

Position	Aquatic Life Support Filtration Technician
Facility	Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden
Location	Oklahoma City, OK
Job Summary	Responsible for managing all the filtration systems and water quality for the animals. Also assists with the wellbeing, enrichment, feedings, training, and health checks of aquatic animals and their habitats at the Zoo. Interacts with the public educating guests about the animals and conservation.
Essential Functions	An employee in this position may be called upon to do any or all of the following essential duties: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain water quality parameters for Marine animals. • Backwash pools to clean the water filtration. • Test water samples and adjust chemicals to fix any abnormality. • Clean and maintain exhibits via scuba diving when necessary. • Care for the animals by feeding, perform health checks, and enrichment. • Educate guests about the aquatic species at the Zoo. • Maintain and repair technical equipment used in aquatic filtration. • Assist with Animal Transfers. • Participate in Conservation activities that support's the zoo's mission. • Assist with supervisory responsibilities in the absence of the Assistant Curator. • Represent Oklahoma City Zoo by participating in AZA programs. • Responsible for maintaining the highest level of safety in the workplace. • Participate and coordinate maintenance, marketing events, Guest Service needs, education, horticulture, or other departmental needs as appropriate. • Assist in facilitating exhibit needs and maintenance of assigned area. • Perform other duties as assigned.
Other Duties and Responsibilities	
Knowledge, Skills and Abilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic filtration systems. • Basic chemistry methods and water quality testing. • Demonstrated proficiency operating ozone and automated control systems. • Policies, practices, and procedures of the Oklahoma City Zoo and the assigned department and area (to be acquired within 30 days of hire). Skills • Understanding complex technical instructions. • Public speaking. • Preparing and maintaining a variety of records, reports, and correspondence. • Proficiency in handling marine animals. • Excellent interpersonal and communication skills • Excellent organizational skills and time management. • Strong sensory skills, such as eyesight, hearing, and/or dexterity. Abilities • Practice and foster safe work methods, identifying work place hazards, and using appropriate safety equipment. • Establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff, professional colleagues, and the public. • Handle multiple tasks simultaneously. • Work a flexible schedule which may include evenings and/or weekends and holidays and during emergency situations such as dictated by weather. • Drive around the Oklahoma City area throughout the year.
Education & Experienced Required	<p>Experience Required: Two (2) years of experience working with Life Support in a zoological or aquarium setting (volunteer work included). An equivalent combination of education and experience to successfully perform the essential duties will be considered. Minimum Education Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Marine Science or related field.</p>
Licenses and Certifications Required	<p>Valid Oklahoma driver's license and pass a driver's history check. SCUBA certification from a nationally recognized organization. Aquatic Animal Life Support Operator 1 license or equivalent. Successful completion of a pre-employment background check, a physical examination, and a drug test. Must take and pass annual TB tests.</p>
Physical Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to walk, sit and stand for periods of time. • Push, lift, and carry up to 50 lbs. • Bend, stoop, kneel, and move intermittently throughout the day. • May be exposed to fumes, odors, dust, moving mechanical parts, and vehicles. • Exposure to extreme weather conditions, such as heat, cold, rain, snow and ice. • Exposure to potentially dangerous animals.

Working Conditions	Zoo Setting both indoors and outdoors.
Salary	Starting salary is \$28,371.20
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