



Opportunity: Animal Husbandry Practicum for Post-Secondary Students

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The Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea is an award-winning aquarium and learning centre focused on the marine life of the Salish Sea. It is a not-for-profit organization located on the traditional territory of the WSÁNEĆ First Nations, on the waterfront in Sidney, BC.

Practicum Details:

To successfully complete a Practicum, you must achieve 250 hours and meet core competencies as set out in the Practicum handbook. Practicum students are scheduled one day per week from 8:00am-4:00pm. Schedules can be flexible depending on the needs of the aquarium and those of the applicant. This Practicum is unpaid.

Practicum opportunities are ongoing and are filled as the need arises.

Responsibilities:

The Aquarist department Practicum is a volunteer position that provides hands-on experience in animal husbandry, as well as in the basic maintenance of life support systems. As an Aquarist Practicum Student at the Centre you will assist our Aquarists with their daily duties. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: Daily food prep, feedings, cleaning duties, water quality monitoring, exhibit maintenance and cleaning, life support system maintenance, collection/transport of animals, and record-keeping.

Requirements:

The successful applicant will:

- Be enrolled in a relevant post-secondary program
- Have an interest in fish and invertebrates
- Demonstrate great attention to detail
- Maintain cleanliness and order in support areas and habitats
- Be self motivated, resourceful, and show initiative
- Be comfortable working unsupervised and following precise routines
- Comfortable with guest/public interaction skills
- Have good written and verbal communication skills
- Be able to safely climb ladders, crouch, navigate tight spaces
- Pass a satisfactory criminal record check, including a Vulnerable Sector Search
- Willingness to dig in and work hard!

Applications including a letter of interest, a reference letter, and resume should be sent electronically to Kit Thornton, Head of Animal Care, Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea at kit.thornton@salishseacentre.org
Please reach out if you require any accommodations in the application process, have questions or concerns.