

### FAQs: Advising for Gifted Education (Add-on Endorsement)

<i>Question</i>	<i>Answer</i>
<b>Where can I get current program documents including information about internships, etc.?</b>	Information about your program, course schedule, internship, etc., may be found in the online Advising Guide on the following website <a href="http://www.liberty.edu/advisingguide">www.liberty.edu/advisingguide</a> .
<b>How do I find out who my advisor is?</b>	All School of Education candidates share a group of LUO advisors who work together to give you consistent answers about your program. You can contact your LUO advisor by phone or email: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-800-424-9595 --- Ask specifically to speak to an LUO advisor for the School of Education</li> <li>• <a href="mailto:educ@liberty.edu">educ@liberty.edu</a> --- This email address is answered by a member of the advising team for the School of Education.</li> </ul>
<b>Is a previous teaching license required for Gifted Education?</b>	Gifted Education is an ADD-ON licensure program which requires that you have an initial teaching license (may be earned at bachelor's level or MAT). If you do not have an initial teaching license you should choose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAT program to earn initial licensure in elementary, secondary, middle school, or special education</li> </ul> <i>Special note</i> to candidates who completed a teacher education program at an institution that is not regionally accredited: Completion of Liberty's M.Ed. will validate your undergraduate degree, which will qualify you for the initial and add-on endorsement.
<b>What are the teaching experience requirements for Gifted Education?</b>	NO teaching experience is required for the ADD-ON endorsement in Gifted Education.
<b>Can I just take the courses required for licensure in Gifted Education without completing the M.Ed-TL?</b>	Completion of a master's degree is NOT required for the ADD-ON endorsement in gifted. The following two options are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OPTION 1 [<b>recommended</b>]: Complete the M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning with the Gifted specialization. This provides a twofold benefit to you: (1) you will most likely be paid a higher salary because of the M.Ed. degree, and (2) you will have obtained the license for Gifted Education.</li> <li>• OPTION 2: The candidate takes only the courses and practicum needed for licensure in Gifted Education: <b>EDUC 526, EDUC 621, EDUC 620, EDUC 627</b></li> <li>• Field Experience Summary: <a href="http://www.liberty.edu/academics/education/graduate/index.cfm?PID=26326">http://www.liberty.edu/academics/education/graduate/index.cfm?PID=26326</a></li> </ul>
<b>Is on-campus residence required for M.Ed-TL: Gifted Education?</b>	No intensives are required for the add-on endorsement in Gifted Education.
<b>Is student teaching or internship required for MED-TL? Must I quit my teaching job to do the</b>	EDUC 698 Directed Practicum is required for the MED-TL in Gifted Education. If you are currently teaching the practicum can usually be completed at your employing school.

<b>practicum?</b>	
<b>May I get licensure in Gifted Education while also earning my Ed.D./Ed.S.?</b>	The candidate may take the courses needed for ADD-ON licensure in Gifted Education: <b>EDUC 526, EDUC 621, EDUC 620, EDUC 627</b>
<b>What licensure test is required for Gifted Educations?</b>	NO licensure test is required for the ADD-ON endorsement in Gifted Education.
<b>After completing this program, are there any other requirements necessary before I can work in a school system?</b>	Upon completion of the degree requirements, you will submit licensure paperwork, fees, and a copy of your initial license, (elementary, secondary, or special education) as explained during EDUC 698. All licensure paperwork is submitted to: Liberty University, School of Education, Licensure Office, 1971 University Blvd., Lynchburg, VA 24502 E-mail: <a href="mailto:teacher@liberty.edu">teacher@liberty.edu</a>
<b>My state requires a “certificate.” How does this compare to the VA “license” in Gifted Education?</b>	Liberty’s Gifted Education program is approved for a VA license, which is reciprocated in other states. VA uses the term “license,” but it is the same credential as a “certificate.”
<b>Will my license be valid in other states?</b>	You have two choices to apply for licensure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You may submit the licensure application for your state (usually available on your state’s Department of Education website). Our Licensure Office will prepare the verification that you have completed a state-approved program. In most states, there are no other requirements for licensure. In some states you will need to take a state-specific test. There may also be a state-specific course to be completed during your first year of employment.</li> <li>2. You may submit the application for Virginia licensure and then apply for licensure in your state. This is the recommended route if you are not sure where you will be teaching.</li> </ol>
<b>What are the exact licensure requirements for my program?</b>	Go to the following website and look under the Gifted Education program requirements on page 48: <a href="http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/licensure_regs.pdf">http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/licensure_regs.pdf</a> The main aspects of these requirements are provided below. <b>(FOR NON-VIRGINIANS:</b> Our licensure programs are approved by the state of Virginia and are reciprocated by other states. Some of our non-Virginia candidates choose to apply directly for their own state’s license. After your internship is complete, you may submit your own state’s application for licensure to LU’s licensure office.  <b>VA REGULATIONS FOR LICENSURE 8VAC20-22-370. Gifted education (add-on endorsement).</b> Endorsement requirements. The candidate must have: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Completed an approved teacher preparation program in gifted education; or</li> </ol>

	<p>2. Completed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Graduated with a baccalaureate degree with an endorsement in a teaching area;</li><li>b. Completed 12 hours of graduate-level coursework in gifted education; and</li><li>c. Completed a practicum of at least 45 instructional hours. This practicum shall include a minimum of 45 instructional hours of successful teaching experiences with gifted students in a heterogeneously grouped (mixed ability) classroom or a homogeneously grouped (single ability) classroom. One year of successful, full-time teaching experience in a public or accredited nonpublic school may be accepted in lieu of the practicum. A mentor holding a valid license with an endorsement in gifted education must be assigned to the teacher.</li></ul>
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