

CHLD 101: Introduction to Early Childhood Education

Interview ECE Professional

Learning Outcomes	1. Analyze critical, current trends and issues in early childhood field as they reflect the historical roots of early childhood education, emphasizing the impact of the dominant culture and the influence of other diverse cultural groups. 6. Discuss state and federal rules and regulations, including health and safety regulations, as they impact early childhood programs. 10. Recognize importance of leadership and advocacy skills and apply emerging skills across professional contexts
DEC Recommended Practices	PP33. Field experiences occur in high quality settings that reflect recommended practices in the field.
NAEYC Standards	6d. Integrating knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives on early education. 6e. Engaging in informed advocacy for children and the profession.

This field experience is to help you begin the process of becoming a professional. To do so, you will need to become a life-long learner and stay interested and involved in problems, trends, and issues that will have an impact on you, children, families, and the early childhood profession. The purpose of this field experience is to explore how others in the field engage in advocacy to promote quality in their profession.

To prepare for this interview:

- Review Chapter 14: Moving Forward as Professionals Shaping the Field and Future.
- Review the following interview questions so you understand the purpose of this interview.
 1. How do you stay informed about current trends and issues or public policies that impact your career?
 2. What current trends, issues or public policies do you feel will have an impact on:
 - a. your career?
 - b. the children/families you serve?
 - c. the field of early childhood education?
 3. What state and federal rules and regulations impact your early childhood program?
 4. How do you advocate for:
 - a. yourself (your career)?
 - b. your center?
 - c. your children and families?
 - d. the field of early childhood education?
- Call and arrange an interview with any staff member of a NAEYC Accredited Center. Plan to spend about 30 minutes in the interview.

When you arrive for your interview:

- Explain the purpose of the interview, including that your class is examining:
 - current trends or issues that might be impacting the field

- the role that informed advocacy plays in improving quality in early childhood education
- Use your predetermined interview questions as a guide for the interview. Allow your interviewee to expound on any particular issue that they feel is impacting the quality of early care and education. .
- Take objective notes or write direct quotes of their answers

After you complete your interview:

Write a Reflection that includes the following:

- A summary of your interview.
- An overview of new insights you have gained regarding:
 - your own career.
 - the impact you may have on children and families.
 - the role of advocacy in your profession.
- A summary of how the interview process has shaped your knowledge of the field of early childhood education.

For this assignment submit a copy of your Reflection.