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A demolition permit has been issued to bring down the 10-story brick building that formerly housed Jefferson College of Health Sciences in downtown Roanoke.

The permit also allows for two adjacent buildings — a two-story parking garage and a one-story former pediatric clinic — to be demolished.

The property is owned by Carilion Clinic.

The work will take about four months, according to Carilion spokesman Eric Earnhart.

The City of Roanoke issued the permit on July 29 and crews with S.B. Cox Demolition Contractors out of Richmond are expected have already started getting the buildings ready to come down, said Roanoke Building Commissioner Jeff Shawver.

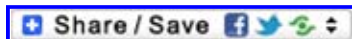
You'll recognize the contractor doing the work. They also brought down the the buildings and structures on the former [Mennel Milling property](#) and [Victory Stadium](#).

Shawver told me crews will first demolish the clinic and garage, to make room for the equipment needed for bringing down the larger Reid Center, which was previously known as Carlton Terrace.

Shawver said a large crane with a claw will be used to cut into the 10-story building as crews will work from the top floor down.

First, however, asbestos and other hazardous materials will have to be removed.

Carilion has said it plans to landscape the property and hasn't announced any other plans for future use. In a story I wrote in [April](#) some commercial real estate experts said they see the property as a prime location.



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