Auburn University Job Description

Job Title: Raptor Specialist
Job Code: GA12
FLSA status: Exempt

Job Summary
Trains raptors for presentation in public exhibitions for educational purposes.

Essential Functions
1. Conducts raptor educational programs to include teaching, public speaking, and providing expertise and assistance in outreach efforts.
2. Trains and manages raptor collection and collect, analyze, record and compile samples and data.
3. Provides raptor husbandry.
4. Provides public relations for Auburn University and respond to public inquiry about raptors.
5. Maintains raptor handling equipment.
6. Schedules and collects fees for educational programs.

Supervisory Responsibility
May be responsible for training, assisting or assigning tasks to others. May provide input to performance reviews of other employees.

The above essential functions are representative of major duties of positions in this job classification. Specific duties and responsibilities may vary based upon departmental needs. Other duties may be assigned similar to the above consistent with the knowledge, skills and abilities required for the job. Not all of the duties may be assigned to a position.
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### Job Family Levels

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<td>I</td>
<td>Under immediate supervision, performs standard tasks using established methods, principles, concepts and procedures related to a specialized field. Judgments are made on routine matters of relatively small impact.</td>
<td>Knows fundamental concepts, practices and procedures of particular field of specialization.</td>
<td>Bachelor’s degree in discipline appropriate to position with no experience.</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Under close supervision, performs varied duties and assignments involving some judgment. Resolves routine questions or problems, referring only complex issues to higher level. Some evaluation, originality and ingenuity required.</td>
<td>Knows and applies fundamental concepts, practices, and procedures of particular field of specialization, with awareness of related fields.</td>
<td>Bachelor’s degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 2 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.</td>
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<td>III</td>
<td>Under minimal supervision, performs complex assignments and fulfills broad responsibilities where required outcomes are defined, but methods and procedures may vary based on professional judgment or precedent. Considerable latitude for unreviewed action. Confers with supervisor on unusual matters. Coordinates the work of others on projects and may assign work to and assist less experienced professionals or support staff. May act in an advisory capacity to managers or faculty.</td>
<td>Possesses and applies a broad knowledge of principles, practices and procedures of a particular field of specialization to the completion of difficult assignments. Also possesses knowledge of related fields and areas of operation which affect, or are affected by, own area.</td>
<td>Bachelor’s degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 4 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.</td>
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* See the "Minimum Required Education and Experience" section of the job description for any substitutions that may be allowed for education and experience.
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Minimum Required Education and Experience

**Level I**
Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position with no experience.

**Level II**
Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 2 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.

**Level III**
Bachelor's degree in discipline appropriate to position plus 4 years experience. Experience must include at least 2 years at the preceding level or equivalent.

**Focus of Education**
Degree in Wildlife Sciences, Zoology, Education, Psychology, or related field.

**Focus of Experience**
Experience in training raptors and participating in public presentations.

**Substitutions allowed for Education:**
Indicated education is required; no substitutions allowed.

**Substitutions allowed for Experience:**
When a candidate has the required education, but lacks the required experience, they may normally apply additional appropriate education toward the experience requirement, at a rate of one (1) year relevant education per year of required experience.

**Minimum Required Knowledge**
See Job Family Levels

**Certification or Licensure Requirements:**
Master Falconer Class Permit or demonstrable knowledge and experience in classical falconry technique; Valid driver’s license

**Physical Requirements/ADA**
Regularly involves lifting, bending or other physical exertion. Often exposed to one or more elements such as heat, cold, noise, dust, dirt, chemicals, etc., with one often to the point of being objectionable. Injuries may require professional treatment.

Routine deadlines; usually sufficient lead time; variance in work volume seasonal and predictable; priorities can be anticipated; some interruptions are present; involves occasional exposure to demands and pressures from persons other than immediate supervisor.

Job frequently requires standing, walking, reaching, talking, hearing, handling objects with hands, and lifting up to 10 pounds.

Job occasionally requires sitting, stooping/kneeling/crouching/crawling, and lifting up to 25 pounds.

Vision requirements: Ability to see information in print and/or electronically.

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