AN INTRODUCTION TO LYNCHBURG COLLEGE

Mission

Lynchburg College, a private coeducational institution founded in 1903 in covenant with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), offers distinctive undergraduate and graduate programs that reflect its commitment to teaching, scholarship, and service to the greater community.

The mission of Lynchburg College is to develop students with strong character and balanced perspectives and to prepare them for intelligent and wholehearted participation in a global society and for effective leadership in the civic, professional, spiritual, and social dimensions of life.

Lynchburg College provides students with a wide range of rigorous educational experiences that are grounded in the liberal arts, enhanced by professional studies, and nurtured by a residential community. The College serves the region through its outreach programs, cultural opportunities, resources, services, and the expertise of faculty, staff, and students.

In support of its mission, Lynchburg College endeavors to create a learning environment that:

- develops the breadth of knowledge and other characteristics traditionally associated with liberal education;
- develops depth of knowledge within chosen fields of study;
- respects and supports broad diversity and global understanding;
- values and celebrates all faith traditions;
- fosters a student-centered environment; and
- sustains close working relationships among faculty, staff, and students.

Accreditation/Memberships

Lynchburg College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the baccalaureate, master, and doctorate level degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Lynchburg College. All other inquiries about the College should be directed to Lynchburg College, (1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia 24501-3133 or 434-544-8100) not the Commission.

Lynchburg College is authorized to operate in the Commonwealth of Virginia through the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, 101 N. 14th Street, 10th FL, James Monroe Bldg. Richmond, VA 23219 or telephone 804-225-2600.

The School of Business and Economics at Lynchburg College is accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, (11520 West 119th Street, Overland Park, KS 66213 or 913-339-9356) based on standards that require the school to demonstrate teaching excellence.

The Virginia Department of Education (P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218 or 804-371-2475) approves the college’s teacher preparation programs. The Nursing Department is approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing (9960 Maryland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, VA 23233-1463 or 804-367-4515)
and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (One Du-
ponent Circle, NW Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036 or 202-887-6791).

The Exercise Physiology Department is accredited by the Commission on
Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP at 1361 Park
Street, Clearwater, FL 33756 or 727-210-2350). The Sport Management De-
partment is approved by the North American Society for Sport Management
(135 Winterwood Drive, Butler, PA 16001 or 724-482-6277). The athletic
training major is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic
Training Education (CAATE at 2201 Double Creek Drive, Suite 5006, Round
Rock, TX 78664 or 512-733-9700).

The Graduate Counseling Programs are accredited through Council for
Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP, 1001
North Fairfax Street, Suite 510, Alexandria, VA 22314 or 703-535-5990).

Lynchburg College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by
the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (1111 North
Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA, 22314; phone: 703-706-3245; email: accredi-
tation@apta.org). Candidacy is not an accreditation status nor does it assure
eventual accreditation. Candidate for Accreditation is a pre-accreditation status
of affiliation with the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Edu-
cation that indicates the program is progressing toward accreditation.

The College is approved by the Virginia Department of Education for pay-
ment of educational benefits for veterans. The College holds membership in the
Association of American Colleges and Universities, the American Council on
Education, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities,
the Council of Independent Colleges, the Council of International Schools, the
National Association of College Admission Counseling, the American Asso-
ciation of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, the Council of In-
dependent Colleges in Virginia, the Virginia Foundation for Independent Col-
leges, the Virginia Humanities Conference, the Virginia Academy of Science,
and the Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

History
Dr. Josephus Hopwood came to Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1903 from Milligan
College in Tennessee, where he was president, to found Virginia Christian Col-
lege (VCC.) He came at the request of a group of Christian Church (Disciples
of Christ) ministers and businessmen who wanted to establish a Christian
Church college in Virginia. The College continues its affiliation to the Chris-
tian Church (Disciples of Christ), a denomination with a tradition of welcom-
ing persons of all faiths and denominations. Dr. Hopwood and this group of
supporters purchased the Westover Hotel, a resort facility, for use as the first
campus building, Westover Hall.

In 1919 the name of the College was changed to Lynchburg College to
avoid confusion with another institution in the area and because the College's
church constituency had expanded beyond Virginia.

From its beginning the College has been both strongly oriented toward
liberal arts and coeducation, a rarity in the early twentieth century but a system
in which Dr. Hopwood and his wife and professional colleague, Sarah Eleanor
LaRue Hopwood, firmly believed. Together they worked to establish Lynch-
Lynchburg College as one of the oldest coeducational colleges in Virginia.

With financial assistance from industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie and others, the physical facilities were expanded in 1909 with the completion of Carnegie Hall and Hopwood Hall. Other major campus facilities include Hall Campus Center (formerly Memorial Gymnasium, 1923, renovated 1980); Hundley Hall (1954); Knight-Capron Library (1954, Capron addition, 1969); Hobbs Hall (1959; laboratory wing 1993; renovated 1995); Shackelford Hall (1963); Freer Hall (1963); Crews and Reynolds Courts (1964); McWane Hall (1966); Snidow Chapel-Hebb Music Center (1966); Burton Student Center (1968); Tate Hall (1969); Turner Gymnasium (1969, renovated 2000); Wake Field House (1969); Montgomery Hall (1970); Dillard Fine Arts Center (1974); Psychology Building (1978); Alumni House (1985); McMillan Nursing Building (1987); Thompson Education Building (1986, addition 2008); Daura Art Gallery (1990; addition 1995); Beaver Point Clubhouse (1990); Victory Bell Tower (1993); the Claytor Nature Study Center (1998) , A. Boyd Claytor III Education and Research Facility (2003), and Belk Observatory (2007), located in Bedford County, Va.; Brewer, Rainsford, Warren, Huston, and Bullard townhouses (2003, 2004); Elliot and Rosel Schewel Hall (formerly Centennial Hall, 2005); Peaksview Hall, (2005); Shellenberger Field (renovated, 2007); and Moon Field (renovated, 2006, 2007).

The presidents of Lynchburg College and the dates of their tenure are as follows: Dr. Josephus Hopwood (1903-1911), Dr. S. T. Willis (1911-1912), Mr. G. O. Davis (1912-1914), Dr. George P. Coler (Acting 1914-1915), Dr. John T. T. Hundley (1915-1936), Dr. Riley B. Montgomery ’19 (1936-1949), Dr. Orville W. Wake ’32 (1949-1964), Dr. M. Carey Brewer ’49 (1964-1983), Dr. George N. Rainsford (1983-1993), Dr. Charles O. Warren (1993-2001), and Dr. Kenneth R. Garren (2001- ).

Now well into its second century, the College maintains its commitment to co-education and the liberal arts. At the same time, it encourages professional preparation because it is convinced that a liberal arts education and professional preparation are mutually supportive.

Lynchburg College awards bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, master of arts, master of business administration, master of education, master of science in nursing, doctor of physical therapy, and doctor of education degrees.

With only eleven faculty members and fifty-five students at its beginning, the College now has 171 full-time faculty members and 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students who come from across the United States and around the world.

Academic Sessions

Fall and Spring Semesters

The College operates under the semester system, with a yearly schedule indicated by the College calendar.

Winter Term

A voluntary winter term during the winter break provides limited opportunities for pursuit of special interest courses. Courses taught during this term are intensive and may carry up to three hours of credit.
Summer Session
The Summer Session offers opportunity for acceleration of degree programs, pursuit of courses with particular appeal, and opportunity to remedy deficiencies.

Detailed information about summer sessions is available at the Lynchburg College web site, http://www.lynchburg.edu/summer.

The Campus
The grounds extend over 214 acres with a view and landscape of exceptional beauty and with the Blue Ridge Mountains forming the western skyline.

The campus features more than forty buildings, predominantly of Georgian style, grouped on or near the main campus oval. Nearby are the athletic fields and the tennis courts. Sloping away toward a small lake are wooded hills, part of an original forest of oak, hickory, poplar, pine, and dogwood.

The 470-acre Claytor Nature Study Center, overlooking the Peaks of Otter and located nearby in Bedford County, Va., includes a farmhouse; an educational pavilion; an educational, research, laboratory, and conference facility; an astronomical observatory; and a campground. Ground was broken in fall 2011 for an Eco-Village to provide sustainable short-term housing for students and guests.