

Job Description: Aquarium Interpreter



Position Summary

The Discovery Passage Aquarium offers educational and interpretive programs for residents, schools and visitors highlighting the fascinating marine life of the Discovery Passage and surrounding waters. Are you outgoing, upbeat, and full of curiosity? A creative and enthusiastic communicator, with a strong interest in the marine environment, natural history and conservation? If so, you might like to join us as an interpreter/aquarist this summer.

Job Duties and Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Aquarium Interpreter will focus on the upkeep of aquarium exhibits, animal husbandry, and visitor relations. This will include the following tasks:

- Deliver one-on-one and group interpretive education programs and tours while maintaining guest satisfaction through interactive and enthusiastic programming for all ages
- Assist in maintaining exhibits with live animals and provide high quality animal husbandry
- Deliver interpretive programs for school groups and daily public events
- Sales and cashiering
- Assist in the supervision of volunteers and provide a rewarding learning experience
- Communicate animal handling protocols to volunteers and guests
- Maintain appearance of building, interpretive props and materials
- Provide a safe and positive work environment
- Prepare and distribute feed for the specimens
- Adjust water flows and air supply
- Record water quality measurements
- Other duties as required

Qualifications

- Post-secondary education in a field of biological sciences, marine biology, education, tourism or related field is preferred
- Level 1 First Aid with CPR-C is an asset

Desirable Knowledge, Skills, and Experience

Candidates must be able to demonstrate:

- Experience and competence in computer skills including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and email

- Knowledge of local marine biodiversity, species, life history and habitats
- Excellent interpersonal communications, presentation and public speaking skills
- Experience developing and/or delivering educational programs to youth of all ages an asset
- Professional and friendly demeanor with demonstrated experience as a team member
- Strong time management and organizational skills
- Ability to be creative and flexible with problem-solving skills
- Familiarity with social media promotional opportunities, including web blogs
- Strong language skills in English are required. A second language is an asset.
- Experience in customer service, tourism, or retail sales is an asset
- Experience in animal handling and interpretation is an asset
- Basic mechanical skills are an asset