

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is a child life specialist? How do I pursue certification?

A. Please visit the Child Life Council for detailed information about child life certification. <http://www.childlife.org/child-life-profession>

Q. Where is the Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children hospital located?

A. Our address is: 1600 Rockland Road, Wilmington, DE 19803

Q. Does Nemours Children's Hospital (NCH) in Lake Nona, Florida have student programs?

A. At this time, NCH is not offering student opportunities. For more information, please contact Lead Specialist Emily, Bradley, CCLS Emily.bradley@nemours.org

Q. How do I know if I'm eligible for a child life practicum or internship?

A. Please visit our web page for application requirements for both practicum and internship programming.

Q. How many students does your child life internship and practicum accept?

A. We currently take 1 child life intern and 1 child life practicum student per semester.

Q. Does your hospital offer a Child Life Fellowship?

A. No.

Q. Do you accept matriculated and non-matriculated students?

A. Yes, we accept students who are either enrolled or not enrolled in college. If students will be completing an internship for course credit their school must have a current affiliation agreement with Nemours/Alfred I duPont Hospital. Affiliation agreements may be arranged after acceptance into the program.

Q. When are child life internship and practicum applications due? How will I be notified if I am accepted?

A. Our hospital follows the guidelines determined by the Association of Child Life Professionals. Application packets must be complete and postmarked by the deadline in order to be considered. Late and/or incomplete packets will not be considered.

Internship Session	Application Deadline	Initial Offer Dates	Acceptance Dates	2 nd Offer Dates
Fall	March 15th	1 st Tuesday of May	Following Wednesday	Following Thursday
Winter/Spring	September 5th	2 nd Tuesday of October	Following Wednesday	Following Thursday

Q. Do you accept child life internship and practicum students over the summer?

A. No, we do not have a summer internship or practicum available during the summer at this time.

Q. Are there fees associated with your program?

A. No, there are no fees. However students are expected to have reliable transportation and will be responsible for their meal each day.

Q. Are your student programs paid? Is housing provided for your student programs?

A. No, our student programs are unpaid and housing is not provided. However, parking is provided at no cost.

Q. How long are the child life internship and practicum programs?

A. Our child life internship program is 640 hours, 40hrs/week for 16 weeks. Our child life practicum program is 100 hours over the course of 13 weeks.

Q. What is the schedule of the child life internship program?

A. The internship is full-time, 40 hrs/week. There are two assigned long unit rotations. The scheduled hours vary, depending on the schedule of the rotation supervisor. The schedule may include daytime, evening, and/or weekend hours. In addition, there are required readings and assignments that must be completed outside of the student's scheduled hours.

Q. What is the size and framework of the Department of Child Life, Creative Arts Therapy, and School Programs?

A. We have a director who oversees the entire program. In addition, we have a manager for the Child Life and Creative Art Therapy staff. We currently have @ 12.5 FTE Child Life Specialists who cover both inpatient and outpatient patient areas, including but not limited to Hematology/Oncology, Surgical Services, Radiology, Day Medicine, Dialysis, Intensive Care, Rehabilitation/Orthopedics, Pulmonology/Gastroenterology, Palliative Care, Neonatology, Surgical Step-Down and the Emergency Department. We have both a Music Therapist and Art Therapist on staff. Our program also has activity coordinators who supervise our centralized playroom and assist with programming on the units.

Q. What guidance do you have for a student who might want to pursue child life as a career but are not yet eligible for a child life practicum or internship?

A. Those interested in pursuing a career in child life are encouraged to volunteer in a hospital child life program or a camp setting with a child life specialist. Students looking to pursue an internship are highly encouraged to participate in a child life practicum.

Q. Can I shadow a child life specialist at your hospital?

A. Students may participate in a shadowing experience if: a) they are enrolled in college and are actively pursuing child life certification and b) they have volunteered in a Child Life program for a minimum of 50 hrs. Students who meet these criteria can contact the Child Life Internship coordinator for scheduling availability.