

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG**

### **MISSION**

The University of Lynchburg, 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 the University of Lynchburg 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.

The University of Lynchburg 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 University's quality graduate programs respond to identified community needs, advance scholarship in the discipline, and promote student career goals. The University of Lynchburg 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, the University of Lynchburg 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**

The University of Lynchburg is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate degrees. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of the University of Lynchburg. All other inquiries about the University should be directed to the University of Lynchburg, 1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501-3113, 434.544.8100, not the Commission.

The University of Lynchburg is authorized to operate in the Commonwealth of Virginia through the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, 101 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 10th FL, James Monroe Bldg., Richmond, VA 23219 or telephone 804.225.2600.

The College of Business at the University of Lynchburg is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, (11520 West 119th Street Overland Park, KS 66213 or 913.339.9356) based on standards that require the college to demonstrate teaching excellence.

The Virginia Board of Education (P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218 or 804.225.2023) approves its teacher preparation programs.

The University of Lynchburg is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM. 11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 21, Reston, VA 20190 or 703.437.0700).

The Graduate Counseling Programs are accredited through the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP, 1001 North Fairfax Street, Suite 510, Alexandria, VA 22314 or 703.535.5990).

The Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of Lynchburg 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; website: <http://www.captionline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly, please call 434.544.8885 or email [dpt@lynchburg.edu](mailto:dpt@lynchburg.edu).

The ARC-PA (Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. 12000 Findley Road, Suite 275, Johns Creek, GA 30097 or 770.476.1224) has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the University of Lynchburg PA Program sponsored by the University of Lynchburg. Accreditation-Provisional is an accreditation status granted when the plans and resource allocation, if fully implemented as planned, of a proposed program that has no enrolled students appear to demonstrate the program's ability to meet the ARC-PA **Standards** or when a program holding Accreditation-Provisional status appears to demonstrate continued progress in complying with the **Standards** as it prepares for the graduation of the first class (cohort) of students. Accreditation-Provisional does not ensure any subsequent accreditation status. It is limited to no more than five years from matriculation of the first class.

The University of Lynchburg was granted accreditation for the Master of Science in Athletic Training graduate program from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), 6850 Austin Center Blvd., Suite 100 Austin, TX 78731-3184 or 512.733.9700 on February 26, 2018. This program received a ten-year reaccreditation decision after a 2017-2018 CAATE self-study and site visit. Upon accreditation by CAATE and completion of this program, students will be eligible to sit for the Board of Certification (BOC) examination and pursue a career as a Certified Athletic Trainer (ATC).

In support of distance learning programs, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia has approved the University of Lynchburg for participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA).

The University is approved for payment of educational benefits for veterans by the Virginia Department of Veterans Services - State Approving Agency. The University 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, and the Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

## HISTORY

The University of Lynchburg was founded as Virginia Christian College in 1903 by Josephus and Sarah Hopwood, pioneers in Christian coeducation. They established one of the oldest coeducational colleges in Virginia with the support of ministers and businessmen associated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a denomination that welcomes dialogue with people of all faiths.

While serving as president of Milligan College in Tennessee, Dr. Hopwood was approached about starting a college in Lynchburg, Virginia, on the site of a former resort, the Westover Hotel. Impressed by the resort's setting, Dr. Hopwood declared, "Boys, we'll take it." He purchased the site on April 18, 1903, his 60th birthday.

The stately, gray hotel was renamed Westover Hall, and it served as a multi-purpose facility with dormitories, offices, classrooms, dining hall, and a chapel. The College began its first year with 11 faculty members and 55 students, and the first graduating class consisted of five men and three women. Today, University of Lynchburg has 190 full-time faculty members and more than 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students from throughout the United States and around the world.

In 1909, the College completed construction on the first academic building, Main Hall (later named Hopwood Hall), and Carnegie Hall, a men's residence hall partially funded by a

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gift from industrialist and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. A decade later, Virginia Christian College changed its name to Lynchburg College, a reflection of its student recruitment and fundraising expanding beyond Virginia.

The campus master plan envisioned buildings in an elliptical pattern around the Dell. Hopwood Hall (1909) and Snidow Chapel (1966) were built at the east and west ends of the ellipse, symbolizing Dr. Hopwood's guiding principles of faith and reason. Schewel Hall (2005, originally Centennial Hall) completed the ellipse.

The period from 1964 to 1983 saw the largest building expansion in the institution's history, increasing the number of major buildings on campus from nine to 19. The academic program grew in that same period, and the first graduate programs were added in 1964. The growth in the academic program was a major step in the College's evolution to a university.

In 1998, Claytor Nature Center was created on a farm in Bedford County, donated by the late A. Boyd Claytor III. Used for research, education, and recreation, the 491-acre center is home to the Belk Observatory, an education building, an herbarium, an eco-lodge, a campsite, and hiking trails.

In 2003, Lynchburg College partnered with the nation of St. Lucia, and has offered educational opportunities to St. Lucian students on the Virginia campus, on the Caribbean island, and online.

The University entered a new phase of growth beginning in 2003. In addition to major projects such as the construction of Schewel Hall and the \$12 million renovation of the Drysdale Student Center (2014), the University extended campus housing to include many homes in the surrounding neighborhood, as well as new, on-campus townhouses. Additionally, several sustainability programs have helped the university protect the environment even as it has grown.

In 2011, Lynchburg College entered into a partnership with Historic Sandusky, a nearby historic home known for its role in the Civil War Battle of Lynchburg. The University now owns and operates the historic site.

In 2007, the Board of Trustees adopted a plan to pursue more graduate health sciences programs. The faculty soon approved the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, the institution's first doctoral program. Today the University also offers a Doctor of Education in Leadership Studies and a Doctor of Medical Science, one of the first doctoral degrees for physician assistants in the U.S. The University also offers 14 master's degree programs and several graduate certificates.

While expanding its graduate programs and pre-professional offerings, the institution has maintained its commitment to the liberal arts, believing that the two areas of study support one another. In 2017, the faculty passed a major revision to general education, streamlining requirements and calling for the creation of new, interdisciplinary seminar courses.

The varsity athletic program includes 21 teams for men and women, which have won more than 120 Old Dominion Athletic Conference championships. In 2014, the women's soccer team won the NCAA Division III championship, the first team national championship in the history of the University. Students also enjoy intramural and club sports for men and women.

The institution is nationally recognized for offering quality educational opportunities while building the character and the leadership ability of its students. The University of Lynchburg is one of only 40 colleges nationwide to be included in Loren Pope's Colleges That Change Lives and one of about 60 institutions nationwide selected to participate in the Bonner Leader Program.

In October 2016, the Board of Trustees adopted Vision 2020, a strategic plan focused on making the institution a national leader in student engagement in academics, athletics, and leadership. It calls for new investment in facilities and infrastructure, as well as academic and athletic programs.

A few months later, the Board voted to change the institution's name to University of Lynchburg, acknowledging more than a century of growth and evolution. The University of Lynchburg continues to lead the way in educational opportunities, standing as a tribute to the Hopwoods' pioneering spirit.

### UNIVERSITY OF LYNCHBURG 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, Virginia on 264 acres, the University of Lynchburg's beautifully landscaped campus is a showplace. More than 40 buildings, many of the Georgian style architecture, grace the campus with the Blue Ridge Mountains forming the western skyline. Nearby are newly renovated athletic fields and tennis courts.

The Health Sciences Building on Monticello Avenue is a 10-minute walk from main campus and houses the Doctor of Physical Therapy and PA Medicine programs.

A small lake is bordered by wooded hills and part of an original forest of oak, poplar, pine and dogwood.

The 491-acre Claytor Nature Center in Bedford County sits at the foot of the Blue Ridge with a spectacular view of the Peaks of Otter.

For more information about the University of Lynchburg campus, visit [www.lynchburg.edu/](http://www.lynchburg.edu/) visit to view an interactive campus map and take a virtual tour

### BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES

Hopwood Hall 1909 (formerly Main Hall); Carnegie Hall 1909; 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; 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; 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; Historic Sandusky 2016.

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### **ACADEMIC SESSIONS**

#### **Fall and Spring semesters**

The University operates under the semester system, with a yearly schedule indicated by the University calendar. Graduate courses are usually scheduled in the late afternoon and evening hours.

#### **January Term – “J Term”**

A voluntary term during the winter break provides on-campus and online opportunities for pursuit of a selection of courses. Courses taught during this term are intensive and may carry up to three hours of credit.

#### **Summer session**

The summer session offers the opportunity for acceleration of degree programs and pursuit of courses with particular appeal. Courses are intensive and the credit awarded varies with the course.

### **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

An annual University of Lynchburg 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.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The University of Lynchburg does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy (including childbirth or related medical conditions including lactation), marital status, disability, age (40 and over), sexual orientation, gender identity, or religion in its programs and activities, including admission to and employment at the University of Lynchburg.

The University of Lynchburg 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 the University of Lynchburg's compliance with Title IX, please contact:

Title IX Coordinator  
Office of Equity and Inclusion  
Flynn Multicultural Center (Second floor, Drysdale Student Center)  
1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501-3113  
434.544.8482  
titleix@lynchburg.edu

Inquiries about the application of Title IX may also be referred to the Office for Civil Rights (OCR):

Office for Civil Rights  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202-1475  
Telephone: 800.421.3481 or 202.453.6020  
FAX: 202.453.6021  
TDD: 800.877.8339  
Email: ocr@ed.gov

The University of Lynchburg 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 the University of Lynchburg's compliance with Section 504, please contact:

Accessibility and Disability Resources Coordinator  
Center for Accessibility and Disability Resources (Second floor, Hall Campus Center)  
1501 Lakeside Drive, Lynchburg, VA 24501-3113  
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The University of Lynchburg is in compliance with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in its programs and activities. For questions regarding the University of Lynchburg's compliance with the Age Discrimination Act, please contact:

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