



Child Life Department Practicum Requirements

Entrance Requirements:

1. Must be interested in pursuing a career as a Child Life Specialist.
2. Must be enrolled in the college of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University or Lubbock Christian University.
3. Must have 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher
4. A minimum of 50 hours of volunteer or work experience with children. 25 of those hours must be in a healthcare or stress related environment. 25 of those hours must be with healthy children.
5. If accepted, must be enrolled in the practicum course while completing Child Life Practicum.
6. Must be able to commit a minimum of 150 hours to be completed in one semester.

If selected you will need to complete the following:

- Proof of flu shot
- Background Check
- Liability Insurance (more information provided once selected)

The Goals and Objectives:

1. To become familiar with the child life profession.
2. To integrate theory and research into practice.
3. To understand the value of play in the health care setting.
4. To recognize the developmental, psychosocial, and medical needs of patients and families and how those needs are incorporated into goals of normalization and coping.
5. To recognize and understand patients and family's reactions to stress, illness, and pain.
6. To develop communication skills with patients, families, and other health professionals
7. To recognize the importance of working within an interdisciplinary team.
8. To continue to develop professional attitudes, maturity, judgment, and work ethic.

Assignments: Our program follows the Association of Child Life Professionals recommended standards for a child life practicum:

1. Weekly Journal
2. Assigned Readings
3. Weekly one-on-one meeting with child life specialist
4. Mock interview questions and practice
5. Semester Evaluation



Child Life Practicum Application Checklist:

- Child Life Practicum Application**
- 2 Completed Child Life Practicum Reference Forms**
- Resume**
- Unofficial Transcript**
- Hour Verification Form (may have multiple forms)**
- ACLP Eligibility Coursework Form (included below)**

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION & FORMS TO:

**UMC Children's Hospital
Child Life Department: Practicum Application
602 Indiana Avenue
Lubbock, Texas 79415**



Supervised Hours Working with Children Verification Form

(Applicant: This form is to be completed by all places from which you are submitting hours. You may need to print multiple verification forms.)

I confirm that (applicant) _____ has
completed _____ hours at (Institution) _____ in
(location) _____ working with:

(Type of experience – check one)

- Working with children who are physically well
- Working with children in a healthcare or stress-related environment
- Working with children with special needs

The applicants experience consisted of the following experiences (list typical types of interactions with children):

Signature/Credentials: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

ACLP Academic Eligibility Coursework

Fill out form below to the best of your ability, based on your current academic experience.

These 10 courses are **not required** to apply for the UMC Child Life Practicum, but to become a certified child life specialist you must establish eligibility before you can sit for the Child Life Professional Certification Exam. Our team wants to verify that you are on the right path to completing these courses for eligibility.

Name of Course	Institution	Semester Term
Child Life:		
Child Development:		
Child Development:		
Family Systems:		
Play:		
Bereavement or Death/Dying:		
Research:		
Additional Coursework:		
Additional Coursework:		
Additional Coursework:		