



Education Docent

The Marine Mammal Care Center Los Angeles (MMCC) is a hospital for seals and sea lions located in San Pedro. Our mission is to rehabilitate marine mammals with the goal of releasing them back to their natural environment, and to educate the public about our patients and ocean conservation. The National Marine Fisheries Service depends on MMCC to carry out the important goals of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. As a non-profit organization, MMCC's primary funding is provided by individuals, charitable foundations, private businesses and corporations. MMCC operates with dedicated volunteers and staff working diligently to rehabilitate sick, injured, or malnourished seals and sea lions who are rescued on beaches from north of Zuma all the way to Seal Beach.

Role Description:

The Education Volunteer will assist the Education team with guest interaction, group tours, and day-to-day operations. This volunteer reports to the Volunteer Services Manager and Docent Liaison, and will be on-site at the hospital and educational facility in San Pedro. Duties may include:

- Talking to visitors along the fence line and around the public areas of the hospital
- Educating guests about our patients, overall ocean health, and what they can do to make a difference
- Ringing up guests in the gift store and accepting donations for the hospital
- Leading group tours and classroom presentations (optional)

Commitment:

The Education Volunteer will commit to one shift per week. Exact shift times may vary but are usually 9:45 am to 1:30pm or 1:00pm to 4:00 or 5:00pm. Volunteers are expected to commit to the same shift each week for at least a year.



Requirements:

The Education Volunteer must be 18 years or older. Each volunteer must have reliable transportation to the hospital. Experience in education is a plus, but not required. The volunteer should be competent in all the following areas:

- Communication Proficiency
- Collaboration Skills
- Personal Effectiveness/Credibility
- Time Management
- Stress Management/Composure

The selected candidate will participate in a full volunteer on-boarding process including an interview, orientation, background check and training.

Position Impact:

The Education Docent will play a vital role in the education of the general public regarding our patients and ocean health. By inspiring others and encouraging action, these volunteers impact the future health of our ocean.

This opportunity allows volunteers to learn a great deal about the marine mammals in our local waters and how we impact their environment. This is an excellent opportunity for those that enjoy interacting with others.

Contact:

To apply for this important volunteer role, complete an application online at <http://www.marinemammalcare.org/volunteer>. For questions, contact the Volunteer Services Manager at hturkes@marinemammalcare.org.