

Children's Regional Hospital at Cooper Child Life Practicum Program



Program Description

Practicum students are primarily exposed to the child life profession through observation and supervised participation. This introductory, 100 hour, experience in the hospital setting is designed to prepare the student for a more intensive, career oriented training experience in Child Life.

Practicum objectives

- Increase knowledge of the child life profession
- Develop communication skills with children, adolescents and family members in the healthcare setting
- Recognize the value of play and psychosocially supportive interventions
- Recognize various coping styles and techniques of children, adolescents and family members during hospitalization
- Observe interactions with members of the interdisciplinary team
- Identify ways to integrate knowledge with practice

Expectations

1. Three written goals for practicum experience
2. Weekly journal entries including reflections on experiences, observations, and articles
3. Regular meetings with Practicum Supervisor to discuss questions, concerns, and progress
4. Psychosocial assessment of patient
5. Final project that promotes Child Life Awareness

**If a student's academic institution identifies different or additional required tasks, guidelines can be adjusted accordingly.

In addition to the below application, please also include:

- A one page essay describing your philosophy of Child Life and in what ways you expect your practicum experience will enhance your professional goals
- One letter of recommendation from someone who has seen you interact with children

☑ PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE TRANSCRIPTS

Please send application and supporting documents to:

Child-Life@cooperhealth.edu

Program Application

Semester applying for (circle one): Fall Spring Summer Year: _____

Personal Information:

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

Current Address _____
(if different)

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Education:

Institution _____

Major _____ Graduation Date _____

Completed or currently enrolled in a course taught by a Certified Child Life Specialist: yes no

Additional Relevant Coursework

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Relevant Experience Working with Children:

1) Name of Organization _____

Dates _____ Total Hours _____

Supervisor Name and Title _____

Description of responsibilities _____

2) Name of Organization _____

Dates _____ Total Hours _____

Supervisor Name and Title _____

Description of responsibilities _____
