

# THE LAND OF RECREATION AND SPECIALTY PHARMA

## UNBELIEVABLY REAL

Orlando's abundance of pharmaceutical companies distribute 70 percent of the country's specialty drugs. Several biotech companies have moved to the area as the region attracts additional healthcare providers and payers. Plus, the region is home to the University of Central Florida (UCF)'s College of Medicine and the University of Florida's (UF) nationally ranked Pharm.D. program.

**45+**

Payrolled Business Locations  
*Lightcast, Q1 2024 Data Set (QCEW)*

**900+**

Jobs in the Specialty Pharma Industry  
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**20,000+**

Annual Graduates within 100 Miles  
*Lightcast, IPEDS, 2022*

### FEATURED EMPLOYERS



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### INDUSTRY ASSETS

Orlando's established industry cluster has grown due to supportive R&D and industry partners.

- **BioFlorida:** BioFlorida is the voice of Florida's life sciences industry, representing 6,200 establishments and research organizations in the biopharmaceuticals, medical technology, health IT and bio agriculture sectors.
- **Guidewell Innovation Center:** Guidewell Innovation Center is home to a diverse community of startups and scaleups and provides programs to serve health and wellness innovators.
- **UCF Lake Nona Cancer Center:** UCF recently opened a state-of-the-art teaching hospital in partnership with HCA Healthcare and a new research center (UCF Lake Nona Cancer Center).

### MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

ORLANDO  
HEALTH®

The **Orlando Health UF Health Cancer Center** was recognized as a state-designated cancer center of excellence.

### TALENT PIPELINE

Orlando universities offer specialized programs dedicated to preparing the biotechnology and pharmaceuticals workforce. Applicable programs include:

- **University of Central Florida**
- **Seminole State College**
- **University of Florida** College of Pharmacy in Lake Nona
- **Stetson University**
- **Nova Southeastern University** Orlando campus
- **Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University** College of Law
- **Valencia College** Lake Nona campus

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**UF College of Pharmacy Lake Nona** campus houses a nationally ranked Pharm.D. Program.