



Child Life Practicum Application

First Name

Last Name

Application Requirements

- ☐ Minimum 3.0 GPA
- ☐ Completed or currently completing a course taught by a Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS)
- ☐ Minimum 40 hours volunteering in a Pediatric or Child Life department
- ☐ Current or past interaction with children in a formal setting (e.g. tutoring, mentorship, teaching, daycare)
- ☐ Actively pursuing a career as a Certified Child Life Specialist

Application Deadlines

Practicum Semester	Application Deadlines	Initial Offer Dates	Acceptance Dates	2 nd Offer Date
Winter/Spring 2023	September 7	October 10	October 11	October 12
Summer 2023	January 5	February 14	February 15	February 16
Fall 2023	March 15	May 2	May 3	May 4

Application Checklist Review

- ☐ Completed and Signed Application Form
- ☐ Unofficial College/University Transcripts
- ☐ ACLP Child Life Course Verification Form- [cl-course-verification-form-final.pdf \(childlife.org\)](#)
- ☐ 2 Letters of Recommendation in sealed and signed envelopes
- ☐ Resume/Curriculum Vitae
- ☐ Application MUST be typed

Please mail completed applications to:

Child Life Services-Practicum
Carle Foundation Hospital NT8
611 W Park St.
Urbana, IL 61801

I attest that the information in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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(Example: Fall 2022)

Child Life Practicum Program

The Child Life Practicum is designed as an introductory experience for individuals interested in pursuing a career in child life. Through experiential learning and observation of Certified Child Life Specialists, child life practicum students begin to increase their knowledge of evidence-based, developmentally-appropriate interventions including therapeutic play, preparation and education that support and reduce fear, anxiety and pain for infants, children, youth and families as they cope with the stress and uncertainty of illness, injury and treatment. Through these experiences, child life practicum students will enhance their knowledge of the child life profession and investigate the process of applying child life and developmental theory to practice. -Association of Child Life Professionals

Child Life Council Recommended Practicum Standards

Standard #1: The child life practicum is largely an observational experience with child life practicum students beginning to engage in independent play and developmentally supportive interventions with infants, children, youth, and families as deemed appropriate by the supervising Certified Child Life Specialists (CCLS).

Standard # 2: The child life practicum student will be supervised by a CCLS who has achieved a minimum of 2,000 hours of paid work experience in the field. The supervising CCLS must be currently practicing in the field of child life; however, the setting of the child life practicum could vary.

Standard #3: The child life practicum encompasses a minimum of 100 supervised hours. The child life practicum experience may include a combination of practicum hours being completed in no more than two different settings given each setting builds upon and strengthens a child life practicum student's continual development and growth as a CCLS.

**The number of hours encompassed will be determined between the practicum student and supervising CCLS. This determination will be made based upon each student's individual and educational needs.

Standard #4: Child life practicum hours should be completed in an appropriate setting that provides the child life practicum student with the opportunity to observe and learn from psychosocial interventions that assist infants, children, youth, and families coping with the stress and uncertainty of illness, injury and treatment. Approved settings can include:

- Pediatric in-patient units including critical care units and in outpatient areas including emergency departments, radiology and imaging, specialty care clinics, behavioral and rehabilitation.
- Community outreach programs
- Private practice
- Hospice services and home health
- Camps for children with healthcare needs
- Private medical and dental practices
- Services to children of adult patients

Standard #5: The child life practicum includes observation opportunities for students to explore the following theory and interventions related to child life practice:

- Child life assessments
- Developmental theory integration
- Therapeutic play interventions
- Rapport building

Standard #6: The child life practicum learning experiences include activities and assignments that allow the child life practicum student to begin to apply and integrate knowledge and theory application for future clinical practice and help to initiate the development of a personal philosophy of child life practice. These learning assignments should include:

- Journaling
- Educational in-services and discussions
- Specific and Structured Readings

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Personal Information

Last Name

First Name

MI

Present Phone

Permanent Phone

Email Address

Present Address

Permanent Address

City

State

ZIP Code

Country

City

State

ZIP Code

Country

Emergency Contact

Name

Relationship

Address

Home Phone

Work Phone

City

State

ZIP Code

Country

Application Category

☐ University-affiliated

☐ Independent

If University-affiliated:

University Supervisor/Advisor Name

Email Address

Phone

University Name

University Department Address

Academic Information

(Note: Please include ALL colleges/universities attended)

1. _____
College/University Name

City, State/Province

_____ to _____
Dates Attended (mm/year)

Graduation Date (mm/year)

Major

Level (check one): ☐ Master's ☐ Bachelor's

GPA Cum

GPA Major

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Academic Involvement

Please list the names of any academic organizations you are a member of:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Professional Involvement

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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Experience with Infants, Children, Youth, and Families

1. _____
Organization/Employer _____ Position Title (e.g., nanny, volunteer) _____

Supervisor's Name _____ Supervisor's Title _____ May we contact? ☐ Yes ☐ No

_____ to _____
Dates (mm/year) _____ Hours/Week _____ # of Weeks _____ Total Hours Completed _____ Supervisor's Phone _____

Experience type: ☐ Well Children ☐ Medical Setting ☐ Behavioral Health ☐ Special Needs

Briefly describe population and responsibilities: (approx. 100 word limit)

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Essay Questions

Please answer the following questions:

How did you first become interested in or aware of child life? (max. 200 words)

What have you done to increase your knowledge/awareness of this profession? (max. 200 words)

Briefly describe the ways in which the work of a child life specialist contributes to the health care experience of a child and his/her family. (max. 200 words)

Provide a specific example of a time that you used play to meet the developmental needs of a child. (max. 200 words)

What do you hope to gain from a practicum experience? (max. 200 words)