

College Information

The College

Virginia Western Community College is a two-year public institution of higher education operating under a statewide system of community colleges. The College operates under the policies established by the State Board for Community Colleges and the Virginia Western Community College Local Board. It derives its charter from the General Assembly of Virginia through the Community College Act of 1966. The College is financed primarily by state funds; however, local governments and the educational foundation also provide support.

The service region of the College includes Roanoke, Salem, Roanoke County, Craig County, southern Botetourt County, and northern Franklin County. Day, evening, and weekend classes are provided on a 70-acre campus located in southwest Roanoke. Classes are also offered at off-campus locations in the area. The College was established in 1966 and has grown from an initial enrollment of 1,352 students to its current enrollment of over 9,000.

Vision Statement

As a student-oriented center for lifelong learning, Virginia Western Community College will meet the needs of our diverse community by providing comprehensive educational programs and workforce development.

Mission Statement

Virginia Western Community College provides affordable, accessible, and quality educational opportunities and workforce training to meet individual, community, and global needs.

Approved by the Virginia Western Community College Local Board on December 5, 2007

Core Values

Integrity

- Maintain the highest standards of honesty, fairness, and ethical conduct

Excellence

- Encourage our students, faculty, and staff to strive for academic, professional, and personal excellence
- Pursue continuous improvement and high quality in staffing, facilities, programs, and services

Service

- Foster a community that demonstrates care and support for students, faculty, staff, and the citizens of our service region
- Promote service to others

Community

- Respect and appreciate all cultures, learning styles, and ideas that reflect the community we serve
- Provide access to services and programs for all students who may benefit
- Promote a safe and secure environment that facilitates student learning

Institutional Goals

In striving to fulfill its mission in the most effective way possible, the College has established the following goals. Virginia Western Community College will...

Goal 1:

Promote effective teaching and learning through quality instruction, programs, and services designed to meet the needs of a diverse student body.

Goal 2:

Cultivate relationships and partnerships with the educational community, business, industry, and government to create educational and workforce development opportunities to support economic vitality.

Goal 3:

Practice sound stewardship of financial, physical, and technological resources to support high quality programs and services.

Goal 4:

Foster a safe and secure campus environment that is conducive to learning.

Approved by the Virginia Western Community College Local Board on May 21, 2009

Accreditation

Virginia Western Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate 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 Virginia Western Community College.

The College is a member of the Virginia Community College System and is approved by the State Board for Community Colleges. Virginia Western is also approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. Certain curricula of the College are accredited by specialized accrediting organizations. They include business programs accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, health technology programs accredited by the Virginia State Board of Nursing, the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, and the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation.

College Facilities

Virginia Western is divided by Colonial Avenue into North and South Campuses. The **South Campus** has eight buildings, four of which were acquired in 1966 from the Roanoke Technical Institute.

- **Chapman Hall** houses Admissions, Records, Advising & Retention Services, Cashier, Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs and the Student Services Division Office.
- **Craig Hall** contains the College Bookstore.
- **Duncan Hall** contains classrooms and faculty offices.
- **Webber Hall**, alongside Colonial Avenue, houses the laboratories for automated manufacturing, Cisco, construction engineering, drafting, electrical, electromechanical microcomputer systems, CAD, and engineering microcomputers; HVAC and Welding; classrooms for accounting, management, paralegal studies, and the engineering and technology programs; faculty offices for accounting, management, and engineering and technology faculty; and the School of Business, Engineering and Technology Office. The Office of Instructional

Technology and Distance Learning is also housed in this building.

- The **Humanities Building** on the South Campus opened in November 1994. The 30,000 square-foot building houses studios, gallery, lecture, and computer graphics lab spaces for the Art Department, as well as a photography darkroom and laboratory space, general classrooms, and a gymnasium.
 - The **Thomas Center for Advanced Studies** consolidates the four-year baccalaureate offerings on campus and houses the Radford University and Old Dominion University programs for upper-level studies.
 - A 2,100 square foot greenhouse, along with a two-acre **Community Arboretum**, is also located on South Campus.
 - The **Student Center** houses the Hall Associates Career and Employment Assistance Center, Student Support Services, Student Activities, and Student Government Association.
- The **North Campus** has four buildings with a center courtyard referred to as the Courtyard of Four Seasons. The campus was dedicated on October 23, 1969, and its buildings were named after influential people in education or in the development of the southwestern Virginia region.
- **Fishburn Hall**, the administrative building, houses the offices of the President, the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, the Vice President of Financial and Administrative Services, Workforce Development/ Lifelong Learning, the Business Office, Human Resources, Payroll Office, Public Relations and Marketing, Grants, and the Educational Foundation.
 - Opposite Fishburn Hall is the Science and Mathematics building, **Anderson Hall**. Anderson Hall contains facilities for the Health Technology programs: Nursing, Dental Hygiene, Radiography, plus Science and Mathematics. Anderson Hall also houses laboratories for the natural sciences, classrooms, faculty offices, and the Reading Center. The Dental Hygiene Clinic, which is open to the public and offers services at no charge, is also located in Anderson Hall.
 - Located beside Fishburn Hall is **Brown Library**. The Library houses the Learning Technology Center (which has an open computer lab), Math Center, and the Child Care Media Center.
 - The **Business Science Building**, alongside Colonial Avenue, contains Information & Educational

Technology Services, and Printing Services, plus classrooms, laboratories, and faculty offices for the Administrative Management Technology, Information Systems Technology, and Practical Nursing programs. The open computer laboratory is located in room M302, and the hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Hours may vary during the summer semester. A Campus Commons area, drama and speech classroom, theater workshop, and the Whitman Theatre are also located in this building on the ground level.

- The campus also has a bridge spanning Colonial Avenue that connects Webber Hall and the Business Science Building. This connection makes it possible to access both North and South Campuses without physically crossing Colonial Avenue.
- A covered walkway connects Webber Hall to Chapman Hall, Craig Hall, and Duncan Hall. An enclosed walkway connects Duncan Hall to the Humanities Building. These walkways allow convenient access to the buildings on South Campus.
- The College's six lighted tennis courts are located on North Campus.

Workforce Development Services/Lifelong Learning

The Workforce Development Services/Lifelong Learning Division provides training, resources, skills information and assessment, and educational support services to the business community. Whether you have 5 or 5,000 employees, Virginia Western can customize training to suit your employment needs and training budget.

If your business or organization needs *solution-focused training or employee development*, our advisors can assist. We can come to you and your employees or train in our facilities located throughout the region.

Virginia Western's Workforce Development Services can provide state-of-the-art training and re-training resources, consultation and support services to your business. We *customize* classes to meet your schedule. Customized training can include computer training, customer service, supervisory skills, time management, and leadership skills.

Vision

The strategic vision of Workforce Development is to provide responsive and innovative approaches to the needs of our business community.

Mission

The mission of Workforce Development Services/Lifelong Learning at Virginia Western Community College is to:

- Provide substantive educational and training services to the citizens and employers within the College's service area;
 - Develop sustainable partnerships with business, governments and the citizenry of the Roanoke region in order to promote the economic vitality of the area; and
 - Provide Work Keys® job assessments for schools, industry and the region.
- Our mission can be accomplished through adherence to the following priorities:
- Efficient "just in time" training and educational delivery strategies;
 - Business, industrial, and organizational personnel development partnerships;
 - Commitment to the development of higher-level business and industrial training;
 - Development of comprehensive curricula for nontraditional training and educational programs that incorporate technology and manufacturing standards;
 - Promotion of continuous improvement of workforce development programs and services in an effort to increase participation of underemployed and underrepresented populations; and
 - Advancement of certified education and training programs for workforce development professionals.

For additional information, contact:

Workforce Development Services/Lifelong Learning
 Virginia Western Community College
 Fishburn Hall - Main Campus
 P. O. Box 14007
 Roanoke, VA 24038-4007
 Telephone: (540) 857-6076

Off-Campus Workforce Development Sites

Greenfield Education and Training Center

Greenfield Education and Training Center, located in Daleville, Virginia, is a 40,000 sq. ft. development facility dedicated to serving the training and education needs of regional employers, employees, and local citizenry. The building houses advanced training and technological resources designed to deliver the best in technological programming. Phone: (540) 966-3984.

Roanoke Higher Education Center

Roanoke Higher Education Center is located in downtown Roanoke, Virginia. The space is dedicated to serving workforce development needs through its advanced computer labs. Phone: (540) 857-6076.

The Franklin Center for Advanced Learning & Enterprise

The Franklin County Center connects job seekers and employers with workforce development services. Our partnership brings together service providers committed to serving the needs of residents, businesses, students, and the community. Phone: (540) 483-0179 ext. 2116.