Husbandry Aquatic Biologist Full time – Year Round

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Requirements:

A Bachelor's degree in biology, the marine sciences, or related field is required. A minimum one year of experience via employment, internship or volunteering at public aquarium, zoo, or similar setting is mandatory. Applicants must have experience working on a team in a dynamic environment, and should be self-motivated in order to perform well with minimum supervision. Broad knowledge of various animal care methods and health requirements for a variety of fish and aquatic invertebrates is necessary. Significant experience maintaining closed system aquariums, an understanding of water quality as it relates to animal health and fluency with a variety of filtration equipment maintenance is a prerequisite. Applicant must have a current driver's license and valid SCUBA certification. Applicant must be comfortable working around and diving with traumatogenic animals or in small areas. Candidates must have the ability to work flexible schedules that may include evenings, weekends and holidays. Must be able to lift 50lbs and navigate stairs and ladders.

Accountabilities:

- Represent Newport Aquarium/ Herschend Family Entertainment (HFE) in a professional and ethical manner at all times.
- Adhere to all Newport Aquarium/ HFE safety and security protocols.
- Efficiently perform objectives, protocols, policies and standard operating procedures of the department and company to ensure healthy animals, positive guest experiences, and an environment conducive to team work.
- Maintain records and generate reports regarding all aspects of animal husbandry and aquarium operations in accordance with accepted professional industry practices and AZA accreditation standards.
- Keep work areas clean, neat, and professional to comply with department, company, and government standards.
- Apply the basics of aquarium science and management to create successful area maintenance routines.
- Interact with and respond to public/media requests for information per management direction. Participate in Aquarium related education, public relations and membership programs including facility tours and lectures.
- Cross-train and learn other areas within department for coverage assignments.
- Effectively troubleshoot and resolve problems. Identify areas of concern and recommendations for improvement.
- Participate in multi-day, overnight animal transport and collection trips.
- Mentor husbandry interns and volunteers.
- Record, interpret and make corrections to water quality as needed or directed.
- Undertake special projects, additional duties, and responsibilities as directed by managers.

Other desirable attributes:

CPR / First Aid certified
High level of organizational skills
Zoonosis preventative protocol familiarity

Venomous and dangerous animal protocol familiarity
Ability to drive small-medium sized box truck