

Position	Facility Operator II
Facility	Mississippi Aquarium
Location	Gulfport, MS
Job Summary	This position reports to the Director of Facility Operations. The Facility Operator II is responsible for construction, operation and maintenance of animal habitats and life support systems, building HVAC, water/sewer, natural and propane gas powered equipment, and control systems. The Facility Operator II performs general mechanical maintenance and repairs in conjunction with animal husbandry employees and related departments. Strong operational knowledge of animal LSS and water quality parameters are essential to this position.
Essential Functions	Daily operation of animal life support filtration and building equipment and systems. Assess animal life support systems for compliance with operational parameters and communicating conditions and issues to supervision and other team members verbally and by email. Troubleshooting and repair of mechanical and minor electrical systems related to the animal life support systems, and animal habitats, water/sewer, HVAC, and building systems. Gathering and recording operational information in a clear and concise manner using computer-based data records. Perform scheduled and preventative maintenance of equipment and the facility. Monitoring and calibration of LSS and building control systems. Unloading, warehousing and inventory of operational consumables and supplies. Receiving, distributing and storing of various controlled products such as chlorine. Availability to work weekends, holidays, on-call rotation, weather events and respond to emergencies on a 24-hour basis if needed. Participate in staff meetings and provide relevant input. Maintain awareness of industry-related activities, trends and best practices. Undertake special projects as assigned by the Director of Facility Operations. Consistent and proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including but not limited to a fitted respirator, eye and ear protection, gloves, hard hat, harness, steel-toed footwear.
Other Duties and Responsibilities	Responsibilities Safety & Security - All Team Members are required to adhere to all Mississippi Aquarium safety and security standards. Attendance & Appearance - To maximize the guest's experience, all Team Members are required to adhere to Mississippi Aquarium standard operating procedures regarding attendance and dress code policies as it relates to individual job functionality. Tattoos and piercings must be appropriate and in keeping with a professional image. Depending on the work area, management reserves the right to determine that tattoos will need to be covered during your shift. Sales & Guest Services - Our forward-thinking business model requires listening and understanding the needs of our guests both internal and external. To that end, we must always be focused on the guest experience which is the key driver for return guest visitation and increased sales. Team Partnership - All Team Members are focused on supporting each other to complete the guest experience. Therefore, supporting, facilitating, and participating in activities that promote team effectiveness is vital to our Organization.
Knowledge, Skills and Abilities	Written and verbal communication skills in order to comprehend detailed instructions in English. Ability to lift a minimum of sixty (60) pounds. Experience performing work that requires physical strength, stamina and good physical coordination. Carry out routine tasks with minimal supervision. Able to negotiate various field conditions - hot, cold, humid, wet, ice, wind, odors, smoke, uneven ground, etc. Able to work in a standing, kneeling, squatting or prone position for extended periods of time. Valid driver's license required.

Education & Experienced Required	High school diploma. Minimum of 1 or more years of experience operating LSS and/or building mechanical systems. Aquatic Animal Life Support Operator (AALSO) Level 1 preferred. Prior experience operating commercial filtration equipment, mechanical equipment, HVAC, Building control systems beneficial. Experience with power tools, hand tools, welding, and fabrication using a variety of materials. Able to work in spaces with limited clearance, at heights, and/or close contact with other team members. Able to work safely in close proximity to animals. Fall protection and Confined Space entry certification or the ability to receive certification within 1 year of employment. Training provided as necessary.
Licenses and Certifications Required	
Physical Requirements	The physical demands and work environment described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to stand; walk; sit; use hands to finger, handle, or feel objects, tools or controls; reach with hands and arms; climb stairs; balance; stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl; talk or hear; taste or smell - any or all of which may be for extended periods. The employee must often lift and/or move up to 60 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by the job include close vision, distance vision, color and peripheral vision, depth perception, and the ability to adjust focus. While performing the duties of this job, the employee is exposed to weather conditions prevalent at the time. The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate to high.
Working Conditions	
Salary	
Respond To	To apply for an open position, send your resume, cover letter and any relevant work samples to resume@msaquarium.org . Please put the name of the job you are applying for in the subject line of your email. If applying for multiple positions, please send one email per position.

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