



## Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers



### WHO ARE WE?

The Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers is a collaboration of educators, employers, and economic development professionals in the Roanoke and New River Valleys, the Alleghany Highlands, and the greater Lynchburg region. As members of GO Virginia Region 2, we're committed to improving health sciences education and aligning instruction to meet the workforce needs of the region's health employers, including hospitals, health systems, long-term care facilities, and biotech and life sciences companies.

### Our Partnership uses a new model for health sciences education and workforce development that:

- Meets the rapidly growing need for qualified clinical and administrative staff
- Supports the region's emerging health and life sciences sector
- Attracts established companies seeking to expand or relocate



### OUR GOALS

#### Some important Partnership goals include:

- Closing gaps in education between school districts, community colleges, and four-year institutions
- Ensuring credits in the relevant curriculum can transfer between community colleges and four-year institutions
- Increasing access to industry training, certifications, and degrees for students and instructors
- Eliminating barriers to program success by increasing the number of credentialed instructors, expanding work-based learning opportunities, and addressing student transportation costs
- Ensuring the region has qualified health sciences professionals to meet the needs of our region's health employers, helping to attract and retain companies seeking to move to our region, and supporting staffing needs for emerging businesses

BRPHSC leaders have created a public-private approach to instruction which leverages existing resources, standardizes rigorous curriculum informed by employers, and fits it inside the education system from K-12 through post-secondary levels.

