



The Child Life Practicum Program at Sacred Heart Children's Hospital (SHCH) is a 160-hour pre-internship experience, open to university-affiliated students pursuing an introduction to the child life profession. Child life practicum students are introduced to basic child life skills related to play, developmental assessment, and integration of child life theory into practice, by way of experiential learning and observation of Certified Child Life Specialists.

***Student learning opportunities will include:***

- translating developmental theories into practice
- observation of child life interventions such as education sessions, medical play, procedural distraction, accompaniment, and support, and more.
- exposure to the concepts of death, dying, grief and loss.
- weekly journals and debrief meetings
- learning modules and academic assignments
- programming-focused project

***Schedule:***

The Child Life Intern will complete a minimum of 160 clinical hours. Daily schedule will vary depending on rotation and supervisor.

***Required prerequisites to a practicum:***

- Enrollment in a child life or related academic program
- Completion of full application process

***Encouraged prior to application for a practicum:***

- Volunteer experience supervised by a Certified Child Life Specialist
- Completion of a Child Life Theory class taught by a Certified Child Life Specialist

***Application Process:***

Sacred Heart Children's Hospital follows the Association of Child Life Professionals recommended application deadlines, as outlined on the ACLP website: [www.childlife.org/certification/become-certified/clinical-internship](http://www.childlife.org/certification/become-certified/clinical-internship). Please submit your application (attached), resume, and current unofficial transcript to the SHCH Student Committee at [SHCHCLStudents@providence.org](mailto:SHCHCLStudents@providence.org).