

## 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 and learning, scholarship, and service to the broader community.

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

Lynchburg College provides its students with a wide range of rigorous educational experiences delivered through multiple modes of instruction. Undergraduate programs are grounded in the liberal arts, enhanced by professional studies, and nurtured by a residential community. Further, the College's quality graduate programs respond to identified community needs, advance scholarship in the discipline, and promote student career goals. Lynchburg College extends its reach beyond the campus through experiential learning, cultural opportunities, and service by sharing the expertise and commitment of faculty, staff, and students with the broader community.

In support of its mission, Lynchburg College is an academic community that:

- fosters a student-centered environment;
- develops the breadth of knowledge associated with liberal education;
- develops depth of knowledge and promotes focused inquiry in academic disciplines;
- respects and supports diversity;
- values and celebrates diverse faith traditions; and
- sustains close working relationships among faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community partners.

### Accreditation/Memberships

Lynchburg College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges 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 Dupont 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 Department 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).

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Lynchburg College is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-684-2782; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org). Information related to CAPTE can be found at the American Physical Therapy Association's website [www.apta.org](http://www.apta.org).

The College is approved by the Virginia Department of Education for payment 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 Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia, the Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, the Virginia Humanities Conference, the Virginia Academy of Science, and the Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

## History

Lynchburg College was founded as Virginia Christian College in 1903 by Dr. Josephus Hopwood, a pioneer in Christian coeducation whose mission was to educate both men and women. His wife and professional colleague, Sarah Eleanor LaRue Hopwood, shared his beliefs and vision, and worked with him to establish one of the oldest coeducational colleges in Virginia. From its earliest days, Lynchburg College has maintained an association with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), since it was through the support of Disciples of Christ ministers and businessmen that the College was founded.

Dr. Hopwood was serving as president of Milligan College in Tennessee when a group of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ministers and businessmen approached him about starting a college in Lynchburg on the site of a failed resort, West Lynchburg Inn, which was available for sale. Impressed by the resort's setting and the area's natural beauty, Dr. Hopwood declared, "Boys, we'll take it." The property was purchased for \$13,500, and the hotel was re-

named Westover Hall.

The stately gray building served for six years as a multi-purpose facility housing dormitories, offices, classrooms, dining hall, and a chapel. In 1909 construction was completed on Main Hall, the first academic building (later named Hopwood Hall), and Carnegie Hall, a men's residence hall, partially funded by a gift from industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie.

Since then, a continuous building program has been carried out in accordance with the College's original campus master plan that called for future buildings to form an ellipsis. As part of this plan, Hopwood Hall (1909) and Snidow Chapel (1966) were built at the east and west ends of campus, symbolically linking Dr. Hopwood's guiding principles of faith and reason.

The College began its first year with eleven faculty members and fifty-five students, and the first graduating class consisted of five men and three women. Today, Lynchburg College has 171 full-time faculty members and 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students from throughout the United States and around the world.

In 1919, Virginia Christian College's name 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 1964 to 1983, the College undertook the largest building expansion in its history, increasing the number of major buildings on campus from nine to nineteen.

In 1998 the College extended into Bedford County with the creation of the Claytor Nature Study Center, a 470-acre farm donated to the College by A. Boyd Claytor III for environmental study and research. The Center now includes Cloverlea, the original farmhouse; the A. Boyd Claytor III Education and Research Facility including laboratories and conference facilities; the Belk Astronomical Observatory; the Chandler Eco-Lodge, a 16-bed facility providing short-term housing for students and guests; an educational pavilion, and a campground.

A \$12 million expansion and renovation of the student center began in 2012. Named for Douglas and Elaine Drysdale, who pledged \$3 million to the project, the building will contain 72,000 square feet and provide space for student organizations, a welcome center, fitness center, meeting rooms, multi-cultural center, a Commons space, veterans' lounge, dance and aerobics space, a game room, and additional venues for dining.

Through the years, Lynchburg College has maintained its commitment to the liberal arts, while also encouraging professional preparation in the belief that the two areas of study support and complement one another. The College offers a rigorous academic program of undergraduate, pre-professional, and graduate programs, which were initiated in 1964. The 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 in leadership studies. A Physician Assistant in Medicine Program is planned for the summer of 2015.

Lynchburg College is nationally recognized as an institution that offers quality educational opportunities while building the character and the leadership ability of its students. Lynchburg College is one of only 40 colleges

nationwide, to be included in Loren Pope's *Colleges That Change Lives* and one of 60 institutions nationwide selected to participate in the Bonner Leaders Program.

More than a century after its founding, Lynchburg College continues to lead the way in educational opportunities, standing as a tribute to the Hopwoods' pioneering spirit.

### **Lynchburg College Presidents**

Dr. Josephus Hopwood (1903-1911)  
 Dr. S.T. Willis (1911-1912)  
 Mr. G.O. Davis (1912-1914)  
 Mr. George P. Coler (Acting, 1914-1915)  
 Dr. John T. Hundley (1915-1936)  
 Dr. Riley B. Montgomery (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)  
 Dr. Kenneth R. Garren (2001-present)

### **The Campus**

Located in the heart of Lynchburg on 264 acres, LC's beautifully landscaped campus is a showplace. More than forty buildings, many of Georgian style architecture, grace the campus with the Blue Ridge Mountains forming the western skyline. Nearby are newly renovated athletic fields and tennis courts.

A new Health Sciences Building on Monticello Avenue is a ten-minute walk from the main campus. A small lake is bordered by wooded hills and part of an original forest of oak, hickory, poplar, pine, and dogwood.

The 470-acre Claytor Nature Study Center in Bedford County sits at the foot of the Blue Ridge with a spectacular view of the Peaks of Otter.

### **Buildings and Facilities**

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  
 Tate Hall 1967  
 Burton Student Center 1968  
 Turner Gymnasium 1969, renovated 2000  
 Wake Field House 1969  
 Montgomery Hall 1970  
 Dillard Fine Arts Center 1974  
 Alumni House 1985

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McMillan Nursing Building 1987  
Thompson Education building 1987; renovated 2009  
Daura Art Gallery 1990; addition 1995  
Beaver Point Clubhouse 1990  
Bell Tower, 1993  
A. Boyd Claytor III Education and Research Facility 2003  
Brewer, Rainsford, and Warren townhouses 2003  
Bullard and Huston townhouses 2004  
Elliot & Rosel Schewel Hall 2005  
Peaks View Hall 2005  
Belk Astronomical Observatory 2007  
Shellenberger Field renovated 2007  
Moon Field renovated 2006, 2007  
Graduate Health Sciences Building 2010  
Chandler Eco-Lodge 2014  
Drysdale Student Center expansion and renovation 2014

### Academic Sessions

#### Fall and Spring Semesters

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

#### January Term - “J Term”

A voluntary term during the winter break provides on-campus and online opportunities for pursuit of a selection of courses.

#### 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.lyncburg.edu/summer>.

### Non-Discrimination Statement

Lynchburg College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or religion in its programs and activities, including admission to and employment at Lynchburg College.

Lynchburg College is in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex in educational programs and activities, including employment and admission. (Prohibited discrimination based on sex includes sexual harassment and sexual violence.) For questions regarding Lynchburg College’s compliance with Title IX, please contact the Title IX Coordinator at Director of Human Resources, 4th floor, Hall Campus Center, 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501; phone: 434-544-8215; email: [titleix@lyncburg.edu](mailto:titleix@lyncburg.edu).

Inquiries about the application of Title IX may also be referred to the Of-

Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at Office for Civil Rights, U. S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-1100; Civil Rights Hotline: 800-421-3481; fax: 202-453-6012; TDD: 800-877-8339; email: [ocr@ed.gov](mailto:ocr@ed.gov); website: <http://www.ed.gov/ocr>.

Lynchburg College is in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination based on disability in admission, treatment, or access to, or employment in its programs or activities. For questions regarding Lynchburg College's compliance with Section 504, please contact the disability coordinator at Support Services Coordinator, Academic and Career Services (2nd floor, Hall Campus Center), 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501; phone: 434-544-8687; email: [disability@lynchburg.edu](mailto:disability@lynchburg.edu).

**Safety and Security Statement**

An annual Lynchburg College security report, available upon request from the Office of Enrollment Services, describes campus safety practices: crime statistics, reporting, and prevention education; and policies and education programs on alcohol, illegal drugs, and sexual assault.