



Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers



WHO ARE WE?

Blue Ridge Partnership for Health Science Careers is a collaboration of educators, employers, economic development professionals, and community partners in GO Virginia Region 2, which includes the areas of Roanoke, New River Valley, Alleghany and greater Lynchburg. This employer-led coalition follows a collective impact model to align and integrate actions of over 54 stakeholder groups (and growing), all striving to support the health, life sciences and biotechnology sector. Carilion Clinic serves as the anchor organization, providing staff and overseeing efforts to improve health sciences education to meet regional workforce needs.

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 health, life sciences and biotechnology sector
- Attracts established companies seeking to expand or relocate

It also provides a forum in which diverse stakeholders work together to identify opportunities, solve practical problems, break down silos, reduce duplication and improve outcomes.



OUR GOALS

Partnership Goals Include:

- Establish a rigorous, standardized K-16 Health Sciences curriculum with stackable degrees and certifications
- Accelerate certifications and degrees in high-need jobs
- Establish employer-provided instructors to academic institutions for in-demand jobs
- Inform the need for internal training programs
- Address employee retention and career advancement
- Reduce barriers to education and training
- Coordinate legislative activities
- Collaborate on funding sources
- Share best practices for replication

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.

