While construction continues around campus, the School of Education is experiencing many changes of its own. These changes include new and exciting advances in technology.

The technology department has received new equipment for use by students and faculty. The technology lab (located in Teacher Education room 134) has recently been equipped with four Sympodium touch screens. Students will be able to schedule appointments to practice using SmartBoard technology on these screens. Many courses have students use the SmartBoard for teaching and presentations.

There is also a cart with 30 net books. These compact net books fit student work areas and facilitate group multimedia tasks, word processing, and Internet resources. This cart can be reserved and checked out by faculty members who would like students to use the net books for a test, or special project in the classroom.

Faculty members have the option of checking out one of the 28 available laptops for in-class use or special presentations. Among other software, There are 13 iPads and 16 iPods available for checkout. The iPads and iPods have been loaded with educational software, and may be checked out for in-class use.

Anyone with recommendations for software downloads should contact rdunn@liberty.edu to discuss possible downloads or purchases.
The beginning of a new school semester is the ideal time to reflect on our progress and set goals for the coming year. Completion of a college degree requires long-term commitment, equivalent to running a marathon rather than a sprint. We must fortify ourselves physically and spiritually for success.

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1)

Together we can praise the Lord for the many blessings He has showered on Liberty and the School of Education, we can dedicate this year to our Lord, and let us run with endurance!

Dr. Jerry Falwell Sr., the founder of our University, used to say “If it is Christian, it ought to be better.” We are very proud of our School of Education leadership team and faculty members who strive to maintain the highest standards for our programs and students. Congratulations are in order to Dr. Sam Smith, Director of our Administration Program, for the continuing accreditation status we just received with the Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC) and to Dr. Connie McDonald, Director for Specialist Programs, for the continuing accreditation status we just received with the International Reading Association (IRA). We appreciate your diligent efforts in leading these programs and overseeing their critical requirements for accreditation!

To all of our SOE students around the globe from Seoul to Appomattox, you are wished a blessed, peaceful, fresh beginning to the new academic year!
Greater Lynchburg Professional Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi

Fall 2012

Chapter Meetings
Sept. 27, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in DeMoss 1113
Oct. 25, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in DeMoss 1113
Nov. 6, 2012, at 6 p.m. in DeMoss 1113
(Military Emphasis Week - Operation Educate the Educators Panel)

Chapter Deadlines
Initial Membership Applications: Sept. 14, 2012 at midnight
Officer Applications: Sept. 14, 2012, by 3 p.m. in Teacher Education room (TE)121
Pre Initiation Meeting: Sept. 20, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. TE 100
B. Sherman Scholarship Applications: TBA
Dues/Banquet Tickets: Nov. 15, 2012, by 3 p.m. in TE 121
Honor Cord Applications: Spring semester only
Honor Cord Ceremony: Spring Semester only during the Initiation Banquet
Initiation Ceremony & Banquet: Dec. 5, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Dining Room of the Reber-Thomas Dining Hall

Other Chapter Activities
Sept. 28, 2012: College For A Weekend (CFAW) TE 100 at 4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20, 2012: Pre-Initiation Informational Meeting

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If you are interested in serving as an officer or would like any additional information on Kappa Delta Pi, please contact Dr. Kristina Dewitt, Counselor of the Pi Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, at kdewitt@liberty.edu.
National School Counseling Week is Feb. 4-8, 2013—a special time to consider ways to celebrate and promote our profession and to share how professional school counselors make a positive difference in the lives of children and adolescents. Please visit the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) website at http://www.schoolcounselor.org/content.asp?contentid=271 to order promotional ideas and to get copies of proclamations, certificates, press releases, stickers, pencils, door hangers, and posters. This needs to be done by January to ensure delivery in time for National School Counseling Week.

Please also become a member of ASCA SCENE, a free networking site sponsored by ASCA for school counselors and school counselors in training to share and learn from each other. The site is loaded with resources, materials, classroom guidance lesson plans, and blogs/chat rooms for questions and information about best practices. The following is an invitation from one of your fellow school counseling program students:

Hello, I am Keith Yeatts and enrolled in the Master of Education (School Counselor Specialization) program. I am also a member of the American Association of Christian Counselors, Liberty University Chapter (AACC at Liberty). A project of the AACC at Liberty is to provide study groups for each counseling graduate course. The Liberty School Counseling Facebook study group is one of the sponsored groups.

The purpose of the Liberty School Counseling Facebook study group is to mentor one another in Liberty University's School Counseling program. This group is open to all Liberty School Counseling program students (residential and online), faculty, mentors, or alumni. We also welcome prospective students interested in becoming a Professional School Counselor and to provide a place for students to learn, grow, and fellowship. Please join us at this link http://www.facebook.com/groups/127925917278846, and contact Teresa Goudy and Kimberly Kelly at aacc.lu.ost@gmail.com for questions or additional information.

Please understand that the Facebook site noted above is a voluntary student-sponsored site, and this information is being passed along to you by student request. The school counseling program director does not monitor or participate in the site. For this reason, please continue to notify the program director and your professors with program and course questions or concerns via Bb course forums, email, telephone, and during office hours. Also, please continue to make use of the prayer praise, and share forums in your Bb courses for ongoing fellowship in each course.

Strongly consider taking the EDUC 661 intensive as your first intensive and as early as possible in your program to gain valuable program planning information (see the suggested course sequencing guide on the graduate online advising guide on Liberty’s website). Many of you took EDUC 661 this summer and we had great fun while we learned much from each other.

Rita Schellenberg, Ph.D., LPC, NCSC
Seventeen female students from Yokohama JoGakuin High School were at Liberty this summer for the annual Japanese Homestay Program sponsored by the School of Education. The partnership with Yokohama JoGakuin has been in place for over a decade.

The students and their teachers arrived on Saturday, July 14 by train from New York where they visited the United Nations and attended the Broadway show, Mary Poppins.

Ten host families and other volunteers welcomed the entourage to Lynchburg. All attended Thomas Road Baptist Church the next morning. For most of the students, this was their first visit to a church. A welcome luncheon was then hosted by John and Annyce Maddox at their Forest, Va. home with approximately seventy in attendance.

The agenda for the week included an informative appointment with Lynchburg’s new mayor, Michael Gillette, lunch at Depot Grille with Lynchburg City Clerk, Valeria P. Chambers, a visit to Still Waters Farm, home of Mike and Mary Hensley, where the girls learned to square dance, and a tour of Monticello with lunch at Michie Tavern, a historic restaurant and mansion, in Charlottesville, Va.

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 Publications


Faculty Presentations


Recognitions and Honors

School Administration Program Recognition by NCATE

Liberty’s Master of Education degree in School Administration was recently awarded continuing recognition as a nationally recognized program by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Educators (NCATE). This national recognition continues through the year 2023. The School Administration program is also approved for a Virginia license, which is reciprocated in other states.

Seventy-five percent of this 36 credit-hour program can be completed online. The remaining hours, which is three courses, can be taken as residential intensives on Liberty’s campus in Lynchburg, Va. Intensives are offered in a weekend format four times during the fall and spring semesters and in a one week format during the winter and summer terms.

National recognition by NCATE will enhance the marketability of our program which helps candidates become effective school administrators in both public and private schools.

Reading Specialist Program Recognition by NCATE

The advanced licensure Master of Education degree as a reading specialist was recently awarded continuing recognition as a national recognized program by NCATE. Our M.Ed. reading specialist program is one of five advanced level programs in the state of Virginia awarded this recognition. Liberty’s Reading Specialist program is approved for a Va. license, which is reciprocated in other states. We currently have about 100 teachers enrolled in the reading specialist program.

The M.Ed. as a reading specialist is a 36 hour program. Seventy-five percent of the program can be completed online. The other twenty-five percent of the courses are taken as intensives on Liberty’s campus in Lynchburg, Va.

Reading Specialist Program Recognition by IRA

The review of the International Reading Association (IRA) has been posted on the NCATE AIMs website. Every standard is met and the Reading Specialist program is nationally recognized by IRA. The IRA noted the qualified professional teaching faculty, assessment distribution wide variety of activities and opportunities, and the high expectations for candidates in the program.
Dr. Daniele Bradshaw is an Assistant Professor of Education in the School of Education. She earned her Ph.D. from UNC at Chapel Hill. Her research interests include social studies, educational technology, and professional development. Dr. Bradshaw has been published in *Theory and Research in Social Studies* and has presented at AACE Global Learn-Asia Pacific.

Dr. Fred Milacci is a qualitative research consultant in the School of Education. His professional interests center on enhancing the teaching/learning process related to Christian education and distance learning in adult education. Dr. Milacci has been a pastor, and serves as Associate Professor in the Center for Counseling and Family Studies.

Dr. Kurt Michael is a quantitative research consultant in the School of Education. He earned his Ph.D. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He has served in the Virginia public schools for over 19 years and has been a teacher at the Shenandoah Valley Governor’s School for over 10 years. Dr. Michael is certified in technology education and gifted education.
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**FIRST SEMESTER**

Oct. 11 – 14 Thursday – Sunday  
Fall Break  
Nov. 16, Friday  
Last day to withdraw from a UG class with a "W"  
Nov. 16, Friday  
Thanksgiving Vacation begins after last class  
Dining Hall closes after dinner  
Nov. 19 - 23, Monday - Friday  
Thanksgiving vacation  
Dec. 5, Wednesday  
Last day of classes  
Last day to withdraw from a GR class with a "W"  
Dec. 6, Thursday  
Reading Day  
Dec. 7 - 14, Friday - Friday  
Final Examinations  
Dec. 14, Friday  
Final Exam Make-up Day  
Fall semester ends  
Residence Halls close at noon  
Dining Hall closes after dinner  
Dec. 21, Friday  
Final grades due

**WINTER INTENSIVES**


**SECOND SEMESTER**

Jan. 9, Wednesday  
Residence Halls open for New Students  
Dining Hall opens for lunch for new students  
Financial check-in and orientation for new and transfer undergraduate students (Required)  
Jan. 9 – 12, Wednesday - Saturday  
Orientation, Freshman Seminar and Registration  
Required for all new, transfer and former UG students  
Jan. 10, Thursday  
Graduate Orientation – required for all new, transfer and former graduate students  
Jan. 11, Friday  
Residence Halls open for returning students at 1 PM  
Registration for returning and former students  
Jan. 14, Monday  
Classes begin, 7:40 AM  
Jan.14 – 18, Monday – Friday  
Add/Drop Week  
Jan. 18, Friday  
Last day to add or drop a class at 4 PM  
Mar. 8, Friday  
Spring Vacation begins after last class  
Mar. 11 - 15, Monday-Friday  
Spring Break  
Spring Intensives  
Apr. 1, Monday  
Easter Holiday  
No Classes  
Apr. 5, Friday  
Last day to withdraw from a UG class with a "W"  
Apr. 10, Wednesday  
Annual Assessment Day  
Apr. 30, Tuesday  
Last day of classes  
Last day to withdraw from a GR class with a "W"  
May 1, Wednesday  
Reading Day  
May 2 – May 7, Thursday-Tuesday  
Final Examinations  
May 8, Wednesday  
Residence Halls close at noon  
May 10, Friday  
Baccalaureate Service  
Spring semester ends  
May 11, Saturday  
Commencement,  
May 17, Friday  
Final grades due

**SUMMER SESSION**

May 13 - Aug. 16