



Department of Child Life, Creative Arts
Therapy and School Programs
Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware
1600 Rockland Road
Wilmington, Delaware 19803
www.nemours.org/childlife

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the child life pre-internship program at Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware. We offer this program in the Fall and Winter/Spring. This program is to help learners interested in child life to have an opportunity to observe and synthesize a day in the life of a child life specialist. Your pre-internship experience will be supervised by Certified Child Life Specialists (CCLSs) who work within our hospital. The pre-internship experience is approximately 160 hours; 16 hours a week for 10 weeks. The scheduled hours vary, depending on the schedule of the rotation supervisor. The schedule *may* include daytime, evening and/or weekend hours. The exact days will be given to you prior to your start date. The days will be consecutive and based on your rotation supervisors' schedule.

A complete Child Life Pre-Internship application packet must include:

1. Minimum of 50 hours of hands-on experience with infants, children, youth and/or families.
2. Verification of the successful completion of at least 5 approved undergraduate or graduate courses inclusive of the six areas of study as required by the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP.) One of these courses must be a child development course.
3. Submission of unofficial transcripts. If applicable, provide both undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
4. Academic standing of at least a junior in undergraduate studies.
5. If you have completed a practicum or field placement, please include a copy of any evaluation form and the name of your supervisor.

In addition to a completed application received by the application deadline, there will be an interview for selected applicants. **Dates are subject to change, please follow the ACLP internship offer dates for our pre-internship program application deadline.**

Pre-Internship Session	Application Deadline
Fall	March 15
Spring	September 7

Application is not a guarantee of acceptance. Due to the expectation that we provide students with quality supervision and education during our pre-internship program, a limited number of students are accepted each semester. Please note that the Department of Child Life, Creative Arts Therapy and School Programs at Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware encourages students to get a wide variety of clinical experience in the child life field. Therefore, students who complete a pre-internship at Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware, will NOT be eligible to apply for a child life internship with our program.

Upon acceptance into the pre-internship program there will be follow-up information and medical and background clearances that will need to be completed. You will not be able to begin your pre-internship program unless appropriate clearances and contract have been completed.

Sincerely,

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Kim Vignola, CCLS

Pre-Internship Program Co-Coordinator

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CHILD LIFE PRE-INTERNSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date: _____

Preferred Training Session: (circle) Fall Spring

Name _____

Permanent Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Current Address _____

_____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Contact Person (for message or emergency) _____

Relation to Applicant _____ Phone _____

College Education:

Institution	Major	Graduation Date

Supervisor/Advisor Name, Title, Email _____
(Please provide only if affiliated with a university)

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Fill in explanation of hands-on experience with infants, children, youth and/or families.
Please include hours completed for each experience:

In order to be considered for the child life pre-internship program at Nemours Children’s Hospital, Delaware, you must submit a completed application, along with the following questions answered (200 word maximum per question):

- How did you first become interested or aware of the field of child life?
- Explain the components that you feel are most important in child life practice.
- What are your expectations of a child life pre-internship experience? What aspects do you feel will be challenging for you?
- Describe a time that you have used play to meet the developmental needs of a child. Please explain your goals of this play experience.

All components of the application must be submitted together and emailed by the application deadline above. Please email your application to childlifestudentprograms@nemours.org and title the email “Child Life Pre-Internship Application.”