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Career Information



What department is this position in?

Dive Immersion Program

What is the position's official job title?

Divemaster

Does this position require a college degree?

No

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

Yes, you need a professional level SCUBA certification (divemaster or higher).



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What does the average day look like for this position?

The average day consists of conducting the Dive Immersion guest program- which includes guiding guests through their experience on both the dry side and in-water while maintaining the highest safety standards. Our team of dive professionals picks up guests, delivers a dive site briefing that includes all safety rules and animal conservation messaging, and fully prepare guests for their 30 minute immersive experience! All gear is set up, thoroughly checked, and broken down, delivering a truly VIP experience for our guests.



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Are there any internships that help to get this position?

Yes! Dive Operations offers an internship every spring, summer, and fall.

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

Not currently.

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

I went to college to study marine biology, and my campus offered many different dive classes. While earning my degree, I worked my way through various dive classes, including the divemaster class. After graduation, I applied to the Dive Operations internship and got accepted! Five months into my internship, I applied to the Dive Immersion Program and have been here ever since!

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What is your favorite part about working at Georgia Aquarium?

I love sharing my passion for the ocean with our guests. It is very rewarding to see people's faces light up after getting up close and personal with our whale sharks, and I love teaching them about what they are seeing! This creates ocean advocates and changes the Hollywood narrative that sharks are vicious, man-eating creatures.

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

Our department offers various training, such as handicapped scuba diving, closed circuit rebreather diving, full face mask diving, underwater videography, and video editing using Adobe software.