



Thank you for your interest in the Child Life Practicum Program at Cleveland Clinic Children's! Cleveland Clinic Children's has a staff of more than 130 pediatricians and pediatric specialists who practice in many different specialties and have office visits in several Cleveland Clinic hospitals and Family Health Centers. With access to leading-edge diagnostic and treatment resources, as well as a solid commitment to family-centered care, our pediatric professionals are well-equipped to treat common, everyday illnesses as well as serious childhood diseases like cancer, diabetes, and congenital heart disease.

The Child Life Program consists of Child Life Specialists working in a variety of areas: Inpatient Units, PICU, NICU, Outpatient Hematology/Oncology, Surgery, and Radiology.

We currently offer a 156-hour Child Life Practicum placement for Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. The practicum requires a minimum of 12 hours per week, Monday through Friday with evenings and weekends occasionally. Our program consists of 2-3 rotations (2 days a week for 13 weeks). Rotations consist of observations throughout the Cleveland Clinic Enterprise. Rotations will be determined by the availability of the placement site.

Requirements for the Child Life Practicum:

- University Affiliation Required
- Required Courses:
 - Child/Human Growth & Development
 - Medical Terminology (must have completed or be enrolled during practicum)
- Minimum of a 3.0 GPA in the child life field of study.
 - Major in Child Life or a related field with a concentration in Child Life
- Field Experience:
 - Complete at least one volunteering experience working with pediatric patients in a hospital setting
 - Complete at least one volunteer or paid non-healthcare experience with children/families
 - Complete at least one additional experience in either category listed above.
- 3 Letters of Recommendation: One letter must be from your academic advisor/child life professor and two other letters from any work or volunteer work with children.
- Transcripts: unofficial are satisfactory but if offered a practicum, official transcripts will be required

The child life practicum dates and deadlines follow the Association of Child Life Professionals internship application deadlines.

All application components must be sent via email to childlifestudent@ccf.org. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

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