



Beverly Knight Olson Children’s Hospital

**Child Life Internship Eligibility and Application Requirements**

Thank you for your interest in the Beverly Knight Olson Children’s Hospital internship program. We offer internships for Fall and Spring semesters and only accept students who are enrolled in a college or university. We accept up to 2 students each semester.

Our internship program is 16 weeks long, providing the student with 640 clinical hours, 40 per week. Each student will complete two long rotations (6 weeks each) in two of the following areas of the hospital where Child Life Services are found: General Pediatrics, Pediatric Surgical and Procedural Center, Infusion Center, Pediatric Critical Care, NNICU, HOPE for Kids (Hematology/Oncology Clinic), Pediatric Emergency Center, and Crescent House (Child Advocacy Center). In the remaining weeks, students will rotate through additional units that were not a long rotation. During clinical rotations each student will be paired with one supervisor. Interns are required to work the same hours as their supervisors. Students will have weekly work to turn in and a final project due at the end of the semester.

The application deadlines are listed below. We will follow all ACLP Internship Guidelines.

Term	Application Deadline	Offer Deadline	Acceptance Deadline
Spring	September 5 <sup>th</sup>	Second Tuesday of October	Second Wednesday of October
Fall	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	First Tuesday of May	First Wednesday of May

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Applicants are required to have a senior level status in a bachelor’s degree program or higher and must be currently enrolled.
- Applicant must have 100 hours of experience with well infants, children, youth and/or families and 100 hours of experience with children and families experiencing stressful situations, healthcare settings and/or programs designed for children with special needs. Hospital experience is preferred. This can include hours from practicum.
- Applicants must be actively completing 100 Child Life Practicum hours at time of application deadline. Completion of those hours before deadline is preferred.
- Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 overall and a 3.0 in their major.
- Applicants must be working towards completing the certification requirements to sit for the Association of Child Life Professionals Certification Exam.
- Coursework must be reviewed by the Association of Child Life Professionals’ eligibility assessment.

- Applicant must have successfully completed a minimum of one child life course taught by a Certified Child Life Specialist. The required child life course(s) must have a focus on children in the healthcare environment. ALL of the following applied areas of study must be included in the course(s):
  - 1) Official Documents of the Association for Child Life Professionals
  - 2) Scope of Practice
  - 3) Family-Centered Care
  - 4) Impact of illness, injury and health care on patients/families
  - 5) Play
  - 6) Preparation

*\*\*The six required areas of study in the child life course taught by a Certified Child Life Specialist may be spread across a sequence of courses. In such a case, applicants must successfully complete all courses in the sequence to fulfill the CCLS course eligibility requirement.*
- **Applicants must be enrolled in a college program.**

**Application Requirements:**

- Common Child Life Internship Application, which can be found at the following link:  
<http://www.childlife.org/docs/default-source/certification/internships/common-child-life-internship-application.pdf>
- Verification of Related Experience Hours form(s).
- College Transcript(s): unofficial documents from your college/university are acceptable.
- Verification of Child Life Practicum Hours form. This can be a letter from your supervisor.
- ACLP Eligibility Assessment
- Resume
- Two letters of recommendation on business letterhead:
  1. One must be from an academic instructor from your college/university or a related volunteer experience.
  2. One must be from a Child Life Practicum supervisor. A written letter is preferred, but the ACLP Common Recommendation form is acceptable.

\*\*\*Please make sure your application is complete and postmarked by the deadline date. Incomplete packets and/or packets that do not meet the deadline date will not be considered. Please send completed application to:

**Beverly Knight Olson Children's Hospital  
 Child Life Department  
 777 Hemlock St. MSC 38  
 Macon, GA 31201  
 ATTN: Internship Coordinators – Abby Wilder and Amanda Dougherty**