Informal Teaching Practicum

Position Description:

The Informal Teacher Practicum is for students required to gain practical teaching experience in an informal (non-school classroom) setting.

In this practicum, students are given the opportunity to directly instruct small groups of students following Aquarium lesson plans, develop an education project determined by the supervisor in lieu of creating daily lesson plans, observe both public and curriculum focused education programs at the Aquarium, and regularly reflect on teaching practice with the supervisor. Students will also learn ethical animal handling techniques; teaching will occur in the onsite animal care laboratory, classrooms, Aquarium display galleries, and local beaches.

Eligibility:

Successful Applicants should be:

- Currently enrolled in an Education degree in a university
- Intending to pursue a career in teaching
- Willing to work with live animals and preserved specimens
- Fluent in English (French an asset)
- Dedicated to completing all written project work in a timely and professional manner

**Priority is given to Canadian Applicants**

Practicum Dates:

The Informal Teaching Practicum is typically offered in the Spring of each year (aligning with local university teaching program dates).

Minimum practicum placement of 3 weeks is required; dates flexible (determined on a case by case basis).

Application Period:

- Year Round (until all practicum slots for the term are filled).

Ocean Wise Mission Statement:

Our mission is to inspire the global community to become Ocean Wise by increasing its understanding, wonder, and appreciation for our oceans.

How To Apply:

1. Register in the Volunteer Impact Database (on our webpage or through: http://bttr.im/is01c)
2. Select ‘Informal Teaching Practicum’ in the drop-down menu when prompted.
3. Upload your Application Documents:
   a. Resume
   b. Letter of Interest
   c. 1 Letter of Reference

** incomplete applications will not be considered**

Questions? Inquiries?

Email: practicum@ocean.org
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Good luck to all our applicants!

Thank you for your interest in the Vancouver Aquarium’s Practicum Program.