

IU Health Arnett Hospital: *Child Life Practicum*

Dear Applicant,

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.

About IU Health Arnett Child Life Services:

- The child life program was established in 2018
- IU Health Arnett Hospital is a regional adult hospital that has pediatric services within it (i.e. a small pediatric med/surg unit, a Level III NICU, pediatric outpatient surgery, and is a Level III Emergency Department for trauma, etc.)
- Certified Child Life Specialists provide support to patients and families throughout the hospital, including pediatrics, emergency department, adult ICU, labor and delivery, NICU, outpatient surgery, outpatient lab, and adult med/surg.

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)



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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 he
- Able to commit to an 8 or 12-week practicum, one or two shifts per week
- Able to pass a mandatory health screening, provide up-to-date vaccinations, and adhere to the hospital's confidentiality agreement and release of liability

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 stressful situations
- 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?
 3. What have you done to increase your knowledge and awareness of the profession?
 4. What other commitments would you have during this practicum (work, school, etc.)?



Application Deadlines:

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Spring practicum – September 7th

Summer—January 5th

Fall practicum – March 15th

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 reach out to you to schedule an interview.

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

