

Teaching Assistant
Interview Questions

I would allow the applicants to preview these questions 20 minutes before the panel

1. Explain why you were interested in applying for this position.
2. Briefly explain your education and experience in relation to being a special needs teaching assistant.
3. How would you define the role of a teaching assistant?
4. How does the role of teaching assistant differ from that of a teacher?
5. What do you consider the three most important character traits of a teaching assistant? Why?
6. How do you feel about the inclusion of students with special needs in classes?
7. How can you see yourself supporting inclusion in the class?
8. The students' you will be supporting have varying needs from Autism Spectrum Disorders to Oppositional Defiance Disorders to Learning Disabilities. Please briefly explain any experience or training you have working with students with these kinds of exceptionalities.
9. Adapting and modifying programs is one way we facilitate success with special needs students. Briefly explain what each of these terms means and provide an example(s) of each.
10. Any student with adaptations or modifications with in their program will have an Individual Education Plan. Briefly explain your understanding of this document and its purpose for supporting special needs students.
11. Supervision is one of the key responsibilities of this role. How do you see yourself effectively supervising the student in your care, while at the same time supervising the general student population?
12. Scenario- You are a teaching assistant assigned to work in a grade six class with two students who have special needs. The teacher is always asking you to mark and put up bulletin boards instead of supporting your students. What would you do in this situation?
13. Do you have any questions for us?