

<b>Position</b>	Senior Curator - Aquarium Life Support Operations Supervisor
<b>Facility</b>	Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center
<b>Location</b>	Virginia Beach, Virginia
<b>Job Summary</b>	<p>The Aquarium Life Support Operations Supervisor will assist the Aquarium Facilities - Systems Coordinator in the development, operations, and management of the Virginia Aquarium's life support and water quality section to meet the mission and objectives of the Virginia Aquarium &amp; Marine Science Center. This position is a working supervisor and will oversee all aspects of aquarium life support systems and related components, water quality lab operation, and supervise staff responsible for the daily operation of large aquatic animal life support systems and related components; automated controls and monitoring equipment; water chemistry; and related maintenance and repair. Develop and implement aquarium life support and water quality standards and procedures in accordance with industry best practices, safety protocols, standards and guidelines established by the Virginia Aquarium, governing agencies and regulatory/accrediting bodies. Assist the Aquarium Facilities - Systems Coordinator with strategic planning, exhibit planning, facility planning, and implementation of department goals. Work with the Aquarium's veterinary and animal care team to ensure the highest standards of animal care and welfare with regard to life support and water quality. Participate in section budget preparation; forecast, plan, and monitor operating expenditures. Prepare specifications and scope of work documents. Obtain quotes, and evaluate products and vendors for purchased goods and services. Review, approve and oversee section staff project budget proposals and purchasing activities. Oversee life support and water quality record keeping and documentation; compile data and prepare statistical and narrative reports, presentations and articles; and identify and analyze metrics to make recommendations or adjustments based on data and trends. Collaborate with all sections of the Aquarium to facilitate programming projects, exhibit improvements, implementation and design, by ensuring life support and water quality considerations and needs are adequately covered and addressed for all aquatic exhibit displays in public and behind the scenes areas; develop protocols and procedures to ensure accurate, up-to-date standards and state of the art design to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the Aquarium's animal collection, visitors, staff and volunteers, thereby contributing to the visitor experience and supporting the Aquarium's mission. Perform other job duties requiring skills, knowledge and physical requirements as demanded by those duties described or less. Individual assignments will be determined by the supervisor based on then current workloads and department needs.</p>
<b>Essential Functions</b>	
<b>Other Duties and Responsibilities</b>	
<b>Knowledge, Skills and Abilities</b>	

**Education & Experienced Required**

**MINIMUMS:** Requires any combination of education (above the high school level) and experience equivalent to nine (9) years in fields utilizing the required knowledge, skills, and abilities and associated with such positions as Aquarium Life Support Technician/Operator/Engineer, Aquarist, Assistant Curator, or Curator. Must have, or obtain, a current and valid Virginia or North Carolina driver's license in accordance with Virginia or North Carolina DMV driver's license eligibility requirements. **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:** All employees may be expected to work hours in excess of their normally scheduled hours in response to short-term department needs and/or City-wide emergencies. This position may require that incumbents to wear and maintain appropriate personal protective equipment such as, but not limited to, steel toed shoes, hard hats, safety glasses, gloves, or other safety attire and equipment in designated areas of risk. Specific requirements will be determined and communicated by the employee's supervisor based on position assigned. Positions within this class have been designated as Alpha I positions requiring employees to work during inclement weather, regardless of the City's operational status. Preferences: Bachelor's degree or higher in biology, marine biology, marine science, zoology, aquarium science, aquaculture, or related field. Experience supervising staff in aquatic animal life support or similar field. Experience with large-scale aquatic animal life support system maintenance and repair in a public aquarium or similar facility. Extensive experience with aquatic animal life support system management and design including automated controls in a public aquarium, aquaculture facility or similar facility. Experience with water quality testing including sample collection, analysis and data interpretation in a public aquarium or similar institution. Experience developing and maintaining budgets. Experience developing project cost estimates and work plans. Experience adhering to animal facility accreditation standards. Certification as a Life Support Operator Level III through Aquatic Animal Life Support Operators (AALSO). Certification as a Water Quality Technician Level II through Aquatic Animal Life Support Operators (AALSO). Completion of a National Swimming Pool Foundation (NSPF) Certified Pool & Spa Operator (CPO) course.

**Licenses and Certifications Required****Physical Requirements****Working Conditions**

**Salary** Pay range for this classification: A.9, \$50,918.40 - \$77,188.80

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**Closing date** 09/27/2019