



Child Life Practicum

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Child Life Practicum at Atrium Health Levine Children's Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital in Macon, Georgia. Our Child Life Department offers practicum position(s) each spring and fall semester, unless otherwise noted. Please review the information below for more details about our program and how to apply. If you have any questions, please email childlifemacon@atriumhealth.org or contact 478-633-6384.

Practicum Information

A Child Life Practicum is a pre-internship experience for individuals interested in pursuing a career as a Child Life Specialist. This experience can provide valuable knowledge of evidence-based, developmentally appropriate child life interventions (ACLP 2023). Our practicum program offers a 100 hour in-person clinical experience in which the student will observe and shadow a Certified Child Life Specialist(s) over the course of a semester. Placements are unpaid and housing, transportation, parking expenses, meals, and medical insurance are the responsibility of the student. It is strongly suggested that students have volunteer hours working with children in a hospital setting prior to beginning your practicum clinical hours. Once all applications have been received and reviewed, candidates will be notified if they have moved forward in the process and been selected for an interview. Unfortunately, the submission of an application does not guarantee an interview or placement in our practicum program. Please note that students that complete our child life practicum program may not be considered for future internship placement at our hospital as we encourage students to broaden and diversify their clinical experiences.

Application Deadlines

Spring Practicum	September 5th
Fall Practicum	March 15th
<i>*We do not currently offer a summer practicum</i>	

Application Requirements

1. Current enrollment at an accredited university
2. Unofficial transcript
3. Minimum of a 3.0 GPA in major courses
4. Chart or resume with all relevant volunteer experiences (including sites, dates, and hours)
5. 2 letters of reference (one from a professor and one from someone who has observed you work with children)
6. Application with completed questionnaire (see page 2)



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Name	
Email	
Phone Number	
College/University	
Major	
Anticipated Graduation Date	
Overall GPA	
Major GPA	

Please **type** your answers to the following 8 questions. Your answers will be assessed for completeness and clarity of answers as well as writing ability.

1. Tell us about how you became interested in Child Life.
2. Explain Child Life **in your own words** as you would to someone who is not aware of the field of Child Life or the role of a Child Life Specialist.
3. Discuss the most important aspect/duty of a Child Life Specialist as you understand it. Explain the reasons for your answer.
4. Describe a time when you used play to meet the developmental needs of a child.
5. Describe your volunteer experience(s) with children, in and/or out of the hospital setting.
6. What do you feel is your role as a practicum student, and what goals do you hope to accomplish over the course of your practicum?
7. What major courses are you currently taking? What major courses do you plan to be enrolled in while completing your practicum?
8. Are you involved in any clubs, sports, organizations, or other extracurricular activities?