WHAT ARE CAREERS IN WILDLIFE?

Professionals in wildlife management and care address national and international issues that affect the current and future status of wildlife throughout the world. A career in this field requires extensive preparation and long hours of hard work to acquire knowledge and skills for competitive positions that often require higher education degrees.

KEY SKILLS

• Oral & Written Communication
• Technical Expertise
• Critical Thinking
• Active Listening
• Interpersonal Skills
• Judgement and Decision Making

RELATED STUDENT ORGS

• Wisconsin Society for Conservation Biology
• Wildlife Society Chapter
• Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences

QUALIFICATIONS

• Wildlife Rehabilitation Licensure is required for many types of jobs and will vary by state
• A bachelor’s degree is usually enough for most entry-level roles
• Master’s degrees are necessary for more advanced roles including project supervising
• Doctorates are suitable for those who wish to enter into a career in academia such as university research and teaching, and they will also be required in industry for those who might desire to manage their own projects

COMMON JOB TITLES

• Zoological Health Assistant
• Wildlife Biologist
• Fish and Game Wardens
• Biological Technicians
• Public Educator/Outreach Specialist

SAMPLE EMPLOYERS

• Wisconsin Dept of Natural Resources
• U.S. Forest Service
• U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
• Dane County Humane Society
• National Park Service
• Madison Metropolitan School District
• National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

• Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Bio
• Marine Biology
• Fisheries Resources
• Biology: Animal Behavior
• Conservation and Wildlife Management
• Coastal Resources Management

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