

GEORGIA AQUARIUM

# Career Information



What department is this position in?

Dive Safety Operations

What is the position's official job title?

Dive Safety Officer

Does this position require a college degree?

Not necessarily, relevant experience is also considered.

Do you need any certifications outside of a degree for this position?

Dive Instructor at minimum



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What does the average day look like for this position?

Each day is different for a Dive Safety Officer. We are responsible for the safety and the health of the dive team and ensure compliance with different regulatory agencies such as OSHA and the American Academy of Underwater Sciences. One day we are conducting swim and dive evaluations for new divers coming into the program, the next day we are offsite conducting research diving or training dives. Each day is different and that is why I love doing what I do.

Are there any internships that help to get this position?

It depends. Internships help but getting diving and leadership experience is the key to success for this role.

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Is there any way to volunteer or shadow with this position?

It depends on the day and time. Some days are busier than others if we have multiple trainings or drills going on.

What path did you take to get to working at Georgia Aquarium?

Before the Aquarium, I got to serve the Atlanta area as a Paramedic for Grady EMS as well as a Flight Paramedic for Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. This experience in Public Safety as well as my diving background, helped prepare me for my role as the Dive Safety Officer for Georgia Aquarium. Once I was here, I realized I needed to grow my leadership skills and have spent the last few years continuing to develop myself and my team as leaders.

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What is your favorite part about working at Georgia Aquarium?

The staff and volunteers I get to be around every day. I am a people person and nothing fills my cup more than being around like minded people believing in the same mission/goals as myself. I get to help take care of some very neat animals and I am allowed to grow as a leader and to help others be the best they can be.

Is there anything else you want to share about this position?

My position allows me to live out my dream as a professional diver. I get excited to come to "work" every day and I am glad to be a part of an organization that allows me to reach my full potential.

To become a Dive Safety Officer, it is important to understand regulatory compliance with agencies such as OSHA, but it also takes good interpersonal skills to interact with multiple people and departments on a daily basis.