

UNIT 2 Child Care Basics

Child Care Portfolio Project

Observe a Child Care Professional

Directions Identify the responsibilities and career requirements for a person seeking employment or a career in the early child care and education profession. Make arrangements to visit a child care center or home child care setting to observe a classroom for one hour and to interview a director, child care professional, or preschool teacher. Complete the information on this page to prepare for your interview/observation. Use the following pages to record your observations from your visit and your interview.

Environment/Setting

Location/Business name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail address (if applicable): _____

Location Web site (if applicable): _____

Contact person _____

Title: _____

Person to be observed: _____

Individual's position/title: _____

Age ranges of children the individual cares for: _____

Other information: _____

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____

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Observation

Type of setting (room, outdoors, activity area): _____

Description of setting: _____

Number of children and child care professionals present

Children: _____ Child Care Professionals: _____

Activities Observed

Time	Activity	Teacher Responsibilities

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Interview

What training/education has the person completed? _____

What hours does he or she typically work? _____

What are the approximate wages/earnings? _____

What employment benefits does he or she receive? _____

What advancement opportunities does he or she have? _____

How do the activities you observed vary per time of day or per day of the week?

How do the teacher's responsibilities vary from day to day? _____

What does this person enjoy best about his or her position? _____

What does this person enjoy least about his or her position? _____

Other unique information: _____
