

# Wildlife Rehabilitation Apprenticeship



**CAROLINA WILDLIFE**  
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The Carolina Wildlife Conservation Center (CWCC) is a nonprofit wildlife rescue located in Iron Station, NC, caring for almost 2000 native mammals and reptiles annually. CWCC provides apprenticeship opportunities for dedicated individuals looking to gain their wildlife rehabilitation license in the state of North Carolina.

**Licensing Requirements:** All new rehabbers are required by the state to have a mentor for one year prior to be independently licensed. Our apprenticeship program will provide in-depth and hands-on training with NC wildlife while getting mentored by the best rehabilitators in the country. This program will fully prepare a new rehabber to rehabilitate wildlife in their home once the program is complete. This will be 6 months of training at the center without rehabbing at home and following will be 6 months of mentoring in your home, if that is what you choose to do. <https://www.ncwildlife.org/Licensing/Other-Licenses-and-Permits/Wildlife-Rehabilitation-License#6629587-license-restrictions-rules-and-conditions>

\*Once the apprenticeship is complete, there will be an opportunity to become an at-home rehabilitator for non-RVS animals with CWCC. CWCC provides all materials, supplies and education to our at-home rehabilitators.

**Learning Opportunities Include:** Native wildlife identification, species-specific handling techniques, husbandry of native wildlife, rehabilitation of injured & orphaned wildlife, knowledge of wildlife diseases, educating the public on wildlife issues and opportunities to work with a wildlife veterinarian (varies with schedule).

**Apprentice Expectations & Responsibilities:** Must be able to commit to the full apprenticeship dates. Must be professional, punctual, a quick-learner, responsible and dedicated to our mission. This work is physically demanding & face paced. Must have the ability to learn quickly, follow directions easily, take initiative, be respectful, responsible, and work outdoors in all weather conditions. \*Rabies Vaccination suggested

## **Areas of responsibility include but are not limited to:**

- Feeding & handling native mammals and reptiles
- Cleaning and maintaining cages for a wide variety of animals
- Maintaining care and cleaning of the center
- Preparing diets for all species in care
- Communicating all patient issues or concerns to center staff
- Learning common injuries and medication
- Assisting staff with wildlife rescues & releases
- Assisting with hotline calls
- Intake of animals from the general public drop off
- Creating enrichment for the animals in care

**Dates:** March-October (2-3 days/week)

## **Application Procedure:**

Send a resume **& cover letter to:**  
Morgan Rafael, Executive Director  
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