

**CLASS SPECIFICATION**

12/15/2022

**ZOO CURATOR OF EDUCATION, 4300**

**Summary of Duties:** Directs or assists in directing the Zoo's Education, Conservation or Equity Sections which involves researching, developing and presenting programs on Zoo specimens and exhibits to community groups, students, Zoo patrons, and Zoo officials; and does related work.

**Class Characteristics:** A Zoo Curator of Education directs or assists in directing the Zoo Education and Information, Conservation or Equity Sections which involves developing, presenting, and evaluating programs and information on Zoo specimens, their habitat, characteristics and their relationship to people and the environment. The work of a Zoo Curator of Education differs from that of a Zoo Curator in that the former is required to use scientific knowledge of the animal kingdom and teaching experience to develop and implement programs aimed at educating a variety of groups, whereas the latter is primarily concerned with advising Zoo management on the proper care, feeding, and exhibition of Zoo specimens.

**Examples of Duties:**

- Plans, directs, and participates in the implementation of the Zoo Education and Information, Conservation or Equity Programs;
- Determines through research and conferences with a variety of Zoo officials, volunteer organizations, and institutions, the kinds of programs desired by the public;
- Develops, implements and evaluates programs at the Zoo;
- Develops and modifies written and lecture material to meet changing needs;
- Maintains liaison with resources outside the City which may contribute to the Zoo's programs;
- Determines methods and techniques of presenting information including the use of audio visual aids, lectures, brochures, and lesson plans to ensure equitable access to Zoo nature programs and specimens by patrons and the community;
- Prepares and supervises the preparation of written scientific lecture material;
- Conducts lectures to Zoo volunteers, the public, students, volunteers, community groups, Zoo professionals and Zoo patrons interested in learning about various species of animals as they exist in their natural environment as well as in captivity;
- Directs the Zoo graphics and photography activities;
- Recommends improvements to Zoo exhibits, exhibit layout, and exhibit signs to enhance the public's enjoyment of the Zoo and at the same time impart educational data about Zoo specimens, their habitat, and characteristics;
- Recommends additions to and deletions from the Zoo collection.

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

Graduation from a recognized four-year college or university and one year full-time paid professional experience researching, developing, implementing, presenting, and/or evaluating programs with a focus on learning, conservation or equity programs at a zoo, aquarium, museum, conservation organization or related facility.

**License:** A valid California driver's license is required.

**Physical Requirements:** Strength to perform average lifting up to 5 pounds and occasionally over 15 pounds; good communication abilities; and the ability to maneuver around the Zoo's campus and a variety of community locations.

**As indicated in Civil Service Commission Rule 2.5 and Section 4.55 of the Administrative Code, this specification is descriptive, explanatory and not restrictive. It is not intended to declare what all of the duties and responsibilities of any position shall be.**