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**JOB POSITNG**

**Job Title:** Educator I

**Status:** Non-Exempt

**Number of Positions:** 2

**Classification:** Full Time

**Reports to:** Director of Education and Conservation

**Description**

Reporting to Director of Education and Conservation, this position will participate in programming, including teaching and updating content based on participant feedback. The Educator I will assist the Education department in the design and development of education programs for members, students, and other special-interest groups at the Aquarium of Niagara and in the community.

**Essential Responsibilities**

* Serve as a first line instructor, presenting educational content to guests and groups inside the Aquarium and outside on the surrounding grounds
* Maintain a basic familiarity with the Aquarium’s animal collection, and develop an understanding of the importance the collection plays in the fulfillment of the Aquarium’s mission
* Respond to visitor observations and questions about the collections, or contact the appropriate animal care staff to answer a question or report a problem
* Recognize emergency conditions related to animal health and safety, and contact appropriate staff in a timely and efficient manner
* Provide crowd control, supervision of guests, and educational interpretation at public touch pool
* Conduct education programs at off-site locations such as local schools and community centers
* Assist in the identification of subjects to be covered and the development of curriculum outlines and materials to be shared during programs
* Maintain inventory of interpretive tools, including animal artifacts/bio facts and activity sets
* Assist with logistical planning and group orientation upon arrival to the Aquarium of Niagara
* Remain acutely aware of the needs of guests of the Aquarium of Niagara at all times
* Maintain a friendly, courteous and helpful attitude towards visitors

**Requirements**

* Bachelor’s degree in environmental education or a related field; or equivalent experience
* Minimum 2 years of experience as an informal science/environmental educator
* Excellent communication skills (verbal and in writing)
* Excellent computer skills including Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher
* Comfortable addressing audiences as large as 150 people, as well as work individually with guests
* Previous experience handling and presenting live animals
* Outstanding customer service skills; able to represent the Aquarium of Niagara at all levels with professionalism and pride
* Flexible team player; ability to work well with staff, project partners, and program participants.
* Ability to multi-task as part of a fast-paced team
* Valid driver’s license and a driver in good standing
* Able to lift 50 pounds and walk over uneven terrain and in all weather

Interested applicants should visit http://www.aquariumofniagara.org/careers to complete an employment application and attach a cover letter, resume, and references to an email addressed to [kjones@aquariumofniagara.org](mailto:kjones@aquariumofniagara.org). Be sure to include Educator I in the subject line of any correspondences.

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