

PRACTICUM INFORMATION

Thank you for your interest in a practicum placement with WVU Medicine Children's. Our staff specializes in helping children and their families cope with the hospital experience through psychosocial interventions and age-appropriate play. Students will have the opportunity to observe these interactions while becoming familiar with the medical environment.

Prerequisites:

Must be a student affiliated with a University, or have graduated with a degree in Child Life or a related field
Have taken at least 3 child development classes
Volunteer or work experience with children

Program Information:

All students will be processed through the volunteer department
You must commit to a minimum of 120 hours (coordinated with the Child Life Department)
Must complete application, postmarked by due date, with resume, cover letter and 3 letters of reference
Participate in a phone or in-person interview
Complete all practicum site assignments as well as any individual class assignments (if applicable)

Deadlines:

Refer to the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP) internship guidelines:

<https://www.childlife.org/certification/certification-resources/internship-deadlines>

Students will be selected based on academics, previous experience working with children, and communication skills assessed through the interview process.

**WVU Medicine Children's Hospital
Practicum Application:**

Your Name: _____ Semester applying for: Fall or Winter

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

If applicable, what College or University do you attend? _____

Year/Rank: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Academic Advisor Name: _____ Email: _____

Number of Hours necessary to fulfill practicum requirements in your program
(**must be a minimum of 120 hours): _____

Please answer the following questions in electronic form using Microsoft Word, normal margins and 12-point font in 750 words (total) or less.

1. Why are you considering Child Life as a potential career choice?
2. Why are you interested in a potential practicum at WVU Medicine Children's?
3. What hospital environments and/or special populations of children are you interested in?
4. In what ways have you increased your knowledge of the Child Life field?

Please submit **1)** this application, **2)** a cover letter, **3)** resume and **4)** three letters of reference to:

**WVU Medicine Children's Hospital
Attn: Megan Mezzanotte – Child Life Supervisor
1 Medical Center Drive
Box 8200
Morgantown, WV 26506**

Incomplete applications will not be considered