



THE
Waldron College
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



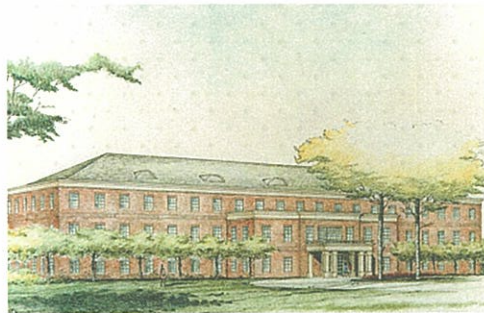
R A D F O R D U N I V E R S I T Y

Quality of life

doesn't happen by accident.



Education is an integral part of a healthy society. Civilization, in the truest sense of the word, requires citizens who are educated for lifetimes that contribute to the well-being of the entire community. Our students are intellectually and experientially prepared to use their acquired skills in practical ways that benefit others. We teach students to learn fully so that others can live fully.



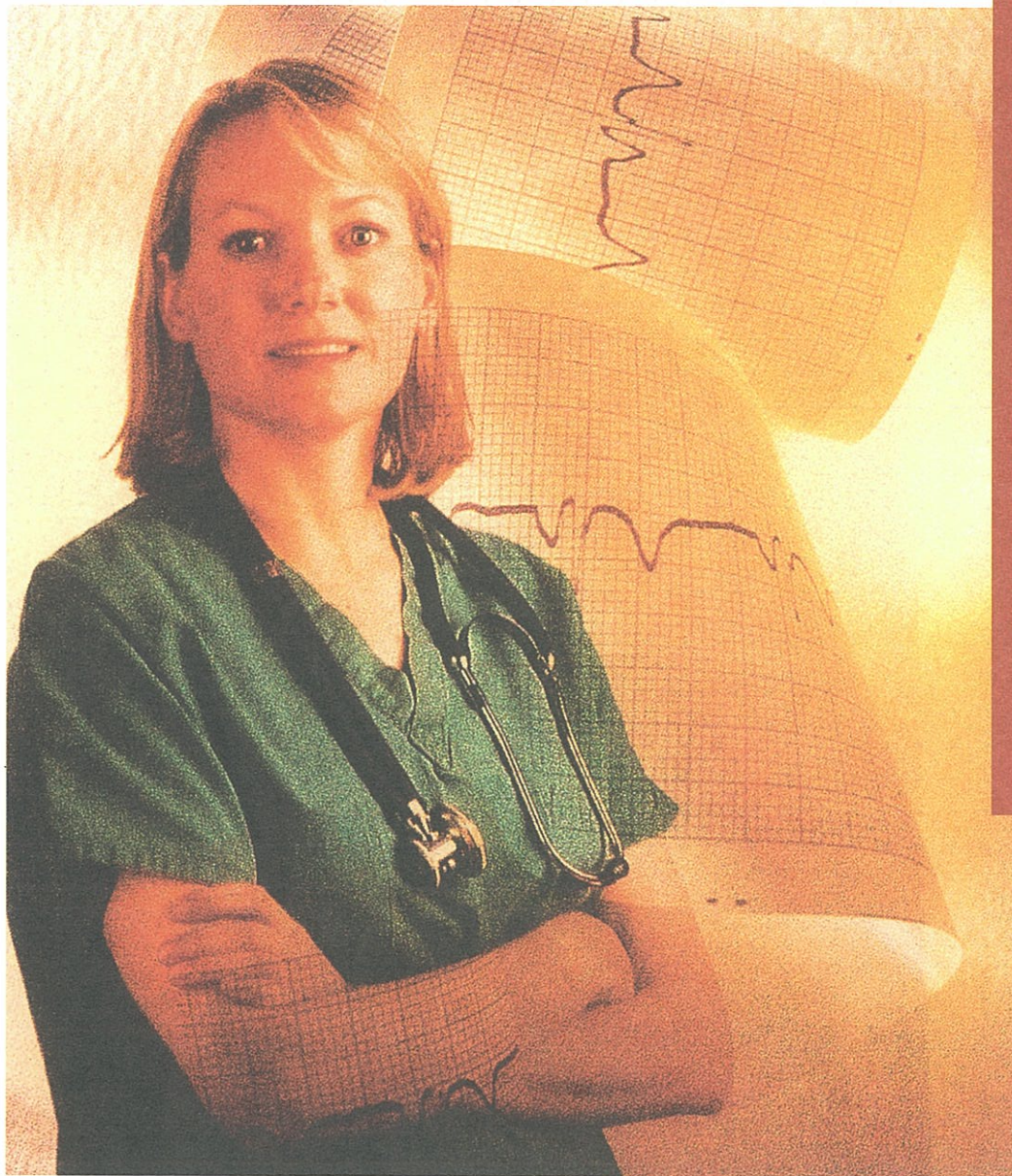
The College has benefited from the generosity of Elbert, Evelyn and Karen Waldron, benefactors for whom the building is named. This \$7.5 million facility will house a state of the art interdisciplinary clinic, an electronic health information resource center, laboratories, classrooms and offices. Each year, more than 40 students in the college receive Waldron scholarships.

The vision for the Waldron College is to become the country's most comprehensive and technologically sophisticated educational environment where students, faculty and community partners work side by side to provide high quality educational and service experiences.

The College prepares students to be lifelong learners. Close to 100 percent of RU graduates secure a position in the working world or are accepted into a graduate program. Excellent graduate programs are available in Communication Sciences and Disorders, Nursing and Social Work.

The Waldron College integrates classroom education with experiential learning, such as internships, practica and clinical training, in order to

provide students with the knowledge and experience they will need to succeed. The programs combine a strong liberal arts and science base with discipline-specific study to develop graduates who contribute to the health and well-being of society. Small class sizes, innovative curricula, strong student-faculty relations and excellent student support services create a rich learning environment.



The Elbert H. and Evelyn J. Waldron College of Health and Human Services is the region's only comprehensive, university-based educational environment where students can obtain professional level degrees in nursing, social work, foods and nutrition, communication sciences and disorders and leisure services. The hallmark of professional education in the Waldron College is the emphasis on experiential, community-based learning where the latest theoretical and practical knowledge is applied to improve the quality of life of people of all ages.

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Learning
Serving
Realizing

WELLNESS

Here's how we help

Communicating

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders develops speech-language pathologists and audiologists who are knowledgeable, thoughtful, skilled and capable of working independently.

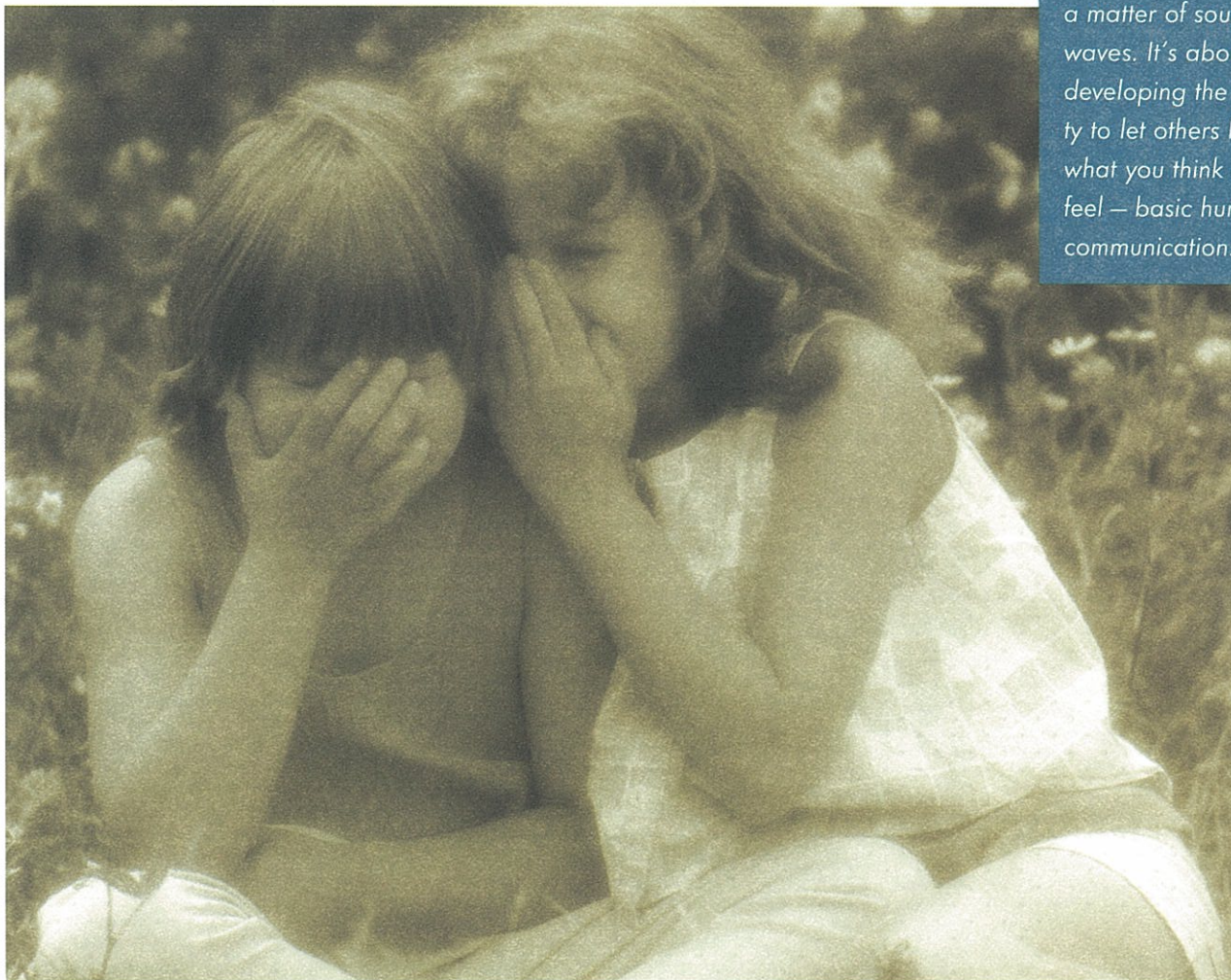
Students gain clinical experience in the on-campus interdisciplinary clinic or the Summer Child Language Clinic, sponsored by the Scottish Rite Foundation.

Estimates are that nearly 41 million people suffer from a speech, language or hearing disorder.

There is a rapidly-growing need for speech/language pathologists and audiologists to work in hospitals, nursing homes, developmental child care centers, public schools, industrial or residential facilities and doctor's offices.

RU graduates are well-prepared to meet this need. The university has established a reputation for providing some of the best-educated professionals in the field. It's a reputation that we're proud of and work hard to preserve.

To speak and to hear. It's more than a matter of sound waves. It's about developing the ability to let others know what you think and feel — basic human communication.



FOODS AND NUTRITION

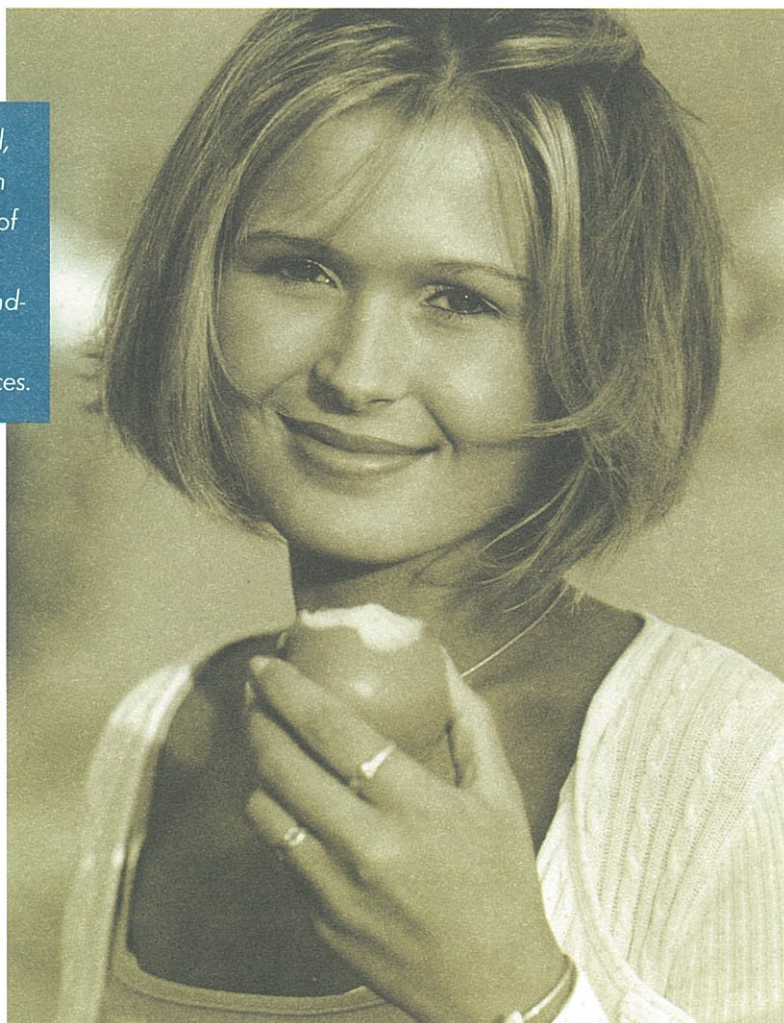
Nourishing

The Foods and Nutrition Program offers an undergraduate degree with a concentration in dietetics or food service management. These programs are designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in healthcare and food service agencies, two of the largest employers in the U.S. Upon graduation, students are eligible for entrance into accredited one-year internships or approved pre-professional practice programs

qualifying them for writing the examination to be Registered Dietitians.

Dietitians are employed in hospitals, wellness clinics, public health departments, private health-related agencies and in consulting positions with pharmaceutical and food companies. The food service management program prepares students for management positions in retail, institutional and health-care food service facilities.

Without the right fuel, no body can function efficiently. The study of foods and nutrition is about creatively blending preferences with the best possible choices.





Having fun can be healthy. People need rest, relaxation, recreation, sports and invigorating "play" to maintain their emotional well-being, not to mention their sanity. Whether it's a city recreation program, resort, nursing home, athletic center, playground or campground, leisure services professionals educated at RU are at the forefront of transforming lives.

LEISURE SERVICES

Refreshing

The Department of Leisure Services offers degrees in leisure services, with three different options: leisure services management, therapeutic recreation or outdoor recreation education. The program prepares students for professional leadership roles in municipal park and recreation

agencies, correctional institutions, church and religious-affiliated agencies, camping and outdoor settings and federal and state governmental units.

Students in Leisure Services work closely with faculty and community agencies to acquire the professional knowledge and

skills needed to succeed in a dynamic and changing work environment.

An interdisciplinary master's degree program with a concentration in environmental and experiential education is offered in conjunction with the College of Education and Human Development.

Healing

Healing involves not only the body, but the mind, emotions, the seen and the unseen. Nurses treat the whole person, interacting in holistic ways that promote optimal health.

RU believes that nurses should be educated, not just trained. That's why we offer both undergraduate and graduate degree programs that prepare nurses to meet the healthcare challenges of the future.

Our graduates emerge as professional nurses with extensive classroom and clinical experience. Students are responsible and accountable for professional nursing practice in keeping with the American Nurses' Association Standards of Nursing Practice.

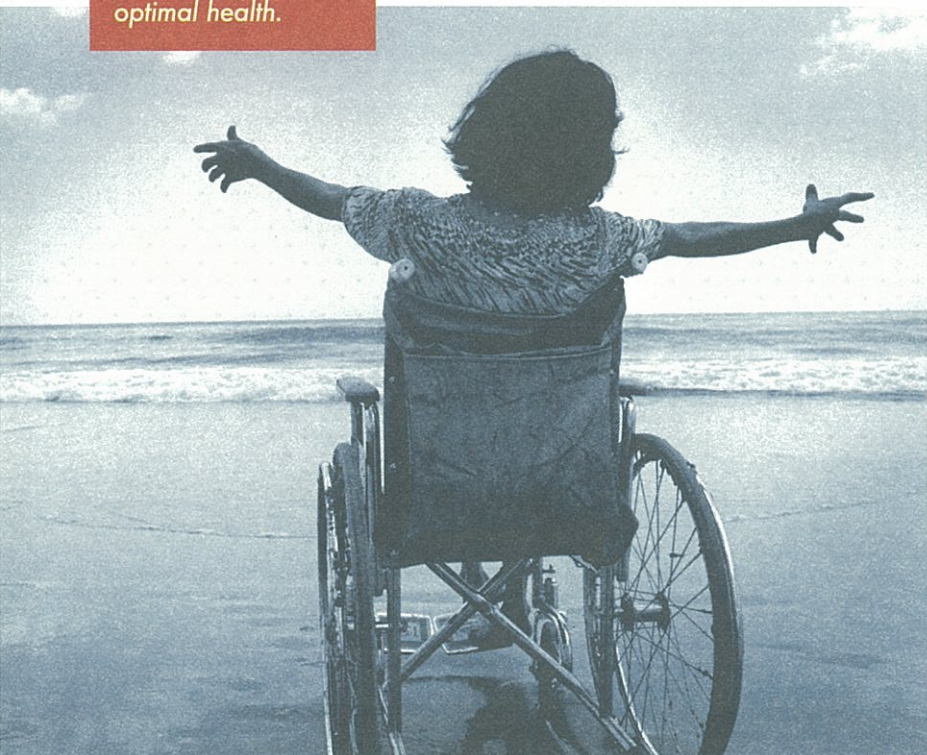
The School of Nursing offers registered nurses the opportunity to earn a bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN) through an innovative accelerated program.

Estimates are that, within a few years, the nation's

supply of master's prepared advanced practice nurses will be less than half the projected national requirement. These shortages are projected to be even greater in rural areas. That is why RU is placing an emphasis on rural healthcare and the preparation of advanced practice nurses.

The nation's future population will include a greater percentage of elderly, and RU is preparing to meet this need as well. The School of Nursing recently won a national award for its gerontological nursing program. RU was one of only five universities nationwide to be recognized by the John A. Hartford Foundation for the excellence of its gerontological nursing program.

RU-educated nurses are known for providing first-rate care that is personal and professional.





Social workers help people see what is possible and achieve it. They're experts in providing people options and networks to attain the highest possible quality of life.

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Supporting

The School of Social Work offers a comprehensive professional program designed to prepare individuals for social work practice. Social workers are professionals trained to help people cope with a wide range of human problems in various human service settings.

The Bachelor of Social Work degree is accepted as the entry-level educational credential for

beginning social work practice. Radford graduates are eligible to apply for advanced standing in graduate social work programs, including the Radford University Master of Social Work program.

RU Social Work graduates are employed in many government and nonprofit agencies that are devoted to helping people live full and abundant lives.

Academic advising is essential to the well-being of students and provides help in establishing realistic goals and meeting the academic needs of students.

Transfer students are encouraged and advising assistance is available to all.

The mission of academic advising in the Waldron College of Health and Human Services is to provide academic support to students pursuing their undergraduate degree by providing information and appropriate referrals related to degree programs, career goals and life goals. This mission is accomplished by offering accurate and timely information on academic requirements, policies and procedures and career choices. Academic Advising is more than just selecting courses and registering for classes: academic advising is vital to student success.



PUTTING CARING AND KNOWLEDGE

Into action.



As part of their education, students in the Waldron College might learn to:

- vaccinate a child
- develop health education material
- design a safe playground
- develop a nutritional plan to help someone regain their strength following an illness
- help a stroke victim recover the ability to speak
- help a child learn to communicate through a shared love of reading
- assess hearing damage in infants and take corrective action
- help someone find a job and become self-sufficient
- develop therapeutic recreational activities for elderly nursing home residents

Yes, quality of life doesn't happen by accident. It comes through education, as students in the Waldron College learn and practice the highest standards of their respective professions – professions which make a practical and beneficial difference in the lives of many by

Investing in Lifestyles.



Located near the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains in Southwestern Virginia and nestled in the New River Valley, Radford University provides a serene setting for study and learning and for family-community gatherings. RU is student-focused and promotes a sense of caring and of meaningful interaction among all members of the university community.

The university has a strong commitment to continuous review, evaluation and improvement in the curriculum, offering 112 undergraduate degree options and 45 programs at the graduate level.

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Our programs are accredited by the following agencies:

American Speech-Language
Hearing Association

American Dietetic Association

National Council on Accreditation
for Park, Recreation and Leisure
Services

National League of Nursing
Accrediting Council

Council on Social Work Education

Commission on Collegiate
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