Child Development Instructor Interview Questions

Questions will be provided for review 15 minutes before the interview.

1. Briefly tell us about your professional background, experience and skills that qualify you for a Child Development instructor at MJC? (5 points)

2. Besides teaching, what do you perceive the role of a community college instructor to be? (5 points)

3. Please tell us about your teaching philosophy. How does your philosophy influence your teaching style? (10 points)

4. A child development student reports to you that during an observation, the student observed what could be perceived as a child with continuously challenging behaviors. What ideas would you share that the caregiver might have tried? (10 points)

5. Does technology have a role in the education of young children? How would you present your philosophy on technology in child development courses? (10 points)

6. The community college student population is diverse in many ways. What skills and training do you have to prepare you to best meet the learning needs of students? (10 points)

7. As an instructor of the practicum course, you observe the following: Two children are in the sandbox and one throws sand in the other’s face. The practicum student shouts, “Friends, be nice!” You observe the interaction. How would you guide and support? (10 points)

8. Please elaborate on your recent professional development activities. (5 points)

9. Discuss a time that you went above and beyond to connect with a student. How did that connection translate into success inside the classroom for the student? (10 points)

10. What do you believe are the two most interesting trends in the field of Child Development right now? (10 points)

11. Are there any questions that you like to ask the committee? (0 points)
**Teaching Demonstration (15 minutes):**

Teaching demonstration prepared in advance:
Topic: Culturally appropriate practices.
Address the interview committee as if they are your students. Fifteen minutes will be allowed for the demonstration. Internet and “smart” classroom technology and a white board will be available.
Also, prepare a homework assignment that would follow this lesson. Bring 10 copies of the homework assignment for the committee. (20 points)

**Written Assignment (20 minutes):**

Please write a response to the following questions below elaborating your answer:

1) Differentiate characteristics of typical and atypical development

2) Identify and compare major theoretical frameworks related to the study of human development.