

# Dive Safety Operations

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**Q:** Does the job require a degree, certification, or both?

**A:** Not necessarily, relevant experience is also considered. However, a dive instructor certification is needed at a minimum

**Q:** Is there any way to volunteer or shadow with this position?

**A:** It depends on the day and time. Some days are busier than others if we have multiple trainings or drills going on.

**Q:** Are there any internships that help to get this position?

**A:** It depends. Internships help but getting diving and leadership experience is the key to success for this role.





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**Q: What does your average day look like?**

**A:** Each day is different for a Dive Safety Officer. We are responsible for the safety and the health of the dive team and ensure compliance with different regulatory agencies such as OSHA and the American Academy of Underwater Sciences. One day we are conducting swim and dive evaluations for new divers coming into the program, the next day we are offsite conducting research diving or training dives. Each day is different and that is why I love doing what I do.

**Q: What path did you take to get to Georgia Aquarium?**

**A:** Before the Aquarium, I got to serve the Atlanta area as a Paramedic for Grady EMS as well as a Flight Paramedic for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. This experience in Public Safety as well as my diving background, helped prepare me for my role as the Dive Safety Officer for Georgia Aquarium. Once I was here, I realized I needed to grow my leadership skills and have spent the last few years continuing to develop myself and my team as leaders.

**Q: What is your favorite part about working at Georgia Aquarium?**

**A:** The staff and volunteers I get to be around every day. I am a people person and nothing fills my cup more than being around like minded people believing in the same mission/goals as myself. I get to help take care of some very neat animals and I am allowed to grow as a leader and to help others be the best they can be.



*Thank You*