The Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) and Julius L. Chambers Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute (BBRI) address the economic and social challenges that impact North Carolina and the world. NCCU’s Research Center in Minority Institutions (RCMI) focuses on cutting-edge health disparities research.

NCCU is the first school in the University of North Carolina System to offer a bachelor’s degree in Jazz Studies. Its program includes artists-in-residence, Grammy award-winning musicians, Branford Marsalis and Joey Calderazzo.

NCCU is the first historically Black college and University (HBCU) and only institution with a law school to have a TechLaw and Policy Center designed to give more access to diverse professionals in the tech, legal and policy fields.

NCCU’s School of Education has the only Visual Impairment Training Program of its kind in North Carolina and at an HBCU. The program provides hybrid-learning options, employing mobility aids, 3D printed braille and a guide dog in training.

The School of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, a distinction held by only 5% of business programs worldwide. In summer 2023, the school will open a 76,608 square-foot building that will double as a visually-striking gateway to the university campus.

NCCU’s online academic program, NCCU Online, is among the state’s top 20 affordable online higher education options, according to a SR Education Group report.

NCCU’s campus and capital project expansion includes three new state-of-the-art residence halls and a new student center. A new School of Business building will open in 2024.