



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Animal Care Internship

Position Title:	Animal Care Intern
Employment Classification:	Internship
Reports to:	Animal Care Specialists
Department:	Animal Care Department
Salary:	Unpaid

Internship Description

The Living Coast Discovery Center is currently seeking enthusiastic and motivated individuals interested in gaining experience or a career in animal care to participate in a part-time, unpaid internship.

LCDC has a diverse collection of avian and aquatic species including a variety of birds of prey (eagles, owls, falcons, hawks), shorebirds, and local marine species ranging from seahorses to sharks and sea turtles. LCDC is also home to a variety of reptiles such as snakes, lizards, and tortoises.

DUTIES AND KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Daily husbandry care and feeding of animals.
- Cleaning and maintenance of animal exhibits and/or aquariums.
- Perform behavioral observations.
- Keep detailed records.
- Diet preparation.
- Animal enrichment.
- Interactions and customer service with guests.

QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS

Required Qualifications

- Ability to work as a team and with minimal supervision.
- Be comfortable handling deceased animals such as fish, mice and rats during food prep.
- Ability to work in outdoor conditions including sun, rain, wind, and heat.
- Be willing to learn about all aspects of animal care.
- Help with any tasks requested by the supervisor with a positive attitude.
- Participants must be able to adjust to changes within the daily routines.
- Ages 16 and up only.

Desired Qualifications:

- Previous animal care experience (may include caring for domestic animals).
- Focus of study in biology, zoology, conservation, or other natural sciences.
- Knowledge of native bird species, aquatic species and/or wetland ecosystems.



Commitment:

- Interns will spend 12 weeks working within the Avian/Mammal or Aquatic/Reptile Departments depending on availability.
- Shifts are 7 hours, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., with a minimum of two days per week availability.
- Schedules will depend on each intern's availability and must be consistent for the duration of the internship.
- Weekend and holiday work may be required.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT/ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Essential functions may include: lifting up to 20 pounds, climbing ladders, walking on uneven or wet surfaces, working in various weather conditions, and handling shellfish. Reasonable accommodations can be made.

HOW TO APPLY

Please complete the online **Volunteer Application Form** that can be found on our Internship webpage. In the application you will need to submit both a cover letter and resume. Applications without these documents will not be considered for the position.

Our internship interview consists of 3 stages. Stage 1 is reviewing applications, resumes, and cover letters. Stage 2 is a phone interview. Stage 3 is an in person interview. After submitting your application, we will contact you for your next steps.