Instructor - Captive Wildlife Care and Education

**TITLE:** Visiting Instructor of Captive Wildlife Care and Education at Unity College
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**POSITION SUMMARY:** This position will support instruction and disciplinary expertise in Captive Wildlife Care and Education at Unity College. Teaching includes 24 course credits annually, consisting of a combination of Introduction to Captive Wildlife Care and Education, Animal Training, Enrichment and Exhibit Design and the Captive Wildlife Care and Education Capstone and/or other classes as assigned. Other duties include advising, professional development, and service to the College. This person will support the delivery of the Unity College curriculum, plus support and mentor students both in and outside the classroom.

**ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**
- Teaching introductory and advanced courses in the Captive Wildlife Care and Education major such as Introduction to Captive Wildlife Care and Education, Animal Training, Enrichment and Exhibit Design and the Captive Wildlife Care and Education Capstone.
- Advising and mentoring undergraduate students that are intent on pursuing careers in wild animal husbandry, conservation, veterinary sciences or education related fields.
- Contribute to the college's commitment to sustainability.
- Contribute to faculty service needs as assigned, by serving on campus committees as appropriate given position responsibilities.
- Assist with program development by pursuing local and regional partnerships with animal care facilities to expand educational opportunities for Unity College students.
- Assist with supporting our on campus animal collection, including small exotic animals and domestic livestock, and provide back-up animal care during emergencies, weekends and school breaks as needed.
- Contribute to the college's commitment to safety by using safe work habits, using ergonomics and proper lifting, and follow biohazard protocol as appropriate.
- Assume responsibility to maintain and upgrade professional knowledge and skills with regulations, industry trends, current practices, new developments, and applicable laws.
- Follow the college's standards of conduct.
- Demonstrate a high degree of commitment to quality, interdisciplinary quantitative literacy instruction.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS and REQUIREMENTS:** To successfully perform this job, must be able to perform each essential function satisfactorily. Additionally, the requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability needed. Reasonable accommodations may be made upon approval by the Supervisor and Director of Human Resources, to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

**EDUCATION and EXPERIENCE:**
- A master’s degree in a relevant field of study.
- Substantial experience working with captive wildlife in one or more of the following settings: zoos, aquariums, rehabilitation facilities, nature centers, and/or museums.
- Training or experience with wildlife rehabilitation practices, wildlife education programming, or captive/field-based conservation.
- Experience with formal teaching.
- A knowledge of basic husbandry, training, and enrichment of captive wildlife.
- Conservation education/program participation or development.

DIVERSITY and INCLUSION: Unity College seeks to attract world-class faculty to enrich the educational experience of our gifted, inquisitive and motivated students. Unity College is committed to building a culturally innovative faculty dedicated to teaching and working in a multicultural environment. We strongly encourage applications from minorities, women, individuals with disabilities, veterans and other underserved groups. We are especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of the academic community through their research, teaching and/or service. Applicants are requested to include in their cover letter information that highlights how they will further this goal.

WORK SCHEDULE/AVAILABILITY/OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Position begins in August 2018 for the 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 Academic years; Primarily works day shift with occasional evening and weekend hours as determined by course schedule and service needs. Must have valid driver's license and good driving record. Must be able to provide clear proof of eligibility to work in the United States.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS: Strong oral and written communication skills, facility with technical terminology appropriate to the position.

COMPUTER SKILLS: Ability to use word processing, spreadsheet, database programs. Ability to use the internet, email, and our learning management system.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS: Regularly required to sit, use a computer, make phone calls, and lead outdoors activities. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 50 lbs.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Primarily works in an instructional classroom and laboratory environment.

This job description is a general overview of primary requirements and responsibilities, and is not intended as an exhaustive description of position duties and requirements. It is subject to review and revision at any time.

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