

JOB TITLE:	Animal Care & Education Specialist	CLASSIFICATION:	Full-time, Hourly
DEPARTMENT:	Education	REPORTS TO: Sr. Dir. of Institutional Advancement	
PURPOSE:	Under the direction of the Sr. Director of Institutional Advancement, the Animal Care & Education Specialist carries out all aspects of the daily ambassador animal care and delivers engaging, science-based programs for the Center for Aquatic Sciences.		
MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carries out all aspects of the daily care of assigned animals including cleaning, feeding, exhibit maintenance, general upkeep of support facilities. • Maintains water quality through filtration, weekly testing balance of chemical elements, and sanitation methods for aquatic or semi-aquatic animal species. • Prepares and feeds appropriate diets as per established feeding practices and diet sheets. Ensures animal food stocks and supplies are replenished regularly. • Researches improvements in animal care protocols and diets. • Administers prescribed medications, supplements, or treatments under the guidance of the veterinary and supervisory staff. • Records and reports any abnormal animal health or behavioral issues to the supervisor. • Maintains daily reports, logs, research or veterinary records, as appropriate and according to established guidelines; requires basic skills with Microsoft Office software applications. • Delivers educational programs including classroom programs, assemblies, summer camps, and traveling programs. • Perform other related duties as assigned by the Sr. Director of Institutional Advancement. • Primarily Monday – Friday schedule with occasional evenings or weekends as needed; typically, 32-40 hrs./week. 			
KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES REQUIRED:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passionate about quality animal care and enrichment. • Experience working with animals, particularly reptiles, within a managed care environment. • Ability to follow, and improve on existing animal care standards and protocols. • Have a strong understanding of biology, marine science and aquatic ecology. • Experience with handling a variety of live animals including marine invertebrates and reptiles. • Raptor/bird handling a plus. • Ability to communicate and relate well to individuals of all ages, especially PreK-8. • Must be creative, well organized, self-starting and a team player. • Strong public speaking abilities and comfort in presenting animals while describing their life histories, diets, habitats, adaptations, etc. • Excellent character, integrity, and adaptability. • One-year experience teaching children in an informal/formal setting. • Ability to work a flexible schedule, including weekends, early mornings and some evenings and may drive more than 250 miles round-trip in a day. 			
PHYSICAL AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful completion of pre-employment background and fingerprint check. • No history of allergy to plants or animals, which may interfere with ability to work. • Ability to lift 40 pounds. • Pass Criminal Background Check and Fingerprinting. • Driver's license and good driving record required. 			

Compensation: \$15-\$16/hour

How to Apply: Send resume and cover letter to HR@aquaticsciences.org or visit our website at www.aquaticsciences.org

Application Deadline: February 4, 2022