

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SPECIALIST – MaST Center Aquarium

General Summary

The Community Outreach & Environmental Education Specialist will be focused on implementing the MaST Center Aquarium's public facing programs including educational outreach, informal and formal education programs, and social media. This includes an emphasis on creating and offering opportunities in formal and informal situations using a variety of modalities that take advantage of the strengths of the MaST Center Aquarium, its location on the Puget Sound, and the variety of partnerships of which the MaST Center Aquarium is involved in.

This position is a part-time temporary position, 20 hours a week for 6 months.

The typical schedule works 4 days a week, Tuesday through Friday. Work will be performed on-site. Some evenings and weekends depending on the public programming schedule.

Essential Tasks

Reporting directly to and in collaboration with the Community Engagement Coordinator of the MaST Center Aquarium, this position will:

PRIMARY:

- Lead and/or assist the MaST Center Aquarium's education programs; including prepping the facility, handling daily logistics, and following all established policies;
- Set up, deliver, and break down educational programs through inquiry-based or hands-on learning techniques to school and other groups visiting the MaST Center Aquarium and during external outreach events that meet the needs of our diverse and multicultural community members with varying abilities;
- Design, implement, and coordinate, in collaboration with the MaST Community Engagement Coordinator, a social media strategy that aligns with organizational and educational goals of the MaST Center Aquarium and Highline College;
- Use the Redondo Dive site and neighborhood and the Puget Sound as a way to inspire and connect the public to the Salish Sea. This will include both formal and informal curriculum, outreach and exhibits, inside and outside of the MaST Center Aquarium designed to engage the

Ability to:

- Communicate effectively (verbal and written);
- Possess public speaking skills and knowledge necessary to deliver educational content in areas of marine biology, natural history and conservation issues effectively with the public in both formal and informal settings that meet the needs of our diverse and multicultural community members with varying abilities;
- Communicate and work respectfully and effectively with people from diverse racial, ethnic, religious, linguistic, gender, age, sexual orientation, and socio- economic backgrounds, and with diverse physical and learning abilities;

- Work collaboratively with the MaST Center Aquarium Community Engagement Coordinator and other staff to enhance the success and mission of the MaST Center Aquarium;
- Work with minimal supervision, possess organizational skills, program coordination skills and be self-motivated;
- Exercise strong interpersonal, collaboration, team-building skills, share responsibilities and perform assignments in concert with the team's efforts;
- Continuously update and increase their knowledge of Marine Ecology, Plankton, Marine Plants and Animals, Oceanography, and current events of the Salish Sea and the Pacific Ocean.

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:

- Must be willing to work flexible hours, including some evenings and weekends. A typical schedule will likely be Tuesday through Friday;
- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds and to work outdoors, on wet and slippery surfaces;
- A valid driver's license with no pending risk of loss and regular access to dependable transportation.