

Job Shadow Interview Questions

1. What qualities does a person need to possess to be in this type of position?

- a. To be a learning facilitator it is important to be professional, organized, and think fast. At the end of the day you have to LOVE what you do so that it doesn't feel like a job. Every day is not perfect but at the end of the day I love being an active part in education.

2. How has your career affected your life?

- a. I have become more aware of how to relate to elementary school age kids. I know their interest and I am also able to help them on the spot with my grade level work.

3. What school did you attend? Are there any schools you recommend?

- a. For my undergrad I attended UC Davis and for my credential Fresno Pacific. I would recommend Fresno Pacific and Fresno State because they have really good programs in the valley.

4. Do you work a lot of overtime?

- a. Yes! With no pay by the way. There is a lot of preparation that needs to be done prior to going into the classroom, such as lesson planning, running copies, and now with chromebooks finding good interactive websites for the kids. There is also grading to take into consideration. It is better to stay on top of it. Just like you observed today. I had the kids take the quiz and promptly entered their scores. If you stay organized and on top of those things then it minimizes how long you stay after work. I don't feel like I have to stay every single day but for sure there are a couple days that I stay late to prepare for the week.

5. What inspired you to choose your career?

- a. As I mentioned in the morning I am a person that enjoys helping others reach their goals. I also enjoy challenges and in this profession I have both. It can be challenging and very rewarding to watch your students learn something new. Every day is planned similarly but every day has a different outcome. I knew that

I wanted to be in education after working as a site coordinator for the STARS program after returning home to Lindsay from UC Davis.

6. What advice do you have for a person aspiring to enter your career field?

- a. Some find obtaining a teaching credential tedious. There are many components to it like schooling (undergraduate/credential program), testing, student teaching, and the infamous BTSA (helps clear your credential {makes it official}). All I would say during the credential program is DON'T GIVE UP! Yes it takes work but you can achieve anything you set your mind to. Don't be afraid of having to take a test more than once. As a teacher be patient, kind, and don't allow anyone to take your joy!

7. What is the most rewarding part of your job?

- a. By far the most rewarding part is seeing students grow during the year you have them and bumping into them years later, hearing about their successes, and having a sense of pride that you had something to do with that.

8. What is the most challenging part of your job?

- a. Most challenging part I work with many personalities: colleagues, students, parents, administration. Finding the balance of respectful getting along with everyone and meeting their needs. Especially meeting my students' learning needs on a daily basis.

9. How does the economy affect your job?

- a. If there's a budget cut it affects the aspects of it because of the resources needed for learners and if the economy is really bad I would risk not having the job period.

10. How important are grades/GPA for obtaining a job in this field?

- a. Very important in high school and college because it gives the perception people have of you. However for the children it is not as important, at their age it is not necessarily the score that matters most but the skills they need to be successful in college.