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The Manufacturing Institute Releases First Spotlight on Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials

Herbalife Invests in Training for Employees, Offers Certification Opportunities Through Forsyth Tech Partnership

WASHINGTON, April 26, 2016: Today, The Manufacturing Institute released the first Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials (c³bc) spotlight on Forsyth Technical Community College. This is the first of five best practices that the Institute will release over the next several months.

The c³bc is a multistate consortium of 12 community colleges engaged in an educational and training initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Labor under grant TC- 23761-12-60-A-37. Under the c³bc, 12 Community Colleges nationwide coordinate to support strategies to assist grant participants to obtain employment in high-wage, high-skill occupations, such as biotechnology, biomanufacturing, and medical devices.

Forsyth Technical Community College, along with global nutrition company Herbalife and the NC Community College System Office, worked together to develop a Customized Training Project that would enable Herbalife to hire a highly skilled workforce. Once employees were hired and initial training had been received, additional training was offered to help Herbalife upskill their current workforce to meet Herbalife's rigorous standards.

As part of the c³bc grant, Forsyth Technical Community College developed online bioscience training to accelerate learning and make education more accessible. With Economic Development funds granted from the state, Forsyth Tech gave Herbalife employees access to a variety of training programs, which Herbalife uses for new and current employees. Every employee at Herbalife must receive five hours of GMP (Good Manufacturing Practice) and Safety training from Forsyth Tech as introductory training.

"Herbalife is committed to the longterm investment and development of its employees," said Patrick O'Sullivan, supervisor, Industrial Training at Herbalife. "Our partnership with Forsyth Technical Community College and The Manufacturing Institute helps build morale through the training our partnership provides, and we look forward to our continued relationship with Forsyth Technical Community College."

"We are delighted that The Manufacturing Institute, who has partnered with us for many years, is taking on the task of helping deliver success stories from the Community College Consortium for Bioscience Credentials to its industry members," said Russ Read, c³bc project director and executive director, National Center for the Biotechnology Workforce, Forsyth Technical Community College.

To read the full spotlight on Forsyth Technical Community College's training program visit:
<http://www.themanufacturinginstitute.org/Skills-Certification/Educator-Resources/Best-Practices/Spotlights.aspx>

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