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Hello and welcome to the Valley.

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Today I am your host, Janet Michael.

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It is Laurel Ridge Community College Day.

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Guy Curtis back on the Zooms with me.

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He is director of marketing.

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We're talking healthcare on the show today, Guy Curtis, because it is a huge need in our area.

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There are a ton of jobs.

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that are going unfilled right now because people are not skilled to fill them.

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And that's the gap that you at Laurel Ridge Community College hopes to fill.

00:00:37 Guy Curtis

Absolutely, Janet.

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We at the college are always looking to fill those in-demand careers and job opportunities within our service region and beyond.

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And much like IT, trades, advanced manufacturing, healthcare continues to be in demand.

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There's always a need.

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And I think today is a great opportunity to showcase one of the most in-demand programs we have at our college, nursing.

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but also too sharing that there's many other healthcare programs we provide, but nursing is a great way to get started.

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And we have two great guests on today to talk about that opportunity.

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Joining us for the conversation today is Dr.

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Scott Vanderkooi.

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He is Dean of Health Professions at Laurel Ridge Community College.

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Dr.

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Amanda Hodges is with us as well.

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She is the interim director of the nursing program.

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Scott, I want to start with you because some from the outside looking in would go a community college with a health professions department.

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Why?

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Why in the world would you need that?

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You absolutely need that there at Laurel Ridge.

00:01:31 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

Yeah, Janet, thanks.

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I think it's interesting how many people don't really realize the power of.

00:01:38 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

of a certificate or two-year degree.

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The mission of the community college is to meet the needs of our region.

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We've got 23 community colleges throughout the state of Virginia, Laurel Ridge being one that is serving this upper end of the Shenandoah Valley all the way over to Fauquier County where we have our Warrenton campus.

00:01:57 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

Our goal is to make sure that the needs of our community are met.

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The health professions is a huge need.

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We've got an aging population and our local community members, a lot of them don't understand that you don't have to go to a very expensive, prestigious four-year university in like Johns Hopkins to become a physician.

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There are ways that you can be involved in your community and have these high wage jobs similar to

00:02:27 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

what we're talking about today, nursing.

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The pay for nursing is well above a minimum wage that you might think of that our high school age students are graduating with.

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They're coming to community college, jumping in two years later, leaving and filling these high demand jobs.

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Majority of our programs have 100% placement rates where they graduate from our health professions degree programs or even one year certificate programs, and they have a job the next day.

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We've got really

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good, solid programs that give our students the opportunities to stay in their local community, have those ties that they have with their families, and give back through serving others in the health professions field.

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50 years ago, 100 years ago, the health professions field was doctors and nurses.

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Those were usually your only two options.

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And that couldn't be more different than it is today.

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There are dozens and dozens of fields that you can get into.

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to under that health professions umbrella.

00:03:30 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

Absolutely.

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We do partner with our key community members that are employers, and we ask our employers, our local employers, what do you have?

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What jobs do you currently have that are going unfilled?

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A lot of our community members have such a heart and a passion for service to others, but maybe they don't think that health professions is right for them.

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We have anything and everything in the service industry.

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So maybe you don't want to be a nurse.

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Maybe you're not prepared for the direct hands-on healthcare delivery methods, but you feel that you could be a surgical technician.

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Maybe you could help out in the OR where you're not necessarily doing the surgery, so to speak, like a physician would.

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but you are making sure that physician has all the tools necessary to be successful.

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So that surgery is successful because of you.

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Or maybe you want to be behind the scenes and you're running the labs and you are the scientist that is helping that doctor make sure they can make a good diagnosis.

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Maybe you like a little more autonomy and want to go run 911 calls and still provide patient care, but also have a little sense of adrenaline on the public safety side.

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There is literally any personality type, any skill set, it touches all over in the health professions world.

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And then of course, if you want to be working in a healthcare setting, they need IT, they need HVAC.

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All of these things that we offer can still give back to the community, still have that intrinsic need for service for others in just about any arena that you can think of.

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We offer it.

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To Scott's point, nurses don't just work in hospitals anymore.

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Now I will tell you I have a special place in my heart for nurses 'cause my mother-in-law is a retired nurse from Valley Health from Winchester Medical Center.

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But nurses don't just work in hospitals anymore either.

00:05:28 Dr. Amanda Hodges

No, this is one of the best things about the nursing career is there are so many opportunities in multiple settings.

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I myself have had great opportunities to work in the public health department in doctors offices and also

00:05:42 Dr. Amanda Hodges

in hospitals throughout my career, and always needing to learn a new skill within nursing for each one of those jobs.

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So it's a great profession where you can switch jobs and try new things, as well as meeting whatever interest you have in the nursing field, in the medical field.

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Is there, do you think, a misconception out there about how long it takes to go through the education portion of becoming a nurse, and maybe that deters some people from even starting?

00:06:10 Dr. Amanda Hodges

This is exactly why we have to get the word out about our program in the community college.

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It is a great option to get nurses working within two years of their education.

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And they finish, they go on to continue their education, but they do that by going into the workforce and getting support from our clinical partners to continue their education.

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It is one of the best entry points for nursing, the community college nursing program.

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I cannot say enough about how exciting it is to get nurses out in two years and see what they can do after they get out and go into the clinical partners.

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I did not even know that that could be done in two years or less.

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I assumed it was some sort of four year at a minimum program, so that is great news.

00:06:53 Dr. Amanda Hodges

It's very exciting because they've changed a lot of the models for nursing schools over the years, and we've seen many different options for nurses.

00:07:01 Dr. Amanda Hodges

It's much different even from when I went to nursing school, but now the entry point to get into

00:07:07 Dr. Amanda Hodges

the field working with the community health two-year degree is one of the best options for nurses out there.

00:07:12 Dr. Amanda Hodges

It's definitely cost-effective, gets them out into the community working, and then again, they get the support from their clinical partners and their clinical jobs to continue their education.

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Scott, we talk about this a lot when we're talking about most any program at Laurel Ridge Community College is that this isn't necessarily a program where you have to come Monday through Friday, 9 to 5, sit in a classroom.

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You tweak these classes

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classes to sometimes meet people's schedules and you can make them much more customized and individualized for people.

00:07:44 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

Yeah, absolutely.

00:07:45 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

We do have some really exciting opportunities coming up.

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But overarching goal whenever we have programs is, like I said earlier, meet the needs of our community.

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We understand that a lot of our upcoming workforce is already working in some capacity.

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We live in a world now where the ability to spend years and years without a job is not realistic.

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We understand that sometimes when we were 18, I think back to when I was 18, I thought I was going to be a high school math teacher.

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And I took a lot of different

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paths and never became a math teacher.

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I went into the military and then I became a paramedic.

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And I wish at some point in my life, someone had told me about community college because it would have opened up so many doors that I didn't even know existed.

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I probably would not still be paying school loans.

00:08:37 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

But one of the things that we are really doing an awesome job with here at Laurel Ridge is meeting the students where they are, catering our programs so that in a rural setting like we have, students aren't having to drive significant distances four or five days a week.

00:08:56 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

We're blocking our schedules to make sure students can hit the classes that they need with the fewest amount of days on campus.

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We understand that some of our potential students are wanting to change careers

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But that doesn't mean they can give up the career that they currently have while they're preparing for their next one.

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So we want to give our students the opportunity to have fewer days on campus, offer nights or weekend classes where they don't have to worry about trying to find multiple phases of childcare for their real life demands to focus on chasing that dream.

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We want to make that dream a reality and meet the students where they are.

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Our goal at the end is not a battle of attrition.

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Our goal at the end is what can we do to help you be successful?

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And that's where people like Dr.

00:09:46 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

Amanda Hodges coming in with what ways can we adjust our program to meet the populations that are needing this the most?

00:09:55 Dr. Scott Vanderkooi

She's got some exciting opportunities coming up that are going to be able to face that, meet those students where they need it.

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Let's take a break when we come back.

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Amanda, can you walk us through what it looks like, how a person in one of these nursing programs, what their schedule might look like and how that would progress through those two years?

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Can we talk about that in the next segment?

00:10:16 Dr. Amanda Hodges

Yes, absolutely.

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We are on the zooms today for Laurel Ridge Community College Day.

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Guy Curtis is on the zooms as well.

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He is director of marketing along with Dr.

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We're going to talk more about that nursing program when we come back in just a couple of minutes.

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Amanda Hodges is still with us.

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She is interim director of nursing.

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We're talking about the nursing program that is offered at Laurel Ridge Community College.

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Amanda, someone listening today thinks, wait, I didn't know that A, I could do this or B, I could do this in two years.

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How does it work?

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Walk me through first steps through the rest of the program.

00:11:54 Dr. Amanda Hodges

We have great entry points with our advising staff that help the pre-nursing students get into the right place by going to our website and

00:12:03 Dr. Amanda Hodges

They can make an appointment with the pre-nursing advisor and get hooked up with somebody to learn about all our programs.

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But we are going to be offering a new exciting option.

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So up until now, we have just done kind of a traditional model with classes during the weekdays for our students in nursing.

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And we're really excited to be starting a new option with some weekend classes for students who might be seeking a different option to get into nursing school.

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I think that's going to be incredibly beneficial for a lot of

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people because as Scott mentioned in our first part of the conversation, not everybody cannot work while they go to school.

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And most people do have day jobs.

00:12:43 Dr. Amanda Hodges

Yes.

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And this is what's most exciting about our new program is we really want to help those people who are currently working that want to either change jobs, advance their careers, or do something different and offer them the nursing option.

00:12:55 Dr. Amanda Hodges

And so we're going to be starting in the spring, a new cohort of weekend classes and online classes and

00:13:03 Dr. Amanda Hodges

in clinical and labs to meet the needs for those students who want to continue with their careers, continue with their jobs, or who need to continue with their jobs, and then also want to go to nursing school.

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I think that's another misconception out there is people hear nurse and they think, oh, I have to be there in person.

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This is a hands-on learning experience and not every minute of it needs to be a lab or hands-on.

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You can do it hybrid and do remote learning.

00:13:31 Dr. Amanda Hodges

Yes, we have all of our

00:13:33 Dr. Amanda Hodges

our classes for this new program will be done in an online format with students coming to campus for labs and hands-on practice, some simulation in our high-fidelity simulation lab, and then also they'll be doing all of their clinical work inside of our clinical partners, which are hospitals, schools, long-term care facilities, and all of that to get that in-person experience.

00:13:55 Dr. Amanda Hodges

But most of the lecture, online assignments, reading, and basically non-hands-on coursework will all

00:14:03 Dr. Amanda Hodges

be able to be done online in this new program.

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If there is someone who is already in some sort of medical related field, maybe they're a nurse's assistant, they're a CNA, there's something like that.

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Is it even easier for them to then join this program and work their way up the ladder?

00:14:21 Dr. Amanda Hodges

Yes, they would be a perfect candidate to do these classes because we're trying to make it amenable to people who have jobs and people who work on the weekends and work during the week and maybe even have to work at

00:14:33 Dr. Amanda Hodges

every other weekend, we want to try to offer some alternative weekend hours so that they can complete those clinical hours without having to take off time from their jobs to complete their education.

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Guy Curtis, sometimes another challenge is the funding, is tuition.

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And we talk a lot about how Laurel Ridge Community College, community colleges in general, are less expensive than a four-year university, for example.

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But does this program also qualify for the G3 funding that we've talked about in the past?

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Yes, Janet, this is one of those eligible programs.

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G3 and Laurel Ridge is working to help support individuals who are looking to find a high-demand career that offers great wages and opportunities.

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opportunities in our region.

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And so if you're a Virginia resident, if you have a household income, depending on the amount of dependents and folks in your household of 100,000 to 128,000, roughly, you'd be automatically eligible for this funding.

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And so think about beginning your first steps and many folks are making ends meet in our region, high demand and different costs, you name it.

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G3 Funding is just helping that one additional barrier that folks are facing as they come to our college.

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And so

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Even now with a more convenient schedule of nursing, for example, and many of the other G3 eligible programs, it just makes it super convenient for folks to get past that next step, get that credential, certification, degree, skill set to get them to their next opportunity.

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We've seen so many success stories locally that when they receive that funding, either through a scholarship, through G3 or fast forward, they're empowered to move on to next steps and find that meaningful career to support themselves, but also their family.

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And so

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G3 is a great, wonderful thing.

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And so that is that last dollar support mechanism.

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So whether you have financial assistance from FAFSA or other federal assistance, G3 is a state funded situation where they're going to cover that last dollar in expense that you might potentially see in your class or your program.

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So we're super excited to have that.

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And many folks, which I find hard to believe, don't realize we have G3.

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I think, Janet, you and I, we probably talked about it many times over the years, as well as fast forward.

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And we're still trying to

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Beat the drum.

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Let folks know that it's out there.

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So if you are considering a career in a high demand field, more than likely there's state incentive funds like G3 and fast forward to get you to that next step.

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Amanda, Guy just mentioned in a high demand field, Scott mentioned it earlier as well.

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We're not exaggerating when we talk about the need for nurses in particular in our area.

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I have regular conversations with Valley Health and they are forever talking about how badly they need nurses.

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This is truly something that you

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can become a nurse and be working the same day in some cases.

00:17:11 Dr. Amanda Hodges

Yes, we actually keep statistics on the number of students who get jobs after they complete our program as part of our statistics keeping.

00:17:18 Dr. Amanda Hodges

We haven't done this year's graduating class because they're still in the process of taking their exams, but the graduating class from 2025, 100% of the students who were seeking nursing jobs got nursing jobs when we collected the data, and we reached out to all of those students over the summer into the fall, so I would say by October 1st.

00:17:36 Dr. Amanda Hodges

We had about 100% of all the responses that came in.

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They all had jobs within the nursing field.

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And you're having an information session on June 23rd, and then you're going to have multiple ones throughout the summer.

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You're going to have more in July.

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Who would you recommend attend that information session?

00:17:56 Dr. Amanda Hodges

So we will have online information sessions in June and July to talk about this new program option.

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And anybody who is interested in a nursing field can come to those webinars because we will be talking about not only the new program, but any of our other current standing programs.

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So we can meet all of the students' needs and give them the best option for their lives and their careers.

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as to what path they may take.

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And so we're happy to have anybody who's interested in nursing come and hear about our program and the different options.

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And not only just in nursing, we do want to highlight that we have the CNA program and also our practical nurse program as well.

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I mentioned a second ago about how someone who maybe is a CNA could take this nursing program as a way up the ladder.

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There are also multiple levels of being a nurse.

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My mother-in-law was a registered nurse.

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There are LP

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VPNs and RNs.

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This could also be a middle step in a ladder to something higher as well.

00:18:54 Dr. Amanda Hodges

Yes, the program that we're going to be launching here soon with the weekend option is an RN program, so it will lead any student to an RN license.

00:19:04 Dr. Amanda Hodges

And anybody, either a licensed CNA, already LPN, our paramedics, EMTs, anybody who's interested in nursing who has no experience whatsoever can come to any of these nursing programs and get into the nursing field within that two-year mark.

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Guy Curtis, where is the best place for them to go on the Laurel Ridge website to learn more about this info session?

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Laurelridge.edu forward slash nursing is a great place to visit.

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If you're looking to register for the information session, Amanda and team have all the details there.

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But also too, there's a couple listing for a few of the nursing programs.

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So please inquire, show interest through our website, attend the information session.

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If you want to talk to someone, come visit for a tour, laurelridge.edu forward slash visit.

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Brandy and her team for outreach will be able to give a bit of overview and guidance as far as getting started, next steps and so forth.

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But the best place, honestly, is that nursing information session that Amanda's going to be hosting.

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It's a great way to kind of get your Q&A out of the way, understand the nuts and bolts of the program, but also figure out, like she said, other programs that might be a good fit for you and someone you might know.

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So please spread the word.

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Please show up.

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We have so many welcoming staff and people to bring you in and answer the questions that you need.

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And I think that's the one thing that I love to hear from many folks, even so compared to other

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colleges and folks outside of our region.

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We'd like to have a strong hands-on approach to helping students move forward in their process of finding their way, whether that's with us or other potential institutions.

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And so please reach out.

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I think it's the first big step to finding out your next opportunity is reaching out and connecting with us here at Laurel Ridge.

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Amanda, I was telling Scott and Guy Curtis before we got started recording that I had spent Monday with several of our rising juniors and seniors in the local high schools in the area.

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These info sessions aren't always too

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just for the person themselves who might be interested.

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If parents have a child who think that this might be something they're interested in, the parents can also be a part of this info session to gather whatever ammunition they may need to convince their child.

00:21:01 Dr. Amanda Hodges

Absolutely, we definitely spend a lot of time going over what the admission requirements are, including what classes they need to take to prepare prepare themselves to apply for our program.

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And then also we have an entrance exam and we do spend some time talking

00:21:17 Dr. Amanda Hodges

the best way to prepare for the entrance exam and what they're going to need to know about the entrance exam and how to study for that entrance exam.

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So we don't cover just the nursing program in our info sessions.

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We also prepare the students to even apply to the program in those info sessions and give them, again, the preparation they need to fill out an application and to prepare for a career in nursing.

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Thank you very much, Amanda, for taking the time to chat with me about this program today.

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I appreciate it.

00:21:45 Dr. Amanda Hodges

You're welcome.