



Child Life Practicum Program

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 128 hour Child Life Practicum placement for Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. The practicum requires a minimum of 8 hours per week, Monday through Friday with evenings and weekends occasionally. Our program consists of 2-3 rotations (one day a week for 16 weeks). Rotations consist of observations on Main Campus and/or one of our community hospitals or ambulatory surgery centers including Fairview, Hillcrest, Beachwood, and Strongsville. 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)
 - Child/Adolescent Psychology
 - Child in the Hospital or equivalent
- 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 a minimum of 60 hours of volunteering working with pediatric patients in a hospital setting
 - Complete a minimum of 60 hours of volunteer or paid non-healthcare experience with children/families
- 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
- Official University Transcripts

The child life practicum dates and deadlines follow the Association of Child Life Professionals internship application deadlines. **WE DO NOT HAVE AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT THIS TIME.**

Should a deadline fall on a weekend and/or holiday, then the postmarked date should be moved forward to the next business day. Please send your complete application packet to the address below — **incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

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