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, VA 24501-3113, 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 its 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).

Lynchburg College is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM. 1125 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 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.

The ARC-PA (Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. 1200 Findley Road, Suite 150. Johns Creek, GA 30097 or 770.476.1224) has granted Accreditation-Provisional status to the Lynchburg College Physician Assistant Program sponsored by Lynchburg College. 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.

Lynchburg College is currently seeking accreditation for the Master of Science in Athletic Training graduate program from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). 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). The Lynchburg College bachelors level athletic training program received a ten-year reaccreditation decision after a 2009 CAATE self-study and site visit.

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, and the Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

**HISTORY**

Lynchburg College was founded in 1903 as Virginia Christian College (VCC) by Dr. Josephus Hopwood, who had come to Lynchburg, Virginia, from Milligan College in Tennessee, where he was president. He came to Lynchburg at the request of a group of Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ministers and businessmen who wanted to establish a Christian college in Virginia. Thus, the College is historically related to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Dr. Hopwood and the group of supporters purchased the Westover Hotel, a resort facility, for use as the first campus building, Westover Hall.

From its beginning, the College has been both strongly liberal arts in orientation and co-educational, a rarity in the early twentieth century, but a system in which Dr. Hopwood and his wife, Sarah Eleanor LaRue Hopwood, firmly believed. Lynchburg College is among the oldest co-educational colleges in Virginia.

In 1919, the name of the College was changed to Lynchburg College to avoid confusion with another institution in the area with the VCC designation and because the College’s church constituency had expanded beyond 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, renovated 1995; laboratory wing 1993); Shackelford Hall (1963); Freer Hall (1963); Crews and Reynolds Courts (1964); McWane Hall (1966); Snidow Chapel-
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Hebb Music Center (1966); Drysdale Student Center (1968, renovated 2014); 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 Hall (1987); expanded and renamed in 2008; Daura Art Gallery (1990; addition 1995); Beaver Point Clubhouse (1990); Bell Tower (1993); Claytor Nature Study Center Education and Research Facility (2003); Brewer, Rainsford, and Warren Townhouses (2003); Huston and Bullard Townhouses (2004); Peaks View Hall (2005); Elliot & Rosel Schewel Hall (2005); the Belk Astronomical Observatory (2007); the Health Sciences (DPT, PAM) building (2010, 2014), and Claytor Center Chandler Eco-Lodge (2014).

The presidents of Lynchburg College and the dates of their tenure are as follows:

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

Lynchburg College began offering graduate programs in 1959. The College currently awards the following degrees: bachelor of arts (BA), bachelor of science (BS), master of arts (MA), master of business administration (MBA), master of education (MEd), master of nursing (MSN), doctor of physical therapy (DPT), and EdD in leadership studies.

ACADEMIC SESSIONS

Fall and Spring Semesters
The College operates under the semester system, with a yearly schedule indicated by the College 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 opportunity for acceleration of degree programs and pursuit of courses with particular appeal. Courses are intensive and the credit awarded varies with the course.

THE CAMPUS
The grounds extend over 264 acres with a view and landscape of exceptional beauty. The Blue Ridge Mountains form the western skyline.

The campus features more than 40 buildings, predominantly of Georgian style, grouped on or near the main campus oval. Near them 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 trees. The Health Sciences building is one block away from the main campus.

The College’s 470-acre Claytor Nature Study Center, overlooking the Peaks of Otter and located nearby in Bedford County, Virginia, includes a farmhouse; an educational pavilion; an education, research, laboratory, and conference facility; an astronomical observatory; and a campground. Sustainable short-term housing for students and guests was added in 2013.