

AQUARIST APPRENTICE

LSS APPRENTICE

Range A-19 (Hourly)

JOB SUMMARY: Under the leadership of the LSS Lead, the LSS Apprentice performs tasks assigned by the LSS management team to maintain and improve aquarium systems throughout the facility. This is a full-time hourly position with hours that may vary and may include night, weekend and holiday shifts.

**This is a safety sensitive position and as such, use of medical marijuana is not permitted.

MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Make frequent and daily rounds to evaluate exhibit equipment.
- Communicate issues with exhibits and staff to LSS Lead.
- Complete work orders in a timely manner as assigned by the LSS management team.
- Maintain the tools and supplies needed to complete projects.
- Assist in the maintenance of animal life support systems (LSS), i.e. plumbing, pumps, filters, foam fractionators, heaters, chiller units, Rotron blowers and RODI units, and other aquarium components.
- Follows scheduled routine for LSS rounds and mechanical checks.
- Maintains familiarity with all aspects of LSS including electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems.
- Demonstrates an excellent working knowledge of the safe and proper use of hand tools, power tools and test equipment used in daily activities.
- Assists in the fabrication and repair of exhibits.
- Assists in the routine preventative maintenance of Oklahoma Aquarium equipment including but not limited to electrical, plumbing, some HVAC, and building construction.
- Works with other relevant departments to ensure that service areas are always clean, and well maintained.
- Maintains familiarity with MSDS system and hazardous communications
- Maintains a valid driver's license.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Ability to train with heavy equipment, tools and building materials
- Ability to learn PVC plumbing, electrical, concrete, framing, lighting and filtration design
- High degree of concentration and attention to detail
- Ability to develop a working knowledge of water filtration systems
- Good record keeping skills
- Ability to contribute positively to a diverse and equitable work environment.
- Develop collaborative, productive, and respectful relationships with employees.
- Recommend improvements in area of responsibility.
- Ability to travel on a limited, as-needed, basis – including occasional overnight travel.
- Demonstrate professionalism at all times.
- Demonstrated ability to accurately follow instructions, both verbally and written
- Perform other related duties as requested.

MINIMUM AND PREFERRED REQUIREMENTS:

- High School Diploma or GED.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Office software
- Exceptional organizational, communication and interpersonal skills.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT

The duties of the Aquarist Apprentice will be performed inside and outside of the Oklahoma Aquarium. The Aquarist Apprentice must possess the ability to stand/work for long periods of time in adverse conditions (cramped spaces, cold water, and wet environment). Work environment is team oriented, having variable tasks, pace, and pressure.

Physical: Primary functions require sufficient physical ability to work in an aquatic setting. Continuous standing, with upward and downward flexion of neck; fine finger dexterity; light to moderate finger pressure to manipulate keyboard, equipment controls, and equipment; pinch grasp to manipulate writing utensils. Frequent side-to-side turning of neck, walking, standing, bending, stooping, pushing/pulling, and twisting at waist. Frequent squatting, kneeling, and reaching above and at shoulder height; moderate grasp to manipulate reference books and manuals. Frequent lifting of 50 pounds while working in adverse conditions (cramped spaces, cold water and wet environment).

Vision: See in the normal visual range with or without correction; vision sufficient to read computer screens and printed documents and to operate equipment.

Hearing: Hear in the normal audio range with or without correction.