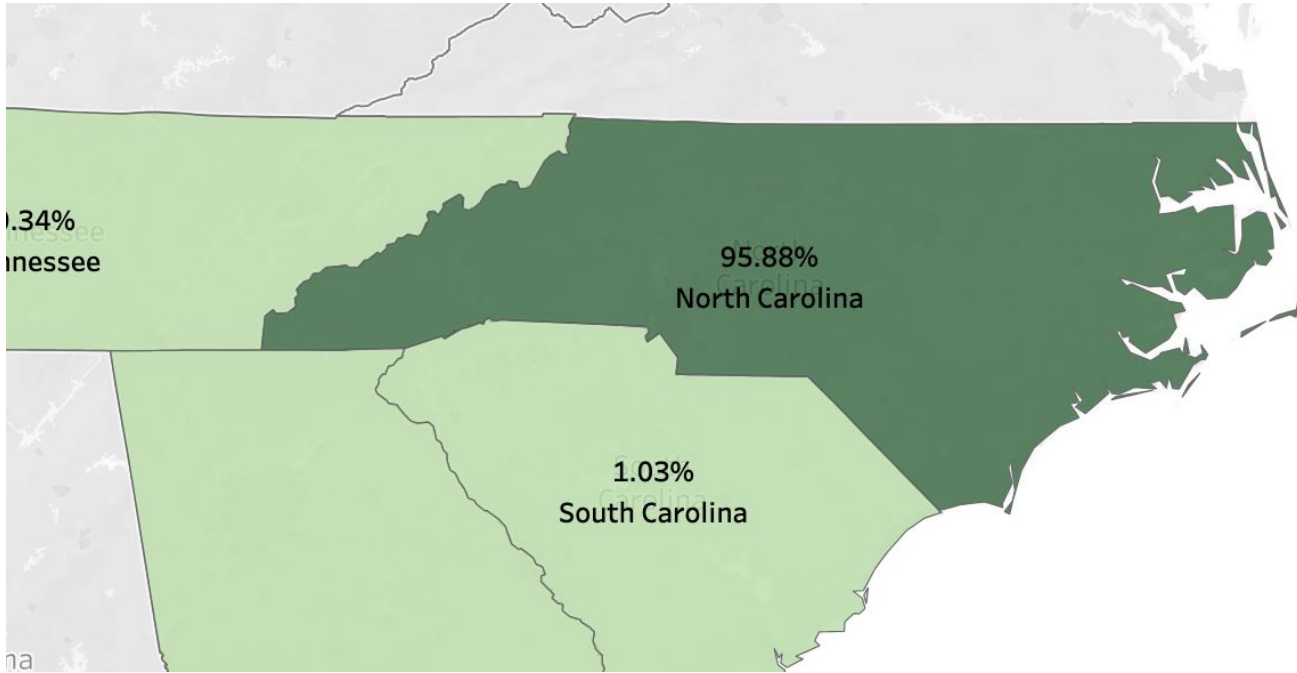
### Primary Status After Graduation



**Average Salary**  
**\$89,615**



# 96% of the College of Computing & Informatics graduates stay in NC



# Lifetime earnings

## Dashboard Data Filters

The following filters allow users to select various attributes of the population to further segment the data.

Note, selecting a filter is not required but doing so will dynamically update the graphics below. For example, selecting a 'Level 1 Field of Study' will filter the charts to display more granular detail, the 'Level 2 Fields of Study', associated with the selected group.

Field of Study

Computer And Information Sciences And Support Services

Residency

(All)

Degree Level

Undergraduate

Student Type

Traditional Student

## UNCC Student Career Outcomes

Median Lifetime Earnings with College Degree

\$2,022,462

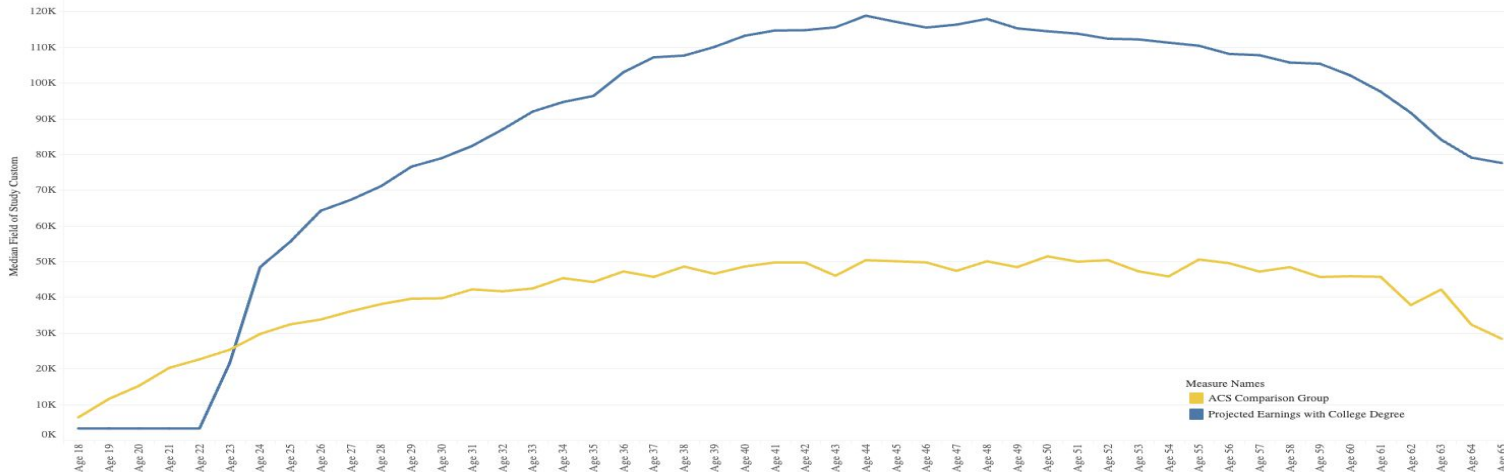
Median Lifetime Earnings without College Degree

\$815,641

Calculated Incremental Lifetime Earnings

\$1,206,821

## Median Lifetime Earnings Trajectory



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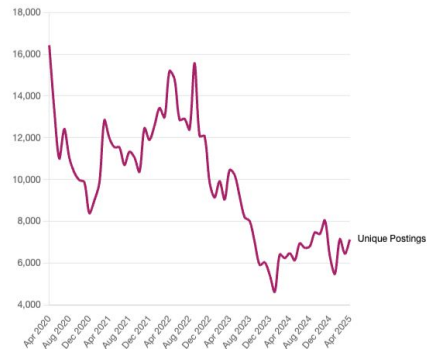
# Jobs update – North Carolina

13-month Trend



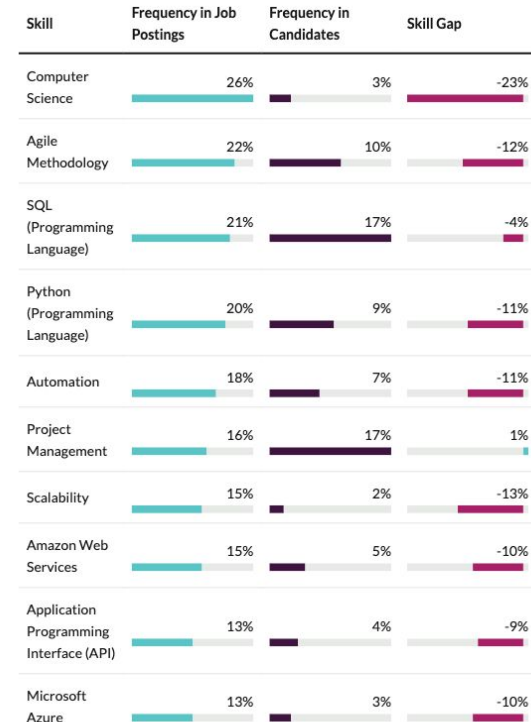
## NC IT Job Postings

5-Year Unique Postings Trend



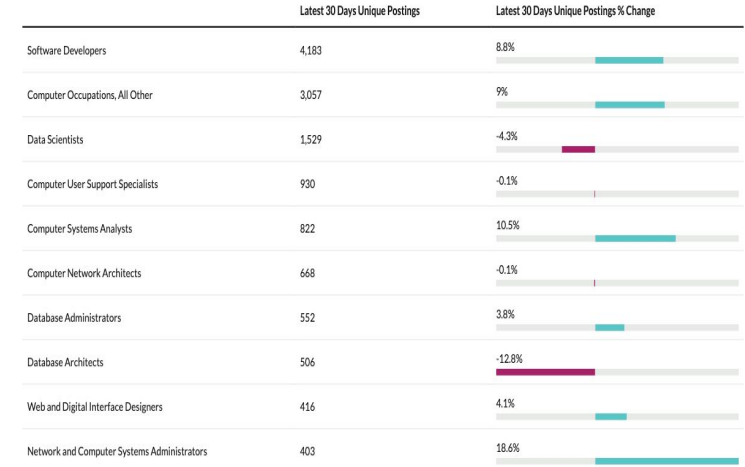
## Top Hard Skills In Demand

North Carolina IT Job Postings, Current Month



## Top 10 Job Titles

North Carolina IT Postings



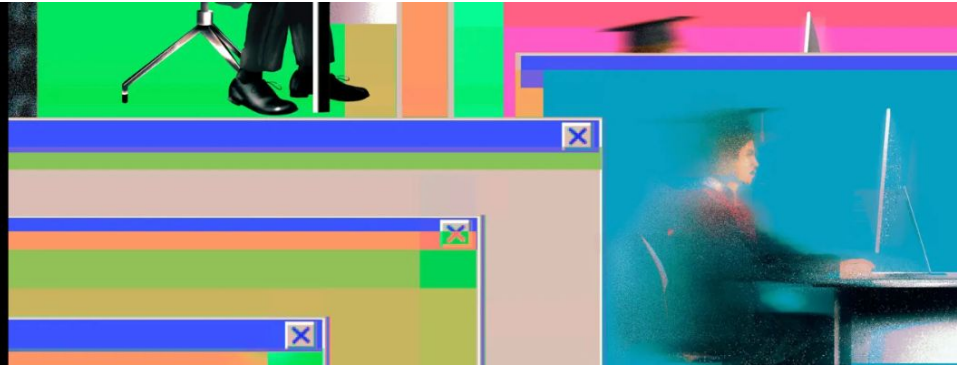
Updated 05-09-2025

Dashboard by eIMPACT  
A Lightcoast Company



THE SHIFT

## *For Some Recent Graduates, the A.I. Job Apocalypse May Already Be Here*



## No, AI Isn't Killing Computer Science. It's Making It Essential

By Hadi Partovi



- While AI simplified coding, deeper CS skills remain essential for evaluating and guiding AI-generated code.
- The growing need for “coding with AI” rather than coding independently...
- **Computational thinking and AI fluency are becoming foundational job skills.**

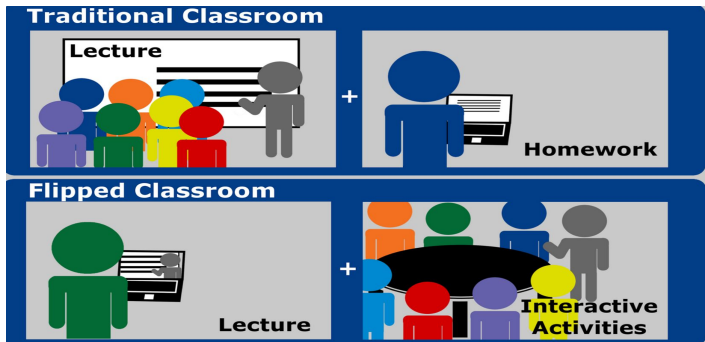


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# What to expect?

## Active learning Classrooms

- Teamwork
- Learning through doing
- Pair programming
- Flipped Classroom



# Undergraduate Programs

## B.S. in Computer Science

- AI, Robotics, and Gaming
- Bioinformatics
- Data Science
- Systems, and Networks\*
- Cybersecurity
- Web / Mobile Development & Software Engineering

## CCI Honors Program w/ multiple entry points

- Advanced version of selected core courses
- Competitive scholarship opportunities
- Research-oriented capstone

## B.A. in Computer Science

- Human Computer Interaction (UX)
- Information Technology \*
- Bioinformatics

\* = default concentration, you can change it later

## B.S. in Data Science

## B.S. in Sports Analytics

## In 2026: BS Artificial Intelligence



# Student services

- Ask for help whenever you feel you need it!!!
- Advising
  - See advisor at least once a semester!
- Tutoring
  - Free!!!
- CCI student professional development
  - connection to employers and career skills



# Mentoring

- Peer mentoring
  - University-wide
  - Participate starting in first year!
- Professional (corporate) mentoring
  - For CCI Juniors & Seniors
  - Call for applications sent in late Spring semester



## UNC CHARLOTTE MENTOR COLLECTIVE

### EVERY STUDENT DESERVES A MENTOR

UNC Charlotte is partnering with Mentor Collective to offer incoming first year students a **peer mentor**.

- ➔ There's no cost or obligation to participate, but mentors can help students set and achieve goals, make connections, and prepare for their future career.
- ➔ Students will be connected with a fellow UNC Charlotte student based on interests, area of study, needs, and preferences.



#### SIGN UP FOR A MENTOR

1. Sign up using the registration link below
2. Complete a short survey about yourself and your background
3. We will match you with a UNC Charlotte Mentor
4. Connect with each other regularly throughout the year

Sign up to



Get a Mentor

**PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS**  
1-year commitment  
Minimum of monthly virtual check-ins  
Log your conversations

For additional questions or information, email Mentor Collective directly at [help@mentorcollective.org](mailto:help@mentorcollective.org)



# Build your Brand

- Live the life of a student!
  - Participate, enjoy...
  - Meet your peers, CCI-FIT
  - Convocations in August
- Engage in research
- Volunteering and internships
- Early entry to graduate school



- CCI New Student Convocation on **Sunday, August 17th**
- Scan the QR code to see details on our events calendar!!!



## Final thoughts

- **When in doubt, ask!**
- **Plan your time, manage responsibilities**
- **Especially challenging for part-time students**
- **Participate, volunteer, be respectful of others...**
- **Employers often ask: What else did you do?**
- **College is not only about grades**
- **It may not be always easy, but it's worth it.**

# Welcome to CCI!



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