

Zoological Operations

Pinniped Trainer



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

A: Bachelor's or Higher in Biology or a related field. Mine is in Marine Science-Biology! However, if you have equivalent relevant experience that may be considered in lieu of a degree.

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

A: Not currently.

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

A: Yes. Internships involving either animal training or animal husbandry are extremely beneficial in getting this position.



Q: What does your average day look like?

A: A typical day starts with cleaning the animals' habitats and preparing their diets. The remainder of the day is filled with training sessions, including our presentations and encounters, and more cleaning.

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

A: One of my first jobs involved caring for horses on farm. From there, I got my degree at the University of Tampa in marine science-biology, and volunteered at an aquarium in their commissary department. After graduating, I worked in education before landing my first animal training position. It was at that job that I fell in love with sea lions and knew I wanted to continue to work with them, which led me to Georgia Aquarium.

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

A: My favorite part is definitely getting to build relationships with each of our animals and seeing their individual personalities.



Thank You