



Chicago Zoological Society

Inspiring Conservation Leadership

Title	Education Intern-NatureStart Facilitator (unpaid)
Learning Objectives	Working under the guidance of Play Program Supervisors, the intern will learn to develop and facilitate play programs, settings, and experiences in the Hamill Family Play Zoo, as well as for other Brookfield Zoo events and programs. The goal of these play experiences for children, aged birth-10, and their families is to provide fun and meaningful ways of developing caring relationships with animals and nature, and to provide adults with the approaches and encouragement to help children develop caring attitudes toward the natural world. Provide all zoo visitors with the opportunity to have a quality, close-up encounter with housed invertebrates.
Responsibilities	Intern will: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate play with children, aged birth-10, including holding live animals, in both indoor and outdoor settings, as assigned.• Daily care of equipment, property, play program materials, and play settings, including but not limited to: daily set-up, clean-up, inventory, and proper use of all equipment and property.• Create, develop, and implement play programs and developmentally appropriate learning experiences for children, aged birth-10, and their families at Hamill Family Play Zoo.• Create, develop, and implement developmentally appropriate learning experiences and programs, with an emphasis on nature play for children aged birth-10 and their families for the Education Department Subscription Programs, Brookfield Zoo special events, and other programs as requested.• Incorporates knowledge of Brookfield Zoo, its mission and zoo-wide operations into daily job responsibilities. Becomes familiar with and follows Society policies and procedures.• Provides guidance to adult and youth volunteers as directed.• Attends meetings and training sessions as assigned.• Other related duties as assigned.• Teach specific programs from the instructional materials provided. This will include: leading class participants to various zoo locations, effectively working with volunteers during class session(s), setting up and taking down educational programs in Discovery Center classrooms and other sites for a variety of audiences, and maintaining supplies, equipment and materials• Responsible for programming throughout the zoo, interpreting invertebrates as part of the Roving Naturalist program, as well as being trained on a variety of other animal

	presentations.
Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum one year of college at an accredited institution; G.P.A. 2.5/4.0, majoring in early childhood development, education, or other relevant field.• Minimum 18 years of age.• Completion of a reflective journal or project required as part of internship.• Strong interpersonal, communications, and organizational skills.• Strong computer skills.• Must be able to commit to 12 weeks; approximately 40 hours/week.(Fall and Winter terms are flexible part time)