

Job Title Laboratory Technician Senior (RM)

Job ID312261

LocationMesa Community College

Full/Part TimeFull-Time

Regular/TemporaryRegular

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Salary Range

\$16.70 - \$21.71/per hour, DOE

Grade

110

Work Schedule

Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm; some evenings and weekends may be required
Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday, 7am-6pm

Work Calendar

12 Months

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Job Summary

Responsible for all terraria and aquaria in the Saguaro Building as well as the outdoor pond and wildlife enclosure, which collectively house the live teaching collection of the Life Science Department at the MCC Red Mountain Campus. The collection includes various plant life, invertebrates, fish, amphibians, venomous and non-venomous reptiles, a breeding population of endangered Desert Pupfish. Responsible for terrarium set up, cleaning, observation of individual animal well-being and health, record keeping, feeding, and scheduling of regular veterinary visits. Responsible for both spontaneous and scheduled public speaking presentations to students and visitors to the MCC Red Mountain campus as well as off campus community outreach. Responsible for holding and collecting permits, adhering to Arizona Game and Fish standards, keeping detailed records of collection points, educational use, and annual reporting. Responsible for preserving dead animals and maintaining a small collection of preserved animals. Responsible for acquiring animals and plants for display, including collection from the wild in some instances.

Essential Functions

25% - Daily feeding and watering of animals, weekly feeding of mice to snakes, daily spraying toad and frog tanks, animal soaks/baths, and arranging veterinary care.

20% - Maintenance of exhibit terraria including: Filling of terrarium ponds, substrate changes for terrariums, cleaning of glass, removing waste, changing bulbs, cleaning water and food dishes, water changes for fish tank.

15% - Answering questions of students and visitors about animals in collection, prepare animals for instructor use, prepare animals for outreach talks, give outreach talk with animals.

15% - Daily outdoor pond check/maintenance, collection of animals for pond exhibit, removal of algal overgrowth and plant control.

10% - Propagation of plants used in exhibits and as animal food source, maintaining live invertebrates used to feed various animals in collection.

10% - Maintaining collection records including acquiring and updating Arizona Game and Fish permits.

5% - Design and building of new exhibits and habitats, redesign of old exhibits.

Minimum Qualifications

Associate's Degree from a regionally accredited institution and two years of experience such as providing assistance to students in an instructional setting; and/or preparing, maintaining and delivering equipment, supplies or other related instructional materials used for laboratory activities in area of assignment.

OR

An equivalent combination of the conferred degree and directly related full-time work experience as described above sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above, unless otherwise subject to any other requirements set forth in law or regulation, may be considered.

Desired Qualifications

1. Willingness to learn and adhere to safe techniques in the handling and care of venomous reptiles including rattlesnakes and gila monsters
2. Experience in community outreach and/or making public presentations
3. Care and maintenance of aquatic systems such as a cienega and saltwater aquarium as well as maintenance of associated equipment
4. Managing plants in greenhouses, and in semi-naturalized environments
5. Experience caring for animals (particularly amphibians and reptiles) and plants native to Arizona
6. Experience maintaining detailed and accurate records for individual animals in collection
7. Knowledge of species and ecosystems native to the US Southwest
8. Experience in applying for and maintaining Arizona Game and Fish Permits
9. Experience with animal husbandry

Special Working Conditions

- Will be exposed to chemicals and organisms which may present health hazards if not handled properly. Will be trained on safe handling techniques for venomous reptiles (rattlesnakes, gila monsters) and is expected to use these techniques regularly in the performance of job duties (animal husbandry/education/outreach).
- Will require working outside in the summer in high temperatures and other adverse weather conditions.
- Will be required to work occasional evenings and weekends.
- Will be required to be on call for animal collection related emergency situations.
- Possession of a valid State of Arizona Class D driver's license is required; must meet minimum standards regarding driving: <http://www.maricopa.edu/legal/rmi/vehicle.htm#requirements>
- Travel to campus during interview/selection process will be at candidate's own expense
- Will be required to travel or be assigned to all MCCC locations
- May require numerous evenings or weekends
- May require prolonged periods of viewing a computer screen
- May be required to lift or carry up to #50 lbs

How to Apply

Applicants must submit a cover letter that details how the applicant meets minimum and desired qualifications.

Applications without a cover letter and do not include detailed employment history information will be incomplete and will not be considered.

Please ensure your resume and cover letter provide the following items:

- Clearly illustrate how prior experience, knowledge and education meet the minimum and desired qualifications for this position.

- Provide employment history in a month/year format (e.g., 09/07 to 10/11) including job title, job duties, indicate full or part time experience for each position held and name of employer for each position.
- Three professional references, preferably current and/or former supervisors. If references are not provided in resume upon application, they will be requested at time of interview.

Posting Close Date

Apply on or before May 12, 2019 to be considered.

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