

IU Health Arnett Hospital Child Life Practicum



Thank you for your interest in IU Health Arnett Hospital's Child Life Practicum. Our team seeks a highly motivated student who is interested in furthering their knowledge of the field of child life. Upon completion of this practicum, students will have gained a basic understanding of the role of a child life specialist through experiences in the emergency department and pediatric unit, along with additional experiences in other clinical areas.

Goals and Objectives:

- To gain a basic understanding of the role of a child life specialist
- To understand the impact of hospitalization and illness based on a child's developmental level
- To gain knowledge about medical terminology, procedures, and medical personnel
- To identify how a child life specialist is a member of the interdisciplinary team
- To gain further knowledge of how child development theory relates to child life interventions
- To increase understanding of working with hospitalized children (safety, appropriate toys, etc.)

Practicum Requirements:

- Completes written assignments on-time
- Demonstrates ability to observe and reflect on interactions with patients and families
- Maintains HIPAA regulations and upholds hospital policies
- Maintains a positive and professional attitude
- Reports to scheduled shifts on time (schedule will be determined upon acceptance to practicum)

Application Requirements:

- Must be actively enrolled in an academic program, specifically geared towards a career as a child life specialist (child life, child development, or related field with a strong emphasis in child development).
 - Must have at least a 3.0 GPA
- Have a minimum of 50-hours of volunteer experience working with children in the health care setting
 - *This requirement is currently waived due to the pandemic; although, students who have completed this requirement will take priority during application review*
- Able to commit to an 8 or 12-week practicum, one or two shifts per week minimum
 - Schedule will be determined on an individual basis
- Able to pass a mandatory health screening, provide up-to-date vaccinations, and adhere to the hospital's confidentiality agreement and release of liability

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Application Process:

Interested applicants who meet all requirements may submit an application to the child life team for review. A complete application must include the following:

- Resume and cover letter
- Current college transcript, including current GPA (unofficial transcripts accepted)
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Verification of completion of at least 50 hours with children in a health care setting, *if applicable*
- Typed responses to the following questions:
 1. How did you become interested in the child life profession?

2. What do you expect to gain from this child life practicum?

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3. What other commitments would you have during this practicum (work, school, etc.)?

Deadlines—If you choose to mail your application, it must be postmarked by the dates below:

Spring practicum – November 1st

Summer—February 1st

Fall practicum – June 1st

Please send completed application to the mailing address below:

IU Health Arnett Hospital
Attn: Child Life, Room A1155
5165 McCarty Lane
Lafayette, IN 47905

OR you may email your application to arnettchildlife@iuhealth.org

After reviewing your application, we may contact you to schedule an interview. We look forward to getting to know you!

Please direct any questions to Mollie and Olivia at arnettchildlife@iuhealth.org