

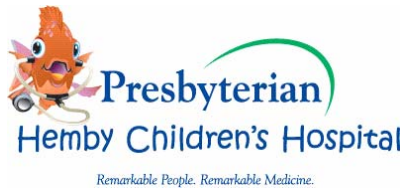
Child Life Internship Application

Our Child Life Department is committed to providing quality education and training for future child life professionals. To be eligible, internship applicants need to have an affiliation with a university, a minimum of 50 documented hours of volunteer experience in a hospital or clinical setting, as well as experience working with children. The internship is 15 weeks, full-time with varying hours/days/weekends/evenings, and is an unpaid position. It is strongly recommended that interns do not have an additional job outside of the internship program in order to maintain a flexible schedule. The internship curriculum incorporates child life programming, challenges and strategies to address current health care issues related to hospitalized children and adolescents. All applicants must have completed (or be in the process of completing) a total of 10 college-level courses within any combination of the following subject areas:

1. Child Life
2. Child/Family Development
3. Family Dynamics
4. Human Development
5. Psychology
6. Sociology
7. Counseling
8. Education
9. Expressive Therapies
(e.g. play, music, dance, art)
10. Therapeutic Recreation

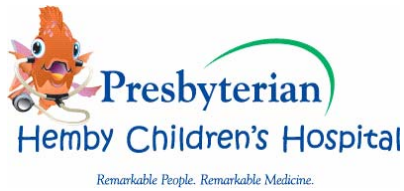
(NOTE: Courses on death & dying, biomedical ethics, cultural diversity and recreation admin will be accepted regardless of college department. Physical education courses are not acceptable.)

Child life interns receive multiple skill and educational opportunities in the areas of medical play, surgical and procedural preparation and distraction, charting, planning and supervising developmentally appropriate activities, working with individuals and groups, family-centered care, prioritizing patients and needs, and developmental assessment. Additional learning experiences are provided through in-services, pediatric and multidisciplinary rounds, procedural and surgical observation, research papers, case studies, projects and a mock interview. Our clinical training experience spans the pediatric age and developmental spectrum. The internship rotations vary and cover many areas of the health care system, including: pediatrics, the pediatric intensive care unit, pediatric emergency department, neonatal intensive care unit, same day surgery, and Blume Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Clinic. All applicants must interview before being accepted into the program.



Internship Objectives:

- To become familiar with the child life profession and its job responsibilities.
- To gain an understanding of the impact of hospitalization on the emotional and developmental needs of children.
- To provide and promote an accepting, non-threatening environment.
- To interact with patients on a one-on-one basis and in group situations.
- To become acquainted with the developmental needs of hospitalized children and to implement programming to meet these needs.
- To be an advocate for children and families in their interaction with the health system.
- To prepare children for surgery and other medical experiences through the use of audiovisual aids, toys, medical equipment and play.
- To educate siblings and family members on the patient's medical condition and to support them throughout the diagnosis and hospitalization.
- To prepare children and families for the transition home from the hospital.
- To provide age-appropriate distraction techniques during medical procedures.
- To encourage appropriate coping techniques for children.
- To gain knowledge of medical procedures, terminology and the roles of multidisciplinary professionals within the hospital setting.
- To understand the child life role as an effective member of a multidisciplinary team in providing for the psychosocial needs of children in a developmentally supportive environment.
- To strengthen the ability to interact and relate to the multidisciplinary team to promote positive experiences for hospitalized children.
- To begin transition from a student to a professional.



Child Life Program Internship Information & Deadlines

All internship materials must be received by the deadline dates to be considered for our program.

Fall:

Applications: Received by April 30th 2009

Interviews: May 7th – 15th

Notification: June 5th

Acceptance: June 12th

Internship: September – December 2009

Winter/Spring 2010:

We will not be offering an internship.

Fall Semester 2010:

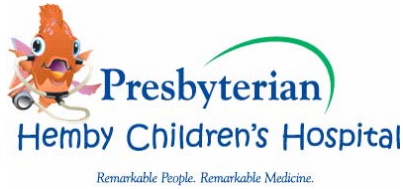
Applications: Received by March 31, 2010

Interviews: April 5th-16th

Notification: May 7th

Acceptance: May 14th

Internship: August- December



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PLEASE TYPE APPLICATION

WHICH INTERNSHIP SESSION ARE YOU INTERESTED IN?

Fall____ Spring____

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___ Application Received
___ Appointment for Interview
___ Transcript Received

___ Acceptance Acknowledged
___ References Received 1 2 3
___ Acceptance/Rejection Sent

DATE: _____

NAME: _____

(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

PRESENT ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

(____) _____ DAY

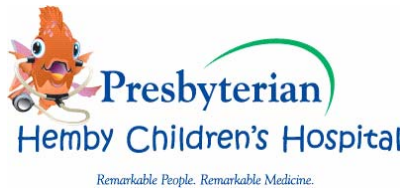
(____) _____ EVENING

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____) _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____



College or University

Name & Address: _____

Dates Attended & Degree Obtained: _____

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Course Work

Please list 10 college-level courses (that you have taken or will be taking) that fall under the approved areas required for certification. To review the approved courses, please refer to www.childlife.org – follow the Certification link to Getting Certified.

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- 2. _____ 7. _____
- 3. _____ 8. _____
- 4. _____ 9. _____
- 5. _____ 10. _____

Field Work Experience

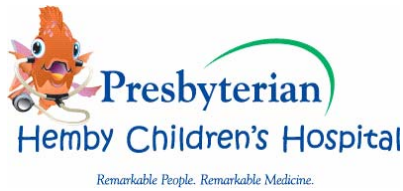
- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Hospital/Clinical Experience (documented)

- 1. Institution _____ Address _____
Position Held _____ Dates _____
- 2. Institution _____ Address _____
Position Held _____ Dates _____
- 3. Institution _____ Address _____
Position Held _____ Dates _____

Volunteer Experiences (other than hospital experiences- documented)

- 1. Institution _____ Address _____
Position Held _____ Dates _____
- 2. Institution _____ Address _____
Position Held _____ Dates _____
- 3. Institution _____ Address _____
Position Held _____ Dates _____
- 4. Institution _____ Address _____
Position Held _____ Dates _____



Professional Organizations

Name & Position Held

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Goals

Please list out your professional goals for the next 5 years. Please type and submit with application.

Written Essay

Describe how you became interested in Child Life, why you are interested in our internship program, what you hope to gain from your participation and how you feel that you can contribute to our department and the children. Please type and submit with application.

Interviews

We will have a preliminary e-mail interviewed for qualified applicants, followed by a personal interview.

Credentials

An official transcript is required from each university or college attended. Please have these sent directly to us.

References:

Professionals who have observed your work with children. DO NOT list personal friends or relatives. Please have these sent directly to us.

1. _____
Name & Address

2. _____
Name & Address

3. _____
Name & Address