Strategies for Success

- Take the required state exams for Virginia teacher licensure.
- Learn your state’s licensure requirements.
- Contact the School of Education’s main office or soe@liberty.edu to make sure you are taking the necessary classes and that you are progressing through the required stages toward licensure.
- Teach in a volunteer and part-time capacity. Include all teaching experience in your résumé to show dedication beyond coursework and required practicums.
- Sign up for Christian Service (CSER) opportunities geared toward teaching and classroom experiences.
- Be exposed to different age groups to assess what is the best fit for your personality and gifts.
- Join associations linked to your area of study.
- Join LinkedIn and other education groups.
- Consider dual endorsements or gaining additional certifications to make yourself more marketable.
- Establish good relationships with your practicum lead teachers and professors, so they may serve as references.

*may require additional studies

Associations

- Association for Childhood Education International
  www.ACEI.org
- Christian Educators Association International
  www.CEAI.org
- Phi Delta Kappa International
  www.PDKintl.org
- Association of Christian Schools International
  www.ACSIglobal.org

Holland Codes

The Holland Code system connects 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 individual’s strongest attributes. Here are a few examples of positions associated with this major:

- Preschool Teacher (SAC)
- Elementary Teacher (SAC)
- Middle School Teacher (SAI)
- High School Teacher (SAE)
- Music Teacher (SAE)

The FOCUS 2 Career Assessment utilizes these Holland Codes and is a free resource to Liberty students. 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

- Visit the Christian Service page to learn about potential volunteer opportunities. Students have volunteered in the following areas:
  - Education and educational assistance
  - Children’s ministries
  - Education, tutoring, and mentoring
  - Intellectual disabilities services
  - Local church community outreach
- Become a member of Kappa Delta Pi.

Online Resources

Visit the websites of the following organizations:

- American Federation of Teachers
- Department of Defense Schools (DODEA)
- ESLbase
- ESLemployment
- International School Services
- University of Northern Iowa Overseas Placement
- Services for Educators
- MyEdMatch.com
- Occupational Outlook Handbook
- Teachers-Teachers.com
- Virginia Department of Education

The Washington Fellowship

Consider spending a semester doing an internship with The Washington Fellowship. Possible education locations include the following: the educational section of the National Archives, Reading Partners in DC, in addition to external placement in to K-12 schools. To learn more visit: www.Liberty.edu/Washington.

Sample Résumés

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