

## ADMISSIONS

### Requirements for Freshman Admission

A candidate for regular admission to Lynchburg College should be in the final year of an approved secondary school with a minimum of sixteen academic credits. The ideal candidate has earned twenty credits in English, mathematics (Algebra I and II and Geometry), laboratory science, social science, and at least two years of the same foreign language. In addition, a successful candidate has a strong B average (or better) and SAT or ACT scores. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate exams, and dual enrollment credits may be used for credit or placement. In all cases, final acceptance is subject to successful completion of the secondary school program or equivalent certification.

A student may apply to Lynchburg College by submitting the Lynchburg College application (paper or electronic) or the Common Application.

Before the admissions staff can consider an application, a candidate's file should include the following:

1. The application form;
2. Official secondary school transcripts, including senior curriculum and any grades that may be available;
3. A non-refundable \$30 application fee;
4. Official results of the SAT or ACT examinations. Only critical reading and math scores are used in admission and scholarship decisions;
5. Optional (strongly encouraged): An on-campus visit; and
6. Optional (strongly encouraged): One letter of recommendation and a personal essay or graded writing sample from junior or senior year

Applicants may be required by the Office of Enrollment Services to submit additional documentation.

### Home-Schooled Applicants

In addition to the items listed above, home-educated applicants may be required to submit a bibliography of high school curriculum, official transcripts from any community college or other college/university courses, and portfolios or performance-based assessments to qualify for admission. (A GED may be required.)

### Early Admission and Enrollment

Early admission and enrollment into Lynchburg College is possible for outstanding secondary school students upon completion of their junior year. A high school junior interested in this type of admission should write to the Office of Enrollment Services, Lynchburg College, 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501-3199 or call 434-544-8300.

### Advanced Placement Scholars Program

Students who have acceptable scores (3, 4, or 5) on College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement tests are granted college credit. The number of semester credit hours to be granted will correspond to the number

of credit hours given for the course omitted. However, quality points will not be computed for the credit given. For a listing of acceptable scores and credit allowed, refer to the Credit by Examination section under "Academic Regulations."

### **International Baccalaureate Program**

Lynchburg College awards academic credit for work completed in an International Baccalaureate program to students on an individual basis. After review, credit is generally awarded for completion of higher-level courses and achievement of 4 or above on the International Baccalaureate Examination (one course being equivalent to six semester hours). Official score reports must be sent directly to Lynchburg College from the IB program for verification of the student's work and for credit to be given on the student's Lynchburg College transcript.

### **Transfer and Access Students**

A strong candidate for admission has completed at least twelve credit hours beyond the high school diploma from a regionally accredited college or university. Access is the term designated for adult students who wish to enter or to return to college to pursue their education at the undergraduate level. To qualify as an Access student, an applicant must be a U. S. citizen and 25 years of age or older before the first day of classes.

Additional information about the transfer process:

1. All students must be socially and academically eligible to return to their former institution in good standing;
2. Admission to the College requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0;
3. Transfer credits toward a degree will be allowed only for coursework relevant to the degree with grades of C or higher (not C-). Decisions regarding the acceptance of credits will depend on the appropriateness and applicability of credits to the degree program and on the comparability of the credit earned. Decisions regarding the awarding of credits are made by qualified Lynchburg College faculty members and by the Office of the Registrar according to approved procedures and standards. Transfer evaluations are completed once the applicant has been admitted;
4. Academic advising takes place after a student is admitted to the College and submits the reservation fee; and
5. To qualify for graduation from Lynchburg College, a student must complete a minimum of forty-eight semester hours in residence at Lynchburg College. (Refer to the "Academic Degree Requirements" section for further details.)

Transfer applications may be submitted by using the Lynchburg College application or by using the online internet application at the College website ([www.lynchburg.edu](http://www.lynchburg.edu)). Competitive applicants should have taken at least one college-level course in core academic areas such as English, mathematics, or history. Students seeking to complete a degree at Lynchburg College must complete at least 50 percent of the major requirements in residence.

Applications should be submitted according to the following deadlines: July 31 for fall semester; November 30 for spring semester; and April 1 for summer sessions. Applications received after these deadlines will be considered based on space availability in the class. Nursing applicants: If you will be applying with an interest in the nursing program, please call the Office of Enrollment Services at 434-544-8300 for application deadlines.

The application should be complete in all details including the following:

1. The application form and a non-refundable \$30 application fee;
2. Official transcripts from each college attended indicating all college courses taken\*;
3. Submission of secondary school transcripts (and SAT or ACT scores, if available) if fewer than twenty-four hours of college credit have been completed. GED documentation may also be required. The SAT or ACT is not required for students who are two or more years past high school graduation.; and
4. Optional (strongly encouraged): One letter of recommendation from a former professor or employer and a personal essay

\*Official transcripts must be sent directly from the transfer institution to the Office of Enrollment Services, Lynchburg College, 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501-3199.

### **Transfer for Qualifying VCCS Associate Degree Students**

The Articulation Agreement between Lynchburg College and the Virginia Community College system allows guaranteed admission to students with associate degrees in Arts, Science, or Arts and Science. Students who have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher are eligible for the guaranteed transfer of up to seventy-six credit hours. Such degrees will fulfill LC's general education requirement except for a foreign language and a two-semester-hour senior symposium course.

### **International Students**

International students may apply to the College by submitting the Lynchburg College application at the College website ([www.lynchburg.edu](http://www.lynchburg.edu)).

Applications should be submitted by the following: fall class (August to December) deadline is June 1; spring class (January to May) deadline is October 15. All applications received after these deadlines will be considered on space availability in the class.

All applications for admission will be carefully reviewed after all of the following documents have been received:

1. Completed application form ([www.lynchburg.edu/apply](http://www.lynchburg.edu/apply));
2. Most current official secondary school transcript, translated into English. (Transcript must include all secondary school coursework.) Non-English transcripts and documents must be submitted in their original form, accompanied by a certified English translation. Unofficial documents and documents without accompanying English translations will not be accepted.;
3. Completion of the SAT or ACT for students whose first language is English;

4. Proof of English language proficiency as demonstrated by Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL/IELTS) or successful completion of an English as a Second Language (ESL) program at the advanced level (required of non-native English speakers only);
5. Solid content-based essay;
6. An official Certification of Finance and certified letter from the student or sponsor's bank verifying the information supplied on the Certificate of Finance\*; and
7. Transcript evaluation by World Education Services (WES) for students who have any post-secondary coursework completed at a non-United States college or university. Upon the student's request, a WES evaluation form can be provided.

\* Students who are permanent residents of the United States are not required to submit the Certificate of Finance. The Certificate of Finance document may be requested from the Office of Enrollment Services on our website [www.lynchburg.edu/admission](http://www.lynchburg.edu/admission).

### Readmission

Any student whose enrollment at the College has been interrupted without an approved leave of absence must apply for readmission. Along with the application for readmission, the student must submit a minimum 250-word statement of reflection on his/her time away from the College and plan for success if readmitted. Students who were academically suspended should refer to the "Academic Standing" Section.

All students applying for readmission to Lynchburg College should submit their applications according to these deadlines: July 31 for fall semester; November 30 for spring semester; and April 1 for summer sessions. Applications received after these deadlines will be considered based upon space availability in the class.

The following items must also be included with the application:

1. A 250-word essay;
2. A non-refundable \$30 application fee; and
3. Official transcripts for all coursework completed (if student attended any college(s) since last enrolled at Lynchburg College). Transcripts should be forwarded to the Office of Enrollment Services.

An interview may be required.

Submit all of the requested information directly to Office of Enrollment Services, Lynchburg College, 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501-3199. For further assistance, contact the Office at 800-426-8101 or 434-544-8300.

### Non-Degree Admission

To ensure time for processing and review, applications for non-degree study should be completed no later than July 31 for fall term, November 30 for spring term, and April 1 for summer term. All undergraduate and graduate non-degree applicants should submit the following:

1. A signed non-degree application form verifying that all information supplied is valid;

2. A non-refundable \$30 application fee;
3. A statement of intent indicating the reasons the applicant is pursuing non-degree study; and
4. Official transcripts from each college (or high school for dual enrollment and early admission candidates) attended indicating all college (or high school) coursework completed. It is the responsibility of the student to request that official transcripts be forwarded from his/her college/university directly to the Office of Enrollment Services at Lynchburg College early in the application process in order to receive a timely admission decision.

Additional materials are required for some non-degree categories. See below for category descriptions.

- Students completing the non-degree application form may not become candidates for a degree unless a formal application for regular undergraduate or graduate admission is submitted and approved.
- Credits earned are not always applicable towards a degree. Once admitted to a degree program, students should consult with their academic advisor to verify credits that are applicable towards a degree.
- Non-degree students are typically not registered for classes until degree-seeking students have registered for fall and spring semesters.

### **Categories of Non-Degree Admission**

Students in the following categories must complete the non-degree application for admission.

#### **Dual-Enrollment**

Dual enrollment in Lynchburg College is possible for qualified high school students during their senior year on a space available basis. Dual-enrolled students must demonstrate evidence that they possess the requisite knowledge, maturity, and ability to pursue the content in the chosen courses. Additional admission requirements include:

- The submission of official secondary school transcripts and standardized test scores (SAT or ACT if available)
- A letter of permission from the high school principal or director of guidance

#### **Non-Degree Undergraduate**

Students classified as "non-degree undergraduate" may enroll for personal enrichment or professional development only. Non-degree undergraduate students must demonstrate evidence that they possess the requisite knowledge, maturity, and ability to pursue the content in the chosen courses. Privileges to enroll as a non-degree undergraduate may be revoked at any time if the student fails to maintain the normal academic and social standards set by the College.

**Visiting Undergraduate**

Students classified as "visiting undergraduate" are students who are pursuing a degree at another institution and wish to enroll in classes at Lynchburg College with the intention of transferring credits back to their primary institution. Students who enroll at Lynchburg College as visiting undergraduate students must apply for each semester they wish to be enrolled. Students must submit a non-degree application and send an official transcript from the college or university in which they are currently enrolled.

**Other Categories (Governors School, Private Music Lessons for Credit)**

Additional admission requirements include securing written permission to enroll from the appropriate instructor. College credit in music is not offered to students who are pre-college in age and preparation.