

K-12 TEACHING

PRACTICE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

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The following is a list of typical questions that you might be asked during an employment interview for a teaching position. Read through the questions and prepare appropriate answers that reflect your experiences and knowledge. Be sure to include specific examples from "real life" experiences, including student teaching, field experience, and internship(s), in your answers. To gain further practice with interviewing, contact the University Career Center to schedule a mock interview.

1. What influenced you the most to become a teacher? Why did you choose education as your career?
2. What is your philosophy of teaching?
3. What are three most important strengths you possess that will make you a successful teacher?
4. What are three things you would like to improve upon as a teacher?
5. How do you motivate students? What are several effective ways you've motivated students to actively participate in the learning process?
6. How do you handle the different ability levels of students? How would you help a student who is having difficulty?
7. What classroom management techniques have you used? How effective have they been for you?
8. How have you (or will you) involved parents in the learning process?
9. In your opinion, what is the toughest aspect of teaching today? What are some of the greatest challenges of being an educator?
10. What do you plan to be doing in five years? What are your career goals?