

# Typical Interview Questions You Need to Be Prepared to Answer When Job Seeking in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Field

- Tell me about your background.
- Tell me about your education, experience, and qualifications that relate to this job.
- Why would you like this job?
- Why did you decide on a career in education?
- What do you know about our center/school?
- What is the most satisfying part of teaching to you?
- What is the most challenging part of teaching?
- What is the most important contribution you can make to children?
- How do you encourage children to learn?
- How do you establish discipline in your classroom? What do you do when you have a discipline problem in your classroom?
- What is an appropriate way to share difficult information with a parent?
- What other jobs have you held? Why did you leave them?
- What was your worst experience in child care and how did you resolve it?
- Have you ever had to handle a crying baby? What did you do?
- What role should outdoor play and interaction with other infants/toddlers/preschoolers have in a child's day?
- What would you do to improve communication between teachers and children? Teachers and parents? Teachers and management?
- How can you help our center grow?
- How do you deal with stress?
- How do you plan lessons?

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