

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Child Life practicum program at Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children. We offer this program in the Fall and Winter/Spring. This program is to help students or people interested in Child Life to have an opportunity to experience Child Life and have an overview of the field. Your practicum experience will be supervised by Certified Child Life Specialists (CCLSs) who work within our hospital. The practicum experience is **120 hours; 10 hours a week (Two 5 hour days) for 12 weeks.**

**A complete Child Life Practicum application packet must include:**

1. Verification of a minimum of **100 hours of hands-on experience with well infants, children, youth and/or families**; 75% (or 75 hours) of which must be completed by the application deadline.
2. Verification of a minimum of **50 hours of hands-on experience with infants, children, youth and/or families in stressful situations, health care settings and/or programs designed for children with special needs**, 75% (or 37.5 hours) of which must be completed by the application deadline.
3. Verification of the successful completion of **10** approved undergraduate or graduate courses inclusive of the six areas of study as required by the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP). Courses that are in progress, may also be considered. <http://www.childlife.org/certification/students/review-my-courses>
4. Verification of the successful completion of an undergraduate or graduate course taught by a certified child life specialist. <http://www.childlife.org/docs/default-source/certification/revised-cw-requirement.pdf>
5. Submission of official transcripts that reflect a **minimum GPA of 3.0**. If applicable, provide both undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
6. Academic standing of at least a **senior** in undergraduate studies.
7. Submission of a current resume or curriculum vitae.
8. Submission of a statement of your personal philosophy of child life and how a practicum experience will contribute to your professional goals, in no more than 500 words.
9. Submission of at least 4 personal/professional goals for the Practicum experience.
10. Submission of two letters of recommendation, at least one of which should be from someone who has directly observed your work with children.
11. If the practicum placement is to be conducted for academic credit or in fulfillment of any academic requirements, a description of academic requirements and of the

role of the university supervisor (i.e. letter from academic advisor and list of academic requirements for placement) must be included.

12. **If you have completed a practicum or field placement in a Child Life program, please attach a copy of any evaluation form and/or indicate name of supervisor.**

Completed applications should be submitted to the address at the bottom of this page by the deadlines below. After reviewing applications, top candidates will be selected for an interview.

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW APPLICATION DEADLINES STARTING IN 2018!** These dates coincide with the ACLP deadlines for child life internships to keep everything consistent for students.

Practicum Session	Application Deadline
Fall	March 15 <sup>th</sup>
Winter/Spring	September 5 <sup>th</sup>

Application is not a guarantee of acceptance. Due to the expectation that we provide students with quality supervision and education during our Practicum 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/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children encourages students to get a wide variety of clinical experience in the Child Life field. Therefore, students who complete a Practicum at Nemours/A.I. duPont Hospital for Children will NOT be eligible to apply for a Child Life Internship with our Program. If you have any questions please contact the Practicum Co-Coordinators.

Upon acceptance into the practicum program there will be follow-up information and clearances that will need to be completed. **You will not be able to begin your practicum program unless this application and appropriate clearances and contract have been completed.**

Sincerely,

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## CHILD LIFE PRACTICUM APPLICATION

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Training Session: (circle) Fall Winter/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
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Supervisor/Advisor Name, Title, Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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