

# Sea Turtle Care Center Biologist

Located along the pristine harbor in the heart of historic Charleston, the South Carolina Aquarium has been inspiring visitors for over twenty years. From our over 5,000 animals to our award-winning education team, from the Sea Turtle Care Center™ to our conservation programs protecting local species, visitors are struck with awe and inspiration as they journey through all our exhibits, representing the mountains to the sea of South Carolina

## Job Summary:

Primary responsibilities are tending to the medical and husbandry needs of the animals within the South Carolina Aquarium's Sea Turtle Care Center (STCC), supervising volunteers and interns, and conducting public speaking engagements and facility tours.

## Essential Functions:

- Adhere to the South Carolina Aquarium Policies & Procedures.
- Able and willing to be reached during non-working hours for emergencies.
- Work closely with Veterinarian team and STCC Manager to evaluate animal health and environmental requirements.
- Assist in diagnostic, medical and surgical procedures.
- Administer prescribed medications and treatments to animals.
- Stock and maintain medical and hospital supplies.
- Help develop, prepare and distribute proper nutritional diets.
- Maintain proper water quality and functioning life support systems.
- Help coordinate animal releases and internal/external transports.
- Supervise Volunteers and Interns.
- Keep accurate records.
- Maintain hospital aesthetics and perform periodic renovations as needed.
- Support, conduct and help coordinate behind the scene tours for V.I.P.'s and donor relations.
- Help support the Marketing & Strategic Communication Division by providing content for media related requests and social media platforms.
- Provide public engagement with the Aquariums' guests in virtual, formal and informal settings.
- Assist with educational outreach programs for community groups, schools and other organizations.

## Other Duties and Responsibilities:

- Support the mission by participating in Aquarium sponsored programs and events on a regular basis.
- Seek, develop and practice cost savings strategies and improve overall efficiency.

- Communicate internally and externally, on a regular basis, developments regarding the SCA STCC and/or related sea turtle conservation.
- Attend and be a productive member of approved meetings, committees, workshops, conferences, etc.
- Participate in field work and research activities approved by STCC Manager.
- Participation on the Emergency Ride Out Team is required as directed, possibly with short notice.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:

- Ability to work under pressure in emergency situations.
- Must have excellent oral and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to understand the mechanical equipment necessary to maintain Sea Turtle Hospital.
- Knowledge and demonstrated skill for minor plumbing and carpentry work.

Education and Experience Required:

- BS in biology, aquatic biology, a closely related field.
- Previous experience with sea turtles and/or animal rehabilitation.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office