



Internship Program Overview

Our Child Life Department offers a **16 week, 600 hour internship placement**. The Child Life Clinical Internship Program at Mission Children's Hospital has been **accredited** by the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP).

When: We offer internship placements during the Spring & Fall sessions.

Clinical Components: After orientation, our interns will complete three rotations; outpatient, inpatient, and with the guidance and approval of the internship coordinator, interns will select an area of focus for their final rotation. Interns will have exposure to various areas where child life services are provided. Current areas of coverage include Pediatrics, PICU, NICU, the Emergency Department, the Cancer Center, Reuter Outpatient Center and Asheville Surgery Center.

Educational Components: Students are required to complete weekly readings and activities outlined in the ACLP's [Internship Curriculum Modules](#). In addition, students are required to complete daily journals, 2 case studies, and a needs-based final project.

Application Process

Selection Criteria:

- Applicants must be affiliated with an approved North Carolina Institution (legally affiliate with based on SARA participation)
- Applicants must have **100 hours of experience** with well infants, children, youth and/or families
- **120 hour practicum** highly recommended **OR** Applicants must have **200 hours of experience** with infants, children, youth and/or families in stressful situations, healthcare settings and/or programs designed for children with special needs
- Applicants must have completed 10 college level courses in child life or related subjects by the beginning of the desired internship session.
 - This includes one [child life course taught by a Certified Child Life Specialist](#)

Packet Requirements:

- **Submission of the completed [ACLP Common Child Life Internship Application](#) (Cover letter included)**
- **3 References:** PLEASE NOTE the Child Life Internship Candidate Common Recommendation Form is acceptable but must be sealed and signed in an envelope ****find the form above on page 18/19 of ALCP Common CL application**
- **Resume**
- **Unofficial transcript** (an official transcript will be required if the student is offered placement)
- **Printed copy of applicants [ACLP Eligibility Assessment](#)**
- **Application fee of \$25. Checks and money order ONLY. Checks should be addressed to Child Life Department Mission Children's Hospital.**
****The application fee is applied towards many things including a resource library that the Child Life Specialist will have and webinars.**

Please send completed application to:

Student Internship Coordinator
ATTN: Amy Anne Waters, CCLS II, CPST
CHILD LIFE
Mission Hospital
509 Biltmore Avenue
Asheville, NC 28801

Applicants will receive an e-mail acknowledgment once their application has been received. Applications must contain all of the required elements and be postmarked by the [application deadline](#) outlined on the ACLP's website to be considered for review.

Interview Process

In person interviews are required for students who live in North Carolina. Telephone/teleconference interviews will be considered for unaffiliated individuals who live out of state.

Contact Information

For additional information regarding the Child Life Clinical Internship Program at Mission Children's Hospital, please contact the Child Life Internship Coordinator at [828-213-6041](tel:828-213-6041).