

Centered on Those We Serve

91%

VIRGINIA RESIDENTS (UNDERGRADUATES)

29%

FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

44%

PELL-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

32%

ETHNIC MINORITIES

85%

OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE AID

\$57,231

MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME FOR THOSE WITH NEED

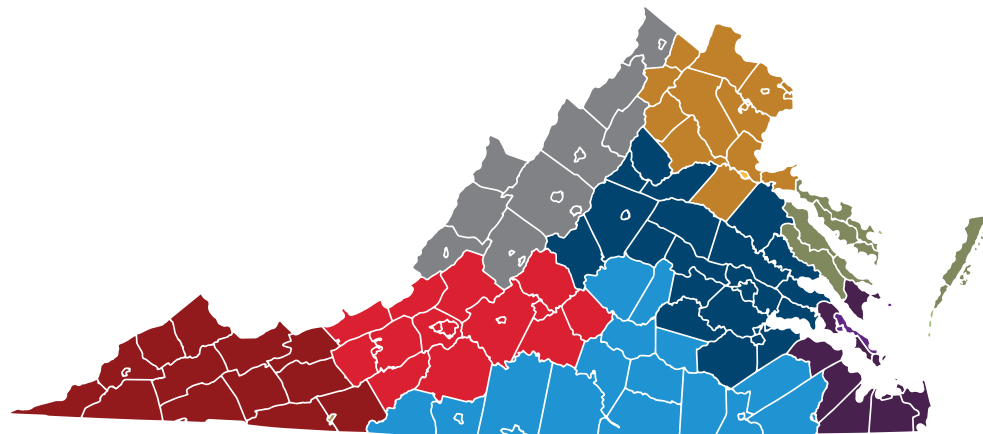
75% OF RADFORD GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED OR ARE IN GRADUATE SCHOOL IN THE COMMONWEALTH

FOURTH MOST AFFORDABLE PUBLIC INSTITUTION

SECOND -HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF IN-STATE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

FOURTH -HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS (2022-23)

Highlanders Across the Commonwealth



Valley 5%

Total students: 354
Total alumni: 2,896

Northern 19%

Total students: 1,334
Total alumni: 12,103

Eastern 1%

Total students: 43
Total alumni: 447

Hampton Roads 9%

Total students: 652
Total alumni: 5,318

Central 12%

Total students: 828
Total alumni: 8,435

Southside 7%

Total students: 464
Total alumni: 2,910

West Central 38%

Total students: 2,623
Total alumni: 17,962

Southwest 10%

Total students: 678
Total alumni: 5,107

Total Residing in Virginia | Students: 6,978 | Alumni: 54,021

Active Learning and Active Doing

- Radford celebrated the opening of the 178,000-square-foot Artis Center in September. Home to the College of Visual and Performing Arts with unique learning and collaboration spaces for students in the Waldron College of Health and Human Services and the College of Nursing, this interdisciplinary facility is fast becoming a cultural beacon to the university and local communities.
- According to the Virginia Board of Nursing, 229 Radford University graduates sat for the NCLEX-RN exam in 2023, the most among any public or private university in the Commonwealth. As of October 2024, 94% of graduates have passed the NCLEX-RN exam, exceeding the national average.
- Graduates in six Radford University health sciences programs – Emergency Services, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Occupational Therapy, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology – have 100% employment rates.
- In summer 2024, Radford University Carillon launched the Governor's School for Medicine and Health Sciences. Nineteen high school students who rank in the top 10 percent of their classes were enrolled in a month-long, residential program exploring medicine and the health sciences as a foundation for integrated study.

Making an Impact ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



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Excellence that is Easily Accessible

GROWING ENROLLMENT

- Total university enrollment grew by 3.7% from fall 2023 to fall 2024, and total in-person undergraduate enrollment grew by 10% to 5,646 students.
- Radford University experienced its second-largest year-to-year increase in new student enrollment (29%) since 1975, with significant increases in new freshmen (28%) and new transfer students (30%).
- The overall retention and graduation rate of Radford students is 86.6%, a five-year high (as of fall 2024).

GREATER ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

- Beginning in fall 2024, the **Radford Tuition Promise** covers the cost of undergraduate tuition for Virginia residents whose family AGI is \$100,000 or less.
- Direct admission is now available to students who meet standardized criteria, including a GPA of 3.3 or higher for new freshmen and 2.5 or higher for new transfers.
- **Tartan Transfer**, a collaboration with eight VCCS institutions in Western Virginia, was announced in Nov. 2024. The program streamlines the community college transfer process, allows early access to Radford student services and activities, and helps students experience an affordable pathway to a bachelor's degree.

7,812
TOTAL ENROLLMENT

6,161
UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

1,651
GRADUATE ENROLLMENT

14:1
STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO

64% FEMALE
36% MALE
Undergraduate Students

43 STATES
including
Washington, D.C.
AND 49 FOREIGN
COUNTRIES

1,866 UNDERGRADUATE, MASTER'S AND DOCTORAL DEGREES
AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED IN 2023 2024

Source: Radford University Electronic Fact Book, accessed Nov. 1, 2024

Economic Impact



\$2.2B
ALUMNI IMPACT



5,561
JOBS IMPACT



\$421.7M
ECONOMIC IMPACT

Source: Radford University Economic Impact Study 2022

Addressing Capital Needs at Radford University Carilion in Roanoke

Following its 2019 merger with Jefferson College of Health Sciences, Radford University formed Radford University Carilion (RUC) located in downtown Roanoke, building on its more than three decades of providing nursing and health sciences education in the Star City. The university currently leases space at Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital (CRCH) and the Roanoke Higher Education Center (RHEC). The two locations sit just over a mile from each other, preventing efficient use of shared space and resources and limiting the optimal integration of educational programming. Consolidating to a single dynamic facility housing all academic programs, faculty, staff and related student services will allow for enhanced delivery of programs and services, more efficient operations and increased collaboration with strategic partners in the Roanoke Innovation Corridor. This vision includes the establishment of a Center for Rural Health Sciences, which will be based in a new Roanoke facility.

- **Radford University is requesting planning funds to evaluate program execution options, conduct site analysis, develop conceptual plans, review unique compliance requirements and refine cost estimates for the university's Roanoke location.**

Dalton Hall Renovation

Dalton Hall was constructed in 1991 and serves as the primary hub for the university's main dining facility, post office and bookstore. Over its lifespan, Dalton Hall has undergone minimal renovation limited to repairs, interior updates and mechanical equipment replacements. The proposed renovation will enhance the facility to help the university meet the needs and preferences of today's students. While the primary focus is on interior spaces, the renovation project will also streamline ADA access, facilitate upgrades to mechanical and electrical systems, and ensure compliance with current building codes for all modified components. A pre-planning study was recently completed and provided valuable insight and options to move forward with the design for this project.

- **Radford University is requesting approval to move forward with the project and authorization to use \$53 million in non-general funds for the renovation.**

Meeting the Healthcare Needs of the Commonwealth

Radford University College of Nursing currently serves more than 1,400 nursing students at all degree levels and is the university's largest college. Radford educates Virginians and graduates a workforce that cares for the Commonwealth's residents – 94% of nursing undergraduates are Virginians, 86% of nursing graduates last year remained in Virginia, and 79% of nursing graduates over the past 30 years currently live in Virginia. Already having one of the largest nursing programs in Virginia, Radford experienced a 37% growth in new BSN majors over the past year and anticipates significant growth in nursing students over the next five years, which will require additional faculty. At Radford, 25% of undergraduate nursing faculty positions are vacant largely due to the significantly higher compensation offered by hospitals and healthcare systems.

- **Radford University is requesting \$2 million in operating support to offer competitive salaries to attract and retain nursing faculty to educate the significant increase in nursing students enrolled at the university. Without additional faculty, the time-to-degree will be delayed, increasing costs to students, and the university will need to cap nursing admissions in the future.**

Expanding Radford's Reach to Out-of-State Students

As Virginia approaches the demographic cliff, the number of students eligible to attend college is shrinking. While larger institutions across the Commonwealth either have stable or growing enrollments, smaller regional institutions are experiencing enrollment declines, which creates budgetary pressures in an already challenging higher education environment. At Radford, 91% of undergraduates are Virginians, and the university has capacity to enroll additional out-of-state students. In recent years, the General Assembly has authorized several public institutions to charge a reduced tuition to out-of-state students.

- **Radford University seeks the authority to offer reduced tuition to out-of-state students to utilize available capacity on campus and increase Virginia's talent pipeline.**