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Both [Jefferson College of Health Sciences](#), in Roanoke, and the [Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine](#), in Blacksburg, are set to unveil new spaces for their students and faculty. Each will celebrate their new environments Friday.

Jefferson College will officially mark its move to Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital. Over the summer the college moved out of its old spaces in the Reid Center and into newly renovated rooms next door inside the old hospital. The \$8 million project includes gutting two floors and giving two other floors face-lifts, with new paint and other changes needed to convert former hospital patient rooms to office space.

VCOM's Friday celebration is focused on a new clinic dedicated to academic sports and osteopathic medicine. This clinic is being split off from the existing [Academic Primary Care Associates](#) clinic located at Montgomery Regional Hospital, whose name recently [changed to LewisGale Hospital-Montgomery](#).

VCOM decided to separate the sports medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine practices from its primary care offices after seeing its staff and patient volume dramatically grow. Since opening in 2008, Academic Primary Care Associates has grown from eight full and part time physicians to 22, the college's spokesman Bill King told me. At the same time patient visits have increased 75 percent, he said.

VCOM students will continue to work in both clinics as they train to be doctors.

Jefferson College's event tomorrow is by invitation only. I'm told the college may have a public open house at a later date, but nothing has been scheduled yet.

The public is invited to VCOM's open house and ribbon cutting. It's from noon to 2 p.m. at 825 Davis Drive Suite C in Blacksburg.

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