Liberty’s School Counseling Program is growing in exciting ways! Additional courses have been added to the curriculum specific to the specialty of professional school counseling. The newly developed course EDUC 611, Child and Adolescent Counseling in the Schools, (replaces COUN 611/620) began spring 2012. The plan is to launch the newly developed EDUC 512, Structured Groups, in the summer of 2012 (replaces COUN 512), which will cover core group counseling theories and techniques while emphasizing group work in elementary and secondary schools. The addition of school counseling specialty courses means more targeted training as students prepare to engage in counseling minors in the school setting.

Here are some preparation tips:

⇒ Read the School Counseling Program Handbook on Liberty’s graduate online advising guide.

⇒ Follow the proposed course sequencing guide—try to take EDUC 661 as your first intensive course and as early as possible.

⇒ Begin now, planning a strategy that will allow you to serve a 300-hour internship in two settings (elementary and secondary) in one 16-week semester—for some this may mean permissions and advanced notice to employers, child-care preparations, family communication and role adjustments, and leaves of absence from work).

⇒ Students must complete all core counseling and school counseling courses PRIOR to internship.

⇒ Students must purchase LiveText (do this upon entry into the program so you will have access by the time your course work begins—this is a one-time purchase).

⇒ Students must complete the background check (do this upon entry into the program so you will be prepared for courses that include field experience).

For additional information contact Dr. Schellenberg, School Counseling Program Director, at rcschellenberg@liberty.edu
Accountability is a major theme for education at all levels. The public demands evidence of the value added by degree programs:

Are test scores satisfactory?
Are graduates prepared for the workplace?
Are jobs available?

The mission of the School of Education is to prepare competent professionals for school and sport settings. Our founder, Dr. Jerry Falwell, Sr., was often quoted, “If it’s Christian, it ought to be better.” As believers we are accountable to a higher authority. We are challenged to be faithful and to give our best effort in all things, as service to our Lord.

“To whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.” Luke 12:48

Elementary Education Update

Hi Everyone,

Greetings from campus! We hope all of you are settling into a great new semester of coursework, student teaching, or internship. We’d like to introduce you to a new resource we have started at http://www.libertyeducationhelp.org/

This site is anticipated to become a companion to both the U-Guide and the Advising Guide. In the future, this is the site where we plan to post simple videos to help guide you through such processes as completing the required background check, filling out the various Gate applications, understanding the required licensure tests, etc.

At the moment, we are currently scheduling the appropriate staff to oversee the videos so keep checking back in to see our newest projects unveiled there!

Thank you and have a great semester!
Spring 2012 Events

◊ Feb. 22, 2012 Pre-initiation Informational Meeting in TE100 at 5:00 p.m.
◊ Feb. 23, 2012 February Chapter Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - DeMoss Hall 1113
◊ Mar. 23, 2012 CFAW - TE100 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
◊ Mar. 29, 2012 March Chapter Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - DeMoss Hall 1113
◊ Mar. 1, 8, 22, 29 Backpacks for Kids - Fairview United Methodist Church- 5:00 p.m.
◊ Apr. 4, 2012 Easter Basket Delivery to students in Lynchburg
◊ Apr. 26, 2012 April Chapter Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - DeMoss Hall 1113
◊ Apr. 27, 2012 Literacy Alive Day - Time and Location TBA
◊ May 1, 2012 Initiation Banquet and Cording Ceremony

Spring 2012 Deadlines

♦ Apr. 12 by 3:00 pm in TE 114 Officer Applications Due
♦ Apr. 12 by 3:00 pm in TE 114 B. Sherman Scholarship Application Due
♦ Apr. 12 by 3:00 pm in TE 114 Honor Cord Applications Due

For more information contact the Counselor of the Pi Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, Dr. Shante’ M. Austin, at somoore@liberty.edu.
Faculty Publications


Rockinson-Szapkiw, A. J., Holder, D. & Dunn, R. (2011). Motivating students to learn: Is there a difference between traditional books and e-books?. In Proceedings of Global Learn Asia Pacific 2011 (pp. 235-

Call for Articles and Reviewers

Do you have a manuscript that focuses upon Christian perspectives in theory, research, and practices of education? Publish it in the School of Education’s Christian Perspectives Journal (CPE). The submission date for the next edition is April 1. CPE is also actively recruiting reviewers. If you are interested in being a reviewer, you can submit a reviewer application. Go to http://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/cpe/ for more details.
Faculty Presentations


Maddox, A., McDonald, C., & McDonald, S. (2011, November) *Strategies for developing 21st century skills.* ALER Conference, Richmond, VA.

Maddox, A., McDonald, C., & McDonald, S. (2011, November) *A predictive measure on success on state mandated teacher licensure exams.* ALER College Literacy Division Meeting on Best Practices in College Literacy, Richmond, VA.


Rockinson-Szapkiw, A. J. & Traphagen, A. (2011, December). *Taking class discussions and assignments to the next level using YouTube.* VSTE, Roanoke, VA.


Recognitions and Honors

Liberty doctoral candidate Sharon Gerst (Chair: Dr. Spaulding) was selected through a national competitive application process to participate in the prestigious CEC Division for Research 2012 Doctoral Student Scholars Seminars in Special Education Research.
Welcome to the School of Education

The School of Education welcomes Dr. Claxton and Mr. Silvey.

Dr. Russ Claxton earned his bachelor’s degree from Liberty University (‘87), a master’s degree from the University of West Georgia (‘94), and his Ed. S. (‘96) and Ed. D. (‘01) in Educational Leadership from the University of Georgia. Before returning to Liberty University, Dr. Claxton spent most of his twenty-one years in the public school system in leadership roles at the secondary level. Dr. Claxton now works in the School of Education as an Assistant Professor and Department Chair with a variety of responsibilities that include teaching graduate level courses, providing support for online faculty, mentoring undergraduate education students, and serving as a chair on doctoral dissertation committees.

Justin Silvey graduated from Liberty University with a degree in Clinical Psychology (‘03) and a Masters of Education in School Counseling (‘08). Mr. Silvey worked in counseling and special education at the secondary level and in Admissions and Financial Aid at Liberty University over the last three years. Having already worked as a graduate assistant in the School of Education, Mr. Silvey now takes on a new role as Coordinator of External Field Experiences.
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**SPRING SEMESTER**

- **January 16, Monday**
  Classes begin, 7:40 a.m.

- **January 20, Friday**
  Last day to register at 4:00 p.m.

- **March 9, Friday**
  Spring Vacation begins after last class

- **March 12-16, Monday - Friday**
  Spring Break, Spring Intensives

- **April 9, Monday**
  Easter Holiday, no classes

- **April 11, Wednesday**
  Annual Assessment Day

- **May 1, Tuesday**
  Last day of classes

- **May 2, Wednesday**
  Reading Day

- **May 3 - May 8, Thursday-Tuesday**
  Final Examinations

- **May 11, Friday**
  Baccalaureate Service; second semester ends

- **May 12, Saturday**
  Commencement

**SUMMER SESSION**

- **May 14 - August 17**

**FALL SEMESTER**

- **August 20, Monday**
  Classes begin, 7:40 a.m.

- **August 24, Friday**
  Last day to register @ 4:00 p.m.

- **October 4 – 5, Thursday – Friday**
  Fall Break

- **November 19 - 23, Monday - Friday**
  Thanksgiving vacation

- **December 5, Wednesday**
  Last day of classes

- **December 6, Thursday**
  Reading Day

- **December 7 - 14, Friday - Friday**
  Final Examinations

- **December 14, Friday**
  Final Exam Make-up Day
  First semester ends

**WINTER INTERSESSION**

- **December 31 – January 11**