POTENTIAL INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR EDUCATION MAJORS

- Tell me about yourself.
- What are your strengths and weaknesses as a person? As a teacher?
- Describe yourself, your background and why you are interested in being a teacher?
- How would others describe you? How would you describe yourself?
- Why do you want to go into this field?

- What are the most important or worthwhile qualifications of a good teacher?
- Describe an effective teacher.
- What motivated you to enter the teaching profession?

- Describe your past teaching experiences.
- Describe some of your teaching successes and failures.
- What methods do you use for classroom management? Describe one difficult incident with a student, and how you handled it.
- How have you challenged your students in the classroom?

- How do you incorporate your teaching philosophy into your daily instruction?
- Tell me about the type of learning environment you create.
- Give me an example of a rule or procedure in your classroom.
- Have you ever broken a rule? If so, what determines whether you break a rule or not?

- How would you go about planning a lesson?
- Describe a good lesson plan, and why it was good.
- In what ways have you incorporated critical thinking skills into your instruction?
- How organized are you? How do you stay organized?

- Describe teaching strategies you have used for students, including gifted students, second-language students, reluctant learners, and special needs students.
- How have you individualized instruction for your students? At various levels?
- How would you identify special needs of students?
- How have you implemented multicultural/gender-free practices in your teaching?

- How much knowledge and experience have you had with inclusion or collaborative teaching? Define collaboration. How would you evaluate this practice?
- What experiences have you had with volunteers in your classroom?
- What strategies have you used in working with parents?
- Many parents are reluctant to get involved with their children's schools. Why do you think this is and what can be done about it?

- Identify the characteristics of an outstanding principal.
- Tell me what you think the role of a principal is?

- What technology do you need in your classroom to promote a good learning environment? What specific technology skills do you possess?
• What are some of the strategies you have used in managing your classroom?
• Describe how you develop lesson/unit plans for your subject area.

• What assessment and evaluation strategies do you use for student learning and for your own personal and professional performance?
• What are your plans for self-growth and how will you achieve them?
• If you feel you have any weaknesses with regard to this job, what would they be?

• Visualize an ideal classroom. What does it look like? Who's in it? What resources are you using?
• What are your short-range, and long-range goals, and how do you expect to achieve them?
• Do you plan to further your education? If so, to what extent?
• What else do you think I should know about you?
• If it were within your power, what is one thing that you would change regarding education today? How would you change it?