

Child Life Practicum Student Application

Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital, Navicent Health
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If you are interested in applying for either the **Fall or Spring** Child Life Practicum clinical experience, you need to email your application to: Whitlock.Erin@navicenthealth.org

Application Deadlines:

Fall application- Due by March 15th

Spring application- Due by September 5th

This practicum clinical experience is designed to familiarize students with the child life profession and as an introductory experience for individuals pursuing a career in child life. Through experiential learning and observation/shadowing of child life specialists, students will begin to increase their knowledge of basic child life skills related to play, developmental assessment, and integration of child life theory into interventions with infants, children, youth and families. Through these experiences, child life practicum students will enhance their knowledge of the child life profession and investigate the process of applying child life and developmental knowledge into practice. (Adapted from the *Child Life Council: Practicum Students*).

To be eligible to apply for the Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital, Navicent Health **100** Hour Child Life Practicum clinical experience, you must have a 3.0 in your major classes and be enrolled in an accredited University. ***At this time we are only accepting students from affiliated universities including the following: Georgia Southern University, University of Georgia, Auburn University, University of Alabama, University of Missouri, East Carolina University, Louisiana Tech, and Mississippi State University.** The Child Life Practicum is designed as a pre-internship experience for individuals interested in pursuing a child life internship and a career as a certified child life specialist. It is strongly suggested that you have 30 volunteer hours working with children **in a hospital setting** prior to beginning your practicum clinical hours. Your experiences with children, in and out of the hospital, will be evaluated in the selection process. Practicum placements are unpaid and do not guarantee future employment. Housing, transportation, parking expenses, meals, and medical insurance are the responsibility of the student. Accepted practicum students are encouraged to seek future internship placement at other facilities to broaden perspectives and diversify experience. Once all applications are received, candidate will be contacted in regards to the potential of an interview. Unfortunately, the submission of an application does not guarantee placement at Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital, Navicent Health.

Instructions: Please submit the following to the above email address:

- a) Application with answers to questions
- b) Excel file with grades in major courses
- c) Chart with all relevant volunteer experiences, including site, dates, and hours
- d) Unofficial transcript
- e) 2 Letters of reference (one from a professor and one from someone who has observed you work with children)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Major: _____ Current GPA: _____ GPA in major courses: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

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 experiences with children, in or out of the hospital setting. (*note: you will also submit a chart summarizing the details of these experiences*)
6. What do you feel is your role as a practicum student? Any Specific goals you have?
7. a) What **classes** are you currently taking?

b) What classes will you be taking with the Practicum class?
8. What other obligations besides classes will you have while completing the practicum class and clinical hours?