

Practicum Program Application

Program Overview

Practicum students gain exposure to the child life profession through observation and supervised participation. This introductory, 100 hour, experience in the hospital setting is designed to enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the student as they prepare for Child Life internship.

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

- Three written goals for practicum experience
- Weekly journal entries including reflections on experiences, observations, and articles
- Regular meetings with Practicum Supervisor to discuss questions, concerns, and progress
- Assignments including a holiday themed activity, a psychosocial assessment of a patient, and a diagnostic teaching project
 - Assignments can be adjusted for academic institution requirements as needed

Please send completed application to Child-Life@cooperhealth.edu

Contact Information

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Semester applying for: Fall Spring Summer Year: _____

Education

Institution: _____

Degree/Major: _____ Graduation Date: _____

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

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Additional Relevant Coursework:

☐ PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE TRANSCRIPTS OR RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Relevant Experience Working with Children

1) Name of Organization: _____

Dates: _____ Total Hours: _____

Description of Responsibilities: _____

Supervisor's Name and Title: _____

Supervisor's Email: _____

If selected for an interview, may we contact this person as a reference? yes no

2) Name of Organization: _____

Dates: _____ Total Hours: _____

Description of Responsibilities: _____

Supervisor's Name and Title: _____

Supervisor's Email: _____

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Below please include an essay describing your philosophy of Child Life and in what ways you expect your practicum experience will enhance your professional goals

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