



CHILD LIFE PRACTICUM PROGRAM

Practicum Information

PRACTICUM: Child Life practicum students are required to complete one hundred fifty (150) hours over eight (8) weeks. The Child Life practicum program accepts both affiliated and non-affiliated students who meet the program applicant requirements.

Requirements to apply for practicum include:

- Currently enrolled in at least the Junior or Senior level in a college/university program that is child development related, hold a degree in child development/related field, OR have a degree and are working in a child development/related field.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Individuals interested in the Child Life Practicum Program should follow the time schedule for application procedure.

Semester for practicum	Date Application Due to CMS	Interviews	Notification	Acceptance Deadline	Practicum Dates
SPRING	September 5	Sept-Oct	October 22	October 28	Feb-Apr
FALL	May 5	May-June	June 22	June 28	Sept-Nov
SUMMER	January 5	Jan-Feb	February 22	February 28	June-Aug

APPLICATION: To be considered the following must be submitted:

- _____ Child Life Practicum Application
- _____ 3 recommendation forms completed by non-family members in sealed envelopes
- _____ Unofficial college transcript

Please mail all items to: Children's Mercy Hospital Kansas
 Child Life Department
 Attn: Dawn Gasser
 5808 W 110th Street
 Overland Park, KS 66211

INTERVIEWS: An interview is required for practicum selection. You may be contacted for an interview after all application materials are reviewed. If selected for an interview, we offer the choice of on-site or virtual interview.

ACCEPTANCE: Individuals will be notified of their acceptance into the practicum program on or before the date specified above. Upon acceptance a copy of your official college transcript is required.

HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS: Housing arrangements are the responsibility of the student.

IMMUNIZATIONS: In order to provide the safest environment, Children's Mercy requires that you provide documentation confirming you have proof of required vaccinations. A completed health care form (to be provided) is required before the student begins the program.

INSURANCE: Both professional and general comprehensive public liability insurance is required and must be obtained by the child life student. The practicum coordinator can refer the student to an appropriate agency.

CONTRACT: A legal affiliation agreement must be signed by the practicum student's university and the hospital prior to the student's starting date. While not the student's responsibility, you will be kept informed of the status of the agreement prior to the starting date, as the student cannot begin the practicum without this completed agreement. *This requirement is applicable for affiliated students only.