

## **Aquarium Technician**

### **Job Duties:**

Maintain and care for a variety of fish within the assigned area, clean and maintain aquariums, prepare diets and feed fish according to established guidelines. Maintain accurate records on animals and water quality, communicate clearly and concisely both orally and in writing. Perform related duties and responsibilities as assigned.

*Job descriptions are intended to present a general list of tasks/duties performed by employees within this job classification. Job Descriptions are not intended to reflect all duties performed within the job.*

### **MINIMUM EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

**Education directly related to the minimum requirements below may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis.**

High school diploma or GED; **and**

Two (2) years of experience in any combination of the following areas:

- marine biology
- aquatic animal husbandry
- aquaculture

Experience working in an Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accredited facility preferred.

### **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Dependent on position may require a valid New Mexico Driver's License and City Operators Permit (COP).

Possession of an appropriate valid SCUBA diving certification within six (6) months from date of hire.

### **PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE:**

- Basic procedures of an aquarium or hatchery program
- Principles and practices of SCUBA diving
- Operations, services and activities of a biological park program
- Safe work practices when working with fish and other animals
- Occupational hazards and standard safety practices

### **PREFERRED SKILLS AND ABILITY:**

- Maintain and care for a variety of animals within the assigned area
- Clean and maintain aquarium exhibits
- Prepare diets and feed fish
- Learn fish catching handling methods
- Communicate clearly and concisely
- Maintain accurate records
- Develop excellent observational skills
- Perform the essential functions of the job with or without reasonable accommodation

- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work

## **WORKING CONDITIONS:**

### **Environmental:**

Aquatic Indoor, outdoor and underwater environments: Position involves a mix between an office and the displays and exhibits that they manage. Work in an animal environment including a variety of domestic, exotic, aquatic animals and animal waste; Work in or with water; work on slippery or uneven surfaces; exposure to chemicals and pesticides, noise, dust, heat, cold and inclement weather conditions..

### **Physical:**

SCUBA diving essential and supplemental functions may require maintaining physical condition necessary for sitting, standing, bending, kneeling, pushing, pulling, talking, manual dexterity, eye-hand coordination; occasional heavy, moderate, or light lifting. Office environment with standard equipment and tasks working at a computer/video display terminal and desk occasionally.