



**This is a new position supporting the expansion of The Florida Aquarium's sea turtle conservation efforts at the Aquarium's cutting edge Center for Conservation. Primary impact is through direct rescue and rehabilitation of sick and injured sea turtles at our new 17,000-square-foot Sea Turtle Hospital. To date, The Florida Aquarium has rehabilitated and released more than 150 sea turtles, and this position presents tremendous opportunities for the growth and expansion of the Aquarium's sea turtle conservation program.**

### **Position Summary**

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Senior biologist in charge of managing husbandry of rescued and rehabilitating marine turtles, primarily based out of The Florida Aquarium's Center for Conservation. Responsible for all aspects of marine turtle care, as well as maintaining adherence to all Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) requirements and guidelines in conjunction with the Animal Health team.

### **Essential Position Functions**

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- Oversee the daily operations of the rehabilitation of stranded marine turtles including animal care and facility maintenance.
- Assist with coordinating and performing field response/rescue of stranded marine turtles.
- Assist with overseeing the training of all volunteers within the Animal Rescue Program and coordinate the scheduling of rehabilitation volunteers.
- Collect data and specimens in the field and assist with carcass disposal, when necessary.
- Assist in necropsy examinations at the Aquarium and in the field including, but not limited to, clean-up and waste management.
- Assist with writing and implementing new standard operating procedures.
- Train and manage full-time Biologist 1 position to support the care and husbandry of marine turtles at the Florida Aquarium's Center for Conservation and to provide 7 day/week coverage.
- Assist with staffing to provide 24-hour coverage for timely response to FWC requests for distressed or deceased marine turtle recovery and transport.
- Assist with coordinating and performing the release of rehabilitated marine turtles.
- Provide educational information to the public when responding to stranding reports.
- Assist in conducting public outreach programs and media relations by interfacing with Creative Services and External Relations departments.
- Assist with opportunistic clinical research that is relevant, goal-specific, and in direct support of the aquarium's mission.
- Performs other duties as assigned or required.

### **Education, Requirements, and Technical Skills**

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- 3-5 years working with marine animals in a rehabilitation setting. At least 2 years (or equivalent experience) working primarily with marine turtles.
  - Minimum of 2 years' experience in a supervisory role of staff, volunteers, interns, programs, or projects at a museum, zoo, aquarium, or related facility.
  - Veterinary technical science certification (CVT/LVT) or 2 years' experience in a veterinary field is desired.
  - Minimum 4-year degree in biological sciences or a related field, or equivalent experience.
  - Ability to acquire working knowledge of life support (including chlorine and ozone disinfection systems), water quality, and other husbandry parameters required to house marine turtles.
  - Ability to acquire in-depth understanding of FWC and Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network (STSSN) protocols and guidelines.
  - Ability to learn and utilize the Aquarium's Animal Record Keeping systems (ZIMS).
  - Knowledge of Windows and Microsoft Office software (Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook).
  - Must be willing and able to obtain a valid State of Florida Driver's License.
  - Flexibility in working weekends, evenings, and holidays.
  - Available for on-call emergencies.
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