

Tips for Essay Questions on the Student Teaching Personal Data Form

1. Briefly describe your experience with children and/or teens both in and out of the school environment.
 - Any field experiences
 - Related experiences with methods courses
 - Community service activities such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters
 - Recreational activities such as coaching
2. What are some of the motivating factors for your career choice of teaching?
 - Those who have influenced your decision, such as parents or former teachers
 - Positive experiences you've had in education
3. Briefly describe your competencies in technology.
 - Different operating systems, such as Mac or PC
 - Software you are familiar with
 - Internet experience, such as searching, email, creating web pages
 - Using technology in the classroom
4. What do you feel are the most important components in a successful classroom? How do you see yourself working with students of diverse backgrounds?
 - This question allows for the longest answer
 - Consider your philosophy of education
 - Discuss your areas of strength
 - Consider what you can learn when working in a multicultural classroom
5. List any honors, organizations, or extra-curricular activities during college and high school.
 - Academic honors
 - Participation in extra-curricular activities
 - Leadership experiences and opportunities
6. List previous work experiences.
 - Your responsibilities
7. What do you hope to gain from your student teaching experience?
 - Skills and abilities you want to strengthen
 - Improve your understanding