

# Nichole Shelmidine



**Zookeeper**

**Focus: Endangered Turtles**

**Location: U.S.A**

## **Favorite Part of the Job:**

- Every day is different and brings new challenges and joys
- Every question posed about a species is an opportunity to learn something new

## **Challenges of the Job:**

- Overseeing the care of the entire collection takes careful management and planning
- Sometimes you're the first person to ever try to solve a particular problem

**Hobby:** Cross-stich, watercolors, birdwatching, hiking, and photography

**Favorite Color:** Orange

*"Don't be afraid to work outside your comfort zone or to fail."*