



**Position:** Aquarist, Zookeeper

**Status:** Full-time

**Description:** Located along Florida's Space Coast in Melbourne, Brevard Zoo is a highly acclaimed institution and one of only 233 accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. A not-for-profit that receives no recurring government funds for operations, the Zoo relies on admissions, memberships, grants and philanthropy to fund its operations and programs.

This position assists the aquarium team with the daily care of Zoo animals and the maintenance of Zoo exhibits and enclosures located in the aquarium and Caribbean loop. Aquarist must be able to work as an integral part of the Zoo team and communicate effectively with coworkers, management, guests and employees.

**Responsibilities and duties:**

This position is responsible for performing all aspects of aquarium care and animal husbandry, including maintenance of exhibits and life support system operations. Said exhibit includes a 20,000-gallon saltwater system, touch tank for public display and the daily filtration maintenance and water testing of our freshwater systems. This position will also be cross-trained in the Petting Zone to work with a variety of animals. Applicants must be willing to work with and under the guidance of the animal behavior and wellness coordinator to ensure Brevard Zoo's standards of animal wellness are maintained. This person must also possess outstanding guest service and communication skills.

**Required Qualifications:**

- Four years of experience in animal care at an AZA-accredited institution.
- Experience with water quality testing and understanding of the nitrification cycle.
- Basic understanding of life support equipment, biological, chemical and mechanical filtration.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to multi-task.
- Strong work ethic.
- Demonstrated dedication to the zoo industry, on and off site.
- Ability to lift 50 lbs. on a regular basis.
- Speak intelligently and diplomatically with coworkers and the public.
- Effectively communicate both orally and in writing.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Computer competency and proficiency with ZIMS, Microsoft and Adobe programs.
- Ability to work in inclement weather.

- Ability to work a flexible schedule including holidays, weekends, evenings and during emergency situations.
- Ability and desire to qualify for the chemical immobilization and/or weapon's team and serve as a committed team member.

**Preferred Qualifications:**

- General knowledge of animals found in and around the Indian River Lagoon.

**Benefits:**

- Health Insurance (no deductible) comes with free gym membership
- Free Dental Insurance and optional Life, Short-term Disability and Vision insurances
- Matching 403b retirement funds (pre-tax)
- Zoo membership, passes and zipline passes
- Florida attraction share program passes

Please send cover letter, resume and three references to [HR@brevardzoo.org](mailto:HR@brevardzoo.org).