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AQUATICS DIRECTOR

What does a career in Aquatics look like at the Y? What sort of things do you work on day-to-day?

- Keeping people safe in the pool area.
- Overseeing staff of all ages.
- Organizing swim lessons.
- Guarding or teaching.
- Developing programs and schedules for employees.

What do you enjoy about working in Aquatics?

No day is ever the same. I love watching kids and adults learn to swim and have fun in a safe aquatic environment.

How did you become qualified to work in Aquatics?

I took a Lifeguard class thru Red Cross at the age of 16. Lifeguarding jobs came right after, then I received my CPO certifications, Lifeguard instructor certifications now I am also a Swim Coach.

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How do I become an Aquatics professional?

1. Lifeguard certification.
2. Swim Instructor certification.
3. APPLY :)

What will make me more marketable to employers?

- Willing to work
- Be responsible
- Communicate
- Flexibility
- Decision maker

What characteristics should someone possess to find success in Aquatics?

- Responsibility
- Communication
- Leader
- Ability to change direction without prior knowledge.
- Be flexible.

What can I do now to prepare myself for a career in Aquatics?

- Develop leadership skills.
- Become certified.
- Ask for more and attend trainings.
- Gain knowledge.