

# Steven Salinas



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About Yourself: Hello, my name is Steven Anthony Salinas, I am a Graduate Student at NMHU working towards a Master's of Science in Biology. I have a Bachelor's of Science in Biology from NMHU, where I have a lot of animal field experience, as well as some lab experience. I grew up on a farm, where learned to respect nature at a young age, as well as learned responsibility of farm life, school, and sports. I have a love for animals and the outdoors and am striving to work with animals in my career choices. I have a particular liking of working with invasive species and herpetofauna. I enjoy working with animals in most ways, and love to backpack, explore, and view animals in natural habitats and artificial. I enjoy learning as much as I can about animals, and sharing what I know with people who are generally interested.

Career Experiences: Teaching assistant at New Mexico Highlands University in biology, having worked in: General Biology I, Biology for non-Majors, Animal Structure and Function, and Marine Biology. Former Biology Masters student assistant at NMHU, working under Dr. Jesus Rivas and various graduate students, working with Bullfrogs, Leopard frogs, Woodhouse Toads, crayfish, rattlesnakes, snapping turtles, native fishes, , and black bears. I have also acquired field knowledge in working with anacondas in the Llanos of Venezuela assisting Dr. Jesus Rivas with his research. Former Student Instructor leader (SIL) at NMHU in biology working with first year students assisting with 211 study ethics and course assistance. Track assistant coach at West Las Vegas High School. Summer zoo experience working on a feeding and activities crew at the Rio Grande Zoo working with giraffes and lorikeets.

Plans after Graduation: Within the year I see myself finishing my masters in biology. My career goals include working in possible Zoo settings, or careers with the US Fish and Wildlife Services. I plan on applying for doctorate programs in biology and animal related fields to keep my options open. I do have a soft spot for teaching. Past summer work experience has shown me that my future is with animals and helping educate the public.

Skills: Computer skills (excel, spss, R, word, MEGA7, desiretolearn, PowerPoint, Wild ID v1.0) - data base mgmt –

Paper work: Experience working with various data forms, using Purchas Orders, cash register reports, and organismal survey forms.

Field electronics: GPS, Pit tag, Telemetry, backpack fish shocker

Field hands on experience: handling, capturing, tagging, marking, and measuring New Mexico Fauna listed in Career experience, as well as some work with caimans and anacondas in South America. Freshwater river macro-invert surveys and fish shocking. Experience surveying Coastal, and Tropical birds. Hunter Safety Certified. Biopark experience working with the public and handling money for the Rio Grande Zoo. Worked with keepers and staff for giraffe and lorikeet feeding events.

Accomplishments/ Clubs/ other:

- NRCT Participant
- Level 2 NMAA Licensed Coach
- New Mexico Graduate Scholarship Scholar
- 3.84 GPA
- SSAR member
- NMHU Field Ecology Lab member