



POSITION TITLE: Part Time Animal Care Specialist

REPORTS TO: Senior Animal Care Specialist

EXEMPT OR NON-EXEMPT: Non-Exempt

POSITION TYPE: 29 hours a week divided into 4

POSITION OVERVIEW: Together with the Animal Care team, the part time Animal Care Specialist will provide quality care of display and education animals as well as maintain and troubleshoot any habitat, aquarium, or life support of the animal collection. This position will be responsible for helping with the cleaning and maintenance of all animal care behind the scenes and display areas.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:

- Food prep and feeding of all animals in the CSC collection
- Maintain all animal care work areas
- Work with a team of animal care specialists to ensure the daily care of all animals in the CSC collection
- Perform water quality testing of aquarium habitats
- Maintain life support systems
- Assist in the care and training of education and display animals
- Other duties as needed.

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possess the following attributes and abilities to:

- Lift 60lbs to waist level;
- Lift up to 20lbs to shoulders and above head;
- Walk/stand for long periods of time;
- Maneuver safely on uneven surfaces or in tight spaces;
- Safely climb ladders;
- Squat, bend, kneel, twist and reach;
- Reach above the shoulders;
- Push and pull large equipment.

COMPETENCIES & QUALIFICATIONS:

- Working knowledge and experience in animal care at an Aquaria focused animal care facility;
- Animal (reptile and mammal) handling experience in a formal (*preferred*) or informal setting;

- Basic understanding of plumbing, aquatic LSS systems and water chemistry;
- Basic understanding of operant conditioning, animal training and enrichment;
- Aquatic and terrestrial disease recognition and treatment experience (**preferred**);
- Great time management skills and be able to multitask;
- Efficient and well organized in daily activities;
- Excellent customer service and communication skills with staff, other departments and guests;
- High work performance standards to all work related activities;
- Attention to detail on every task. Be a team player by positively supporting team members in our goals;
- The flexibility to work weekends and holidays (**required**);
- Possess the ability to use Microsoft Office and other internet based apps/websites;
- Ability to speak and read basic English;
- Reliable, honest, and have a positive attitude and friendly demeanor;
- Supervisory/management experience with volunteers;
- Commitment to and passion for the mission, vision, and values of Catawba Science Center.

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Four-year degree in Aquarium Science, Biology, or related field (**preferred**) (**or**)
- Two-Year Specialized degree in Animal Care or Aquarium Science with applied experience (**or**)
- A strong background in the care and husbandry of aquatic and terrestrial animals with applied experience
- (**or**) Relevant combination of education and experience

NOTE: All applicants must participate in a drug test and criminal background check as part of the pre-employment process for the Catawba Science Center.

Signatures

Employee

Date

Supervisor

Date

