Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)

- Volunteer work is essential to building your knowledge and experience. Consider setting up an internship or a part-time job early on in the field to begin to gain experience.
- Learn a second language to make yourself more marketable.
- If graduate school is in your future, maintain a high GPA to better your chances of getting into the school you are pursuing.
- Join associations and affiliations while you are in school to strengthen your résumés and show your dedication to your field.
- Seek out entry-level positions to gain experience.
- Consider advanced degrees or specialized training to be marketable in your field.
- Match a relevant minor with your TESL major to have a broader knowledge base.
- Develop strong computer and social media skills.
- Obtain state licensure to teach in the public school systems in the United States.
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 individual’s strongest attributes. Here are a few examples of positions associated with this major:

- ESL teacher (SAE)
- Relocation Counselor (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
- Access the Christian Service Web page to see where other students have served. Some areas include working with minorities, international students, and mission projects.
- Consider spending two months at the Spanish Institute in Guatemala.

Online Resources
Visit the website of the following organizations:
- Department of State
- Electronic Network for Latin American Careers & Employment
- English as a Second Language
- ESL Jobs Center
- Foreign Policy Association
- One Small Planet
- Overseas Employment Opportunities
- Overseas Jobs
- Peace Corps
- TEFL Jobs
- The Riley Guide International Resources

The Washington Fellowship
Consider spending a semester doing an internship with The Washington Fellowship. A potential location might include the Oyster-Adams Bilingual School among other schools. To learn more visit: www.Liberty.edu/Washington.

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