



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

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Child Life practicum program at Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware. 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 observe and synthesize a day in the life of a child life specialist. Your practicum experience will be supervised by Certified Child Life Specialists (CCLSs) who work within our hospital. The practicum experience is approximately 160 hours; 16 hours a week (2, 8-hour days) for 10 weeks. 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 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.**
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.**
3. 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). <http://www.childlife.org/docs/default-source/certification/revise-cw-requirement.pdf> One of these courses must be taught by a **Certified Child Life Specialist** and one must be a **child development** course.
4. Submission of official or unofficial transcripts that reflect a **minimum GPA of 3.0**. If applicable, provide both undergraduate and graduate transcripts.
5. Academic standing of at least a **junior** in undergraduate studies.
6. Submission of a **current resume or curriculum vitae** that should include the **total number of hours** completed for each relevant experience.

7. Submission of **two letters of recommendation**, at least one of which should be from someone who has directly observed your work with children. These letters should be in **sealed and signed envelopes**.
8. 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.
9. **If you have completed a practicum or field placement in a Child Life program, 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. We follow the ACLP internship offer dates for our practicum program.

Internship Session	Application Deadline
Fall 2022	Not offered
Spring 2023	September 5

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 Children’s Hospital, Delaware encourages students to get a wide variety of clinical experience in the Child Life field. Therefore, students who complete a Practicum at Nemours Children’s Hospital, Delaware, will NOT be eligible to apply for a Child Life Internship with our Program.

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 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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To be considered for the Child Life Practicum 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 contributors to the foundational practice of child life.

Explain what your expectations/goals are of a child life practicum experience at Nemours Children's Hospital, Delaware. What do you hope to learn and 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 and how your choices supported normative development.

All components of the application must be submitted together and postmarked by the application deadline above. No email applications will be accepted.

Return completed application and materials listed above to:

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