

Position Announcement: Education Specialist

North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
Baruch Marine Field Laboratory, University of South Carolina, Georgetown, SC

Applications are being accepted for the position of Education Specialist with the North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NI-WB NERR.) The NI-WB NERR is one in a network of 29 sites around the U.S. and its territories that make up the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. Reserves conduct research, monitoring, education and stewardship activities that improve our understanding and management of coastal areas. The NI-WB NERR is operated by the University of South Carolina's Belle W. Baruch Institute for Marine and Coastal Sciences and is located at the Institute's Field Laboratory near Georgetown, SC. Additional information about the NI-WB NERR and the Baruch Institute is available at: www.northinlet.sc.edu and www.baruch.sc.edu

Position Description:

The Education Specialist works with the Education Coordinator, Coastal Training Program Coordinator, and other members of the Reserve team to fulfill the K-12 and public educational goals of the NI-WB NERR. Specific duties include:

- 1) Assist in the implementation of educational field trips and outreach programs for K-12 classes with a focus on watersheds and estuarine ecology.
- 2) Develop and conduct community education programs that integrate research results and address key Reserve resource issues.
- 3) Provide assistance to the Coastal Training Program that serves local decision-makers.
- 4) Assist with the maintenance of live animal exhibits in the Hobcaw Barony Discovery Center featuring saltwater, freshwater and terrestrial species.
- 5) Assist in the development of multi-media educational and interpretive materials/exhibits.
- 6) Assist in the development and implementation of teacher professional development programs.
- 7) Participate in educational community outreach events.

Knowledge, Skills, and Experience:

Bachelor's degree in biology or other science field plus at least one year of education experience in informal and/or formal education. Knowledge and experience in coastal ecosystems desired. Must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to communicate effectively with audiences of diverse ages and backgrounds. Experience in the design and implementation of formal and/or informal education programs and knowledge of and ability to address national and state science education standards in instructional activities for school groups also desired. Experience in database management, website design/maintenance and social media preferred. Additionally, must be highly dependable, organized, work productively with minimal supervision and meet deadlines, and work some evenings and weekends. Must also have a valid driver's license, and pass a van safety training course.

Funding and Salary:

Full-time, grant funded position. Salary: \$26,988 - \$31,300, depending on experience. Health insurance, annual and sick leave, and retirement benefits provided.

Application Process:

Interested applicants need to apply electronically through the University of South Carolina's job website, <http://uscjobs.sc/postings/45501>. Applicants are required to attach a letter of interest outlining qualifications for the position, a resume, and names and contact information for at least three references. Specific questions regarding this position can be directed to Beth Thomas, beth@belle.baruch.sc.edu

The University of South Carolina is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.