Careers

Accompanist
Arranger
Artist Management
Audio Producer
Composer
Conductor
Copyright Consultant
Educator
Electronic Production & Designer
Entertainer
Film Score Writer
Instrument Builder/Designer
Lyricist
Music Adjudicator
Music Agent
Music Critic or Reviewer
Music Production
Music Publishing
Musical Performer
Public Relations Agent or Coordinator
Radio Manager
Recording Engineer
Session Musician
Songwriter
Talent Scout
Worship Leader

Strategies for Success

• Consider multiple internships; they are extremely valuable for breaking into any music-related field.
• Develop entrepreneurial and basic business skills such as marketing, as well as learn to use the latest relevant technology.
• Network as much as possible both online and in person to gain exposure, as well as employment opportunities.
• Join LinkedIn and associations linked to the music industry.
• Maintain a high GPA to improve your chances of acceptance into graduate school.
• Develop a portfolio of video and audio recordings that highlight your performances and skills.
• Volunteer to develop additional skills, gain resume-building experience, and cultivate professional relationships.
• Develop strong computer and social media skills.
• Gain relevant experience by serving as an accompanist at public and private schools, performing arts camps, churches, seasonal events, weddings, dance rehearsals, and performances.

**Associations**

- American Federation of Musicians  
  www.AFM.org
- American Music Therapy Association  
  www.MusicTherapy.org
- National Association for Music Education  
  www.NAFME.org

**Holland Codes**

The Holland Code system is designed to connect individuals with the career field that best fits their personality. The system scores the test taker on six separate scales: Realistic (R), Investigative (I), Artistic (A), Social (S), Enterprising (E), and Conventional (C). The two or three highest scores represent an individuals' strongest attributes. Here are a few examples of positions associated with this major:

- Musician (ASI)
- Actor/Actress (AES)
- Music Teacher (AES)
- Public Relations Representative (EAS)

The FOCUS 2 Career Assessment utilizes these Holland Codes and is a free resource to Liberty students. Customized with Liberty’s majors, assessment results are matched to career options and majors offered at Liberty. To access this free resource visit www.Liberty.edu/Focus2.

**Resources**

**On-Campus and Local Resources**

- Access the Christian Service page to see where other students have served. Some areas include:
  - Local Music Ministries
  - TRBC Music Ministry
  - Church Extension and Personal Ministry
  - Liberty Performance Groups

**Online Resources**

Visit the website of the following organizations:
- Music Business Solutions
- Applause Careers in Music
- About Music Careers
- Yaptracker
- Majoring in Music
- Music Biz Academy
- Liberty Music Scholarships

**The Washington Fellowship**

Consider spending a semester doing an internship with The Washington Fellowship. Potential locations include the Kennedy Center, the Shakespeare Theatre Company, Ford’s Theater, and local symphonies/orchestras. To learn more visit: www.Liberty.edu/Washington.

**Sample Résumés**

For a variety of sample résumés visit the Liberty University Career Center.