

Radford University plans clinic space

The school's doctorate of physical therapy program is planning out space in a Roanoke hospital.

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With interviews under way for Radford University's new doctorate of physical therapy program, plans for the program's new space in Roanoke are also being reviewed.

Carilion Clinic submitted plans last week to renovate the first floor of Carilion Roanoke Community Hospital for Radford's new program, which is slated to begin in June.

The renovation will cost about \$120,000 according to the filing, which is being reviewed by the Roanoke Department of Planning, Building and Development.

Jeff Shawver, Roanoke's building commissioner, said

the city has asked for a few minor changes to be made but that the plans should be approved within a week.

The new space will include a computer lab, research lab, offices, classrooms and locker rooms, according to the architectural plans.

Radford is leasing the approximately 7,900-square-foot area from Carilion for \$182,000 a year and is footing the bill for the renovations. In addition to leasing about half the space on the ground floor, Radford will also have access to some of the student spaces designated for the Jefferson College of Health Sciences, which is owned by Carilion and housed inside the former hospital.

The demolition phase of the project is under way, said Roy Saville, director of facilities planning at Radford. Breakell Inc. received that contract. Bids for the renovation work are due Friday, Saville said.

