



STEM Careers

Dolphin Trainer

Job Description: Uses biology and animal psychology knowledge to train and work with marine mammals in parks.

What does a Dolphin Trainer do?

- Provides for daily needs of animals including dietary and simple health needs.
- Provides daily enrichment and training for each animal.
- Works closely with zoo veterinarians to provide comprehensive medical care for all animals in the park.
- Performs daily shows with animals for public education and awareness.
- Creates educational programs geared towards raising marine conservation awareness.

Your Interests:

- Do you like being around water and swimming?
- Do you like working with animals and being outside?
- Do you enjoy teaching and interacting with people?
- Do you have good communication skills?

Outlook: ~~Slower than Average~~

Average Salary - \$12.49 hourly, \$25,980 annual
Projected Job Openings - 5,900 over the next 10 years

Education/Program of Study:

- Some positions only require a high school diploma and on the job training, however most employers prefer workers with a B.S. in an animal related field or psychology.

Sources:

O*NET Online

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