**Surgical Technology Program Transition from Radford University Carilion to Virginia Western Community College**

*The Transition from RUC to Virginia Western*

* The Surgical Technology program at Radford University Carilion (RUC) will transition to become a program offered at Virginia Western Community College beginning with the Fall 2022 semester.
* RUC and Virginia Western share common missions and values, and are committed to growing the healthcare workforce, contributing to the economic engine in this region and throughout Virginia.
* Both institutions are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
* The Surgical Technology program will continue to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (www.caahep.org) upon the recommendation of Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA).

*What It Means for Current and Prospective Surgical Technology Students*

* Students will be based at Virginia Western Community College, taking didactic or classroom-based courses at that location. Some clinical or lab-based courses will take place at RUC in the operating labs on the sixth floor of Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital.
* For current and prospective students who graduate from the program after the Spring and Summer 2022 semesters, degrees will be conferred from Virginia Western Community College.
* RUC and Virginia Western will honor the students’ current plan of study, ensuring they continue to receive the same high quality education, clinical experiences and eligibility to sit for licensing exams. Future students will follow the Virginia Community College Surg Tech plan of study.
* Class sizes are expected to remain approximately the same after the transition from RUC to Virginia Western Community College.
* Leadership of the Surgical Technology Program will remain largely consistent with Morgan Boyd taking on the role of Program Director in addition to being an instructor, and Brandi Thomason continuing becoming the clinical coordinator and instructor.
* Students must apply to Virginia Western directly for the Fall 2022 semester. For more information about Virginia Western Community College and applying, contact Pam Woody, VWCC Admissions, at PWoody@virginiawestern.edu.