WELCOME!
School of Education

Gate 3 Information
Questions?

• Write down all questions.
• We will be available after this meeting.
Gate 3 Process

- Gate 3 Application submitted in LiveText before deadlines
- Placement Request Form with school/district information
- Placement Requests sent after Gate 3 approval
- Possible follow-up with school/district by Gate office and possibly student
- Course Registration by Gate office after registration opens
- Placement Confirmation between Gate office and schools
Gate 3 Classification

- Initial vs Advanced
- Local vs External
- One Placement
- Two Placements
  - Dual Endorsements, Visual Arts, Teaching English as a Second Language, Special Education, Music, Health/PE, School Counseling
Gate 3 Information

- Gate 3 is a critical part of your program
  - Without completing Gate 3, you will not be eligible to sign up for your student teaching or internship semester

- Firm deadlines for Gate 3:

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- Be sure to get your application in by these deadlines or your application will NOT be approved
Gate 3 Information

- Things that must be completed before applying for Gate 3:
  - Gate 2 (9-15 credit hours completed)
  - ALL required tests passed (receipt of SLLA and RVE required; passing scores prior to the beginning of placement)
  - Completion of Content Competencies (for Elementary and Secondary endorsements)
  - Completion of all required courses (must be completed before Student Teaching/Internship semester)
  - Completion of Liberty required Background Check, Fingerprinting, VA Child Abuse form
Mapping To Gate 3

- Schedule courses leading up to your Gate 3 (not all courses can be taken with student teaching/internship; some courses are only offered in specific terms)
- Schedule courses between Gate 3 and placement (This section of the Gate 3 application will be denied until registration opens)
- Schedule tests for at least two testing sessions prior to Gate 3 deadline (Complete RVE after 554; 554 is only offered in B term)
- You must be enrolled in at least 6 credits in order to receive financial aid. Student Teaching/Internship is only 3 credits. Winter courses count toward spring financial aid.
Bottlenecks with Gate 3

- Tests
- No more than 2 Cs and 2.5 GPA (repeating courses)
- Content Competencies (Elementary and Secondary)
- Background Checks (full clearance on background check, fingerprinting, and VA Child Abuse before course enrollment)
- Forms for individual counties
- Contracts/Agreements
- Missing/Incorrect contact information
Required Tests

- All required tests must be passed before applying for Gate 3 (with the exception of the RVE* and SLLA**)
  - VCLA (all initial licensure candidates)
  - Praxis II (Elementary, Secondary, Special Education, and Math Specialist)*
  - SLLA (Administration candidates)**

*RVE has replaced the VRA as of August 2011. If you have taken VRA (and passed) then these can be used in place of RVE.

**SLLA (or equivalent test in another state) is required by the start of internship for every administration/supervision candidate. If your state does not have a designated test then you must meet the Virginia licensure scores.
Virginia Required Tests

- How do I sign up for these tests?
  - VCLA (offered online at Pearson testing centers http://www.pearsonvue.com/)
  - RVE: Elem and Sped exam (offered throughout the country; sign up at www.ets.org/praxis)
  - Praxis II (offered throughout the country; sign up at www.ets.org/praxis)
  - SLLA (offered throughout the country; sign up at www.ets.org/slla)
  - RVE: Reading Specialist exam (offered throughout the country; sign up at www.ets.org/praxis)
To be eligible for a VA license you must have the following:

- First Aid/CPR/AED training by Gate 4
- Social Security Number required by Gate 4

(see Advising Guide for any new updates)
Local Placements

• What if I live in the Lynchburg area?
  – If you wish to do your student teaching or internship in the following areas, please do not contact the schools as our field team will set up your placement:
    • Amherst County, Appomattox County, Bedford County, Campbell County, Danville City, Lynchburg City, Nelson County, Pittsylvania County, Roanoke City, Roanoke County, and Salem City.
  – Our field team will try to place you in order of your preferences, but the local schools will accept placements according to their availability, so there are NO GUARANTEES as to which local school you will be placed with.
External Placements

• Any placement outside of Central Virginia
• May require additional forms (PA clearances, SLED background, DODEA forms, etc.)
• Inquire about placement procedures, contact information, and clearances
• Know your state’s licensure requirements (LU’s program leads to VA licensure)
Sample Questions for Schools/Districts

- Is the school a public or accredited private or Christian school?
- Does the school/district accept students from online universities?
- Is there a certain contact or staff member in the school or district office who confirms and makes placements?
- Are there teachers/administrators who meet the requirements to serve as Cooperating Teachers/On-Site Supervisors/Mentors? (i.e. On-Site Supervisor = 3 years experience, Master’s degree, licensed)
- Does the school/district need an agreement or contract with the university?
- Is there any paperwork or an application process for interns?
- Does the school/district have a deadline to apply for internships or for the university to send a placement request?
FAQs

• Do I need to have a confirmed placement by the Gate 3 deadline?
  No. We will continue to work on placement until the semester begins, but we cannot guarantee placement.

• Does my place of employment always work for placement?
  No. You must be employed as a full-time contractual teacher by the school district in your area of endorsement.
Extra Information

Field Placement Information
• Go to Liberty’s website
• Search for “Requesting Field Experience”

External Placement Sites
Contacts

gate3@liberty.edu
  – All Gate 3 questions
educ@liberty.edu
  – All advising questions
edbackground@liberty.edu
  – Liberty’s background check required for all students
contentcompevals@liberty.edu
  – Content Competency questions
  – Please email for updated evaluation of competencies, if original evaluation is older than August 2011
Applying for Gate 3

• How do I apply for Gate 3?
  
  – You must apply for Gate 3 through LiveText:
  
  • Log into LiveText
  • Click on the “Documents” tab
  • Click on “New”
  • In the first dropdown box select “Gate Applications”
  • In the second dropdown box select your “Initial” or “Advanced” Gate 3 application
  • Title your document
  • Click on “Save as new document” (your application will automatically open and be saved in your “Documents” tab.)