

Centered on Those We Serve

92%
VIRGINIA RESIDENTS (UNDERGRADUATES)

31%
FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

45%
PELL-ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

32%
ETHNIC MINORITIES

88%
OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE AID

\$50,646
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME FOR THOSE WITH NEED

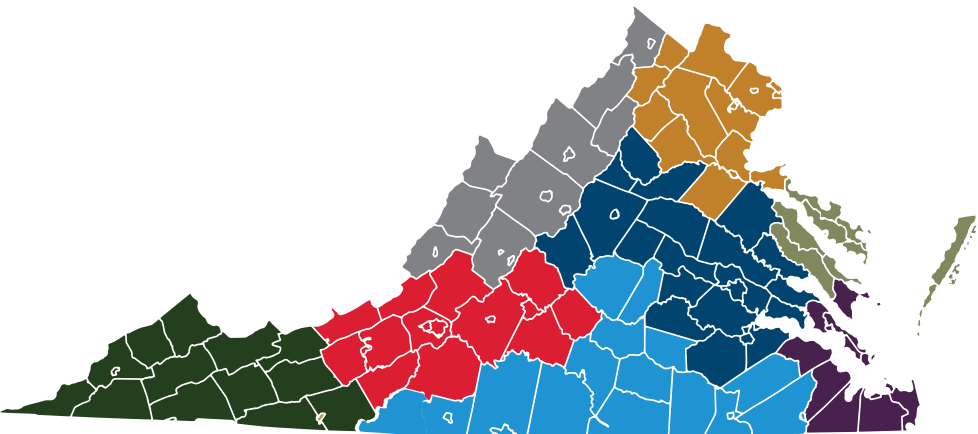
75% OF RADFORD GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED OR ARE IN
GRADUATE SCHOOL IN THE COMMONWEALTH

FOURTH MOST AFFORDABLE PUBLIC INSTITUTION

SECOND HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF IN-STATE
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

FOURTH HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS (2023-24)

Highlanders Across the Commonwealth



Valley 5%
Total students: 334
Total alumni: 3,222

Northern 18%
Total students: 1,275
Total alumni: 13,120

Eastern 1%
Total students: 36
Total alumni: 476

Hampton Roads 9%
Total students: 620
Total alumni: 5,799

Central 11%
Total students: 804
Total alumni: 9,120

Southside 7%
Total students: 500
Total alumni: 3,253

West Central 39%
Total students: 2,274
Total alumni: 19,550

Southwest 10%
Total students: 707
Total alumni: 5,630

Total Residing in Virginia | Students: 7,050 | Alumni: 60,170

Active Learning and Active Doing

- Radford University's RU CARES (Community Access, Resources, Education, and Service) Academic Mobile Health Clinic is a transformative initiative that brings together education, service and innovative strategies to strengthen rural health systems, expand access to care and build the next generation of the rural healthcare workforce. The academic mobile health clinic program will educate and train health-profession students to deliver essential healthcare services that include screenings, primary care, acute care, mental health support and community outreach to rural and underserved populations in Southwest Virginia.
- According to the Virginia Board of Nursing, 177 Radford University graduates sat for the NCLEX-RN exam in 2024, making Radford one of the top producers of nurses across the Commonwealth. Last year, over 94% of graduates passed the NCLEX-RN exam, exceeding the national average.
- Graduates in seven Radford University health sciences programs – emergency services, medical laboratory sciences, nursing, occupational therapy, physician assistant, physical therapy and speech-language pathology – have 100% employment rates.
- Radford University hosts the Governor's School for Medicine and Health Sciences in Roanoke. High school students across the Commonwealth are enrolled in a monthlong residential program exploring medicine and the health sciences.

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Making an Impact
ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH



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Excellence that is Easily Accessible

GROWING ENROLLMENT

- Total university enrollment grew by 4.1% from fall 2023 to fall 2025, and total in-person undergraduate enrollment grew by over 8%, exceeding 5,500.
- Over 2,000 new freshmen and new transfers enrolled for the fall 2025 semester, along with nearly 600 new degree-seeking graduate students, more than any year in the past 30 years.
- The overall success rate of Radford undergraduates who were retained or graduated was 84%. Sophomores had a retention rate of 87.7% – their highest on record.

GREATER ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

- Established 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 November 2024. The program streamlines the community college transfer process, allows early access to Radford student services and activities and offers students an affordable pathway to a bachelor’s degree.

2026 State Priorities

► Making One-Time Investments Ongoing

Radford University is grateful for the key investments included in Chapter 725, the amended state budget for the 2024-26 biennium approved by the 2025 General Assembly. These include \$2.1 million for nursing workforce initiatives, \$1.8 million in additional operating support to maintain affordability and an additional \$609,000 for undergraduate need-based financial aid. The university is requesting that the one-time funding for these initiatives be converted to ongoing funds.

The governor’s introduced budget included partial funding for these items, and the university will be requesting that these items be fully funded in FY 2027 and FY 2028 and permanently added to our base budget. Without the continuation of this state funding, the university would be forced to either make deeper cuts across critical programs and operations or raise tuition more than desired.

► Attracting and Retaining New Talent for the Commonwealth

As Virginia approaches the demographic cliff, the number of students eligible to attend college is shrinking. While larger institutions across the Commonwealth have either stable or growing enrollments, smaller regional institutions have the potential to experience enrollment declines which will create budgetary pressures in an already challenging environment. Radford University has the capacity to enroll additional out-of-state students; in recent years, the General Assembly has authorized several public institutions to charge a reduced tuition for out-of-state students. Radford University is requesting authority in partnership with Christopher Newport University and other public universities to offer a reduced tuition to out-of-state students to utilize available capacity and increase Virginia’s talent pipeline.

► Addressing Health Sciences Capital Needs in Roanoke

Radford will be requesting full construction funds for a new academic building in Roanoke in 2027; detailed planning was authorized by the Commonwealth in 2025. The new facility will combine health science programs housed in two leased facilities into one purpose-built professional campus in Roanoke, improving space management and providing a facility to attract, educate and retain future healthcare professionals in the region.

Radford University currently leases space in the Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital and the Roanoke Higher Education Center, but there are infrastructure challenges and space constraints that impact growth.

This building located in the Roanoke Innovation Corridor will anchor our vision for our Center for Rural Health, where we will prepare nurses, physician assistants, physical and respiratory therapists and other professionals to serve communities too often overlooked in the healthcare landscape. The need is real, and we are ready; the future facility housing the center will change the health trajectory of rural Virginia for generations. Radford has been a health education provider in Roanoke for almost 40 years, and almost 900 in-person students and 191 faculty and staff are based in Roanoke.

7,837
TOTAL ENROLLMENT

6,206
UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT

1,631
GRADUATE ENROLLMENT

14:1
STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO

64% FEMALE
36% MALE
Undergraduate students

41 STATES
including Washington, D.C.
AND 53 FOREIGN COUNTRIES

2,017 UNDERGRADUATE, MASTER’S AND DOCTORAL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED IN 2024-2025

Economic Impact

\$2.2B ALUMNI IMPACT

5,561 JOBS IMPACT

\$421.7M ECONOMIC IMPACT

Source: Radford University Economic Impact Study 2022