Strategies for Success

- Once a desired industry is selected, set up an internship or part-time job in the chosen field to begin to gain experience.
- If graduate school is in your future, make sure and protect your GPA to position yourself better to get into the school you are pursuing.
- Volunteer in various age groups, both young and the elderly, to assess which is the best age group for you personally.
- Join associations and affiliations while in school to strengthen the resume and show dedication to the chosen field.
- Seek out entry-level positions to gain more experience.
- Invest in CPR/First Aid certification to be more marketable.
- Consider adding a Master’s degree in Elementary Education licensure degree to broaden your field.
- Match a relevant minor with your FACD major, like business, psychology or special education to have a broader knowledge base.
- Research additional training in Partnering with Parents or other state certifications in parent education and social work.
- Consider advanced degrees in Counseling or Social Work, or specialized training to be more marketable in your field.
- Select CSER and volunteer activities that will develop more skills and gain experience throughout your academic years.
- Consider learning a foreign language in order to reach more people and become more marketable.

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:

- Community Outreach Manager (SEC)
- Youth Services Specialist (SEA)
- Social and Human Service Assistants (CSE)

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 church children’s ministries
  - Education, tutoring, and mentoring
  - Abused women and children
  - Families in need
  - Intellectual disabilities
  - Social issues and civic organizations
- Join Liberty University’s Family and Consumer Sciences Association and the Omicron Gamma Phi Honor Society.

Online Resources
Visit the website of the following organizations:
American Counseling Association
National Board for Certified Counselors
Bright Horizon Family Solutions
Early Childhood Teacher
Social Service
Parents as Teachers
ChildCare Aware
Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children
National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers
The Washington Fellowship
Consider spending a semester doing an internship with The Washington Fellowship. Potential locations include the Capital Hill Pregnancy Center, Jill’s House, Reading Partners, and the National Council for Adoption, among others. To learn more visit: www.Liberty.edu/Washington.

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