

Thank you for your interest in Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital's Child Life practicum experience.

The Geisinger Janet Weis Children's Hospital Child Life practicum experience is a 10-week observation that involves two shifts per week (6 hour days). During the practicum, you will be observing child life specialists in two different clinical areas. Additionally, there will be weekly readings and assignments.

Pre-requisites for the practicum experience:

- Students must be at a minimum junior level standing in their baccalaureate program (sophomore standing may be approved contingent upon completion of coursework requirement)
- Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Students must have completed at least five college level courses focused on child life, child development, developmental psychology or family systems
- Students must have completed volunteer hours with children in a "well" setting (i.e. summer camps, church groups, babysitting, etc.)
- Preference will be given to students who also have a minimum of 25 hours of volunteer experience in a hospital/healthcare setting
- Due to Department of Labor regulations, students must be affiliated with a college or university throughout their practicum experience

Questions or concerns may be directed to [childlifeinternship@geisinger.edu](mailto:childlifeinternship@geisinger.edu).

# Child Life Department Practicum Application

## Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Educational Information:

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought or Acquired: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation/Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Practicum

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

What days and times are you available to fulfill your practicum hours? \_\_\_\_\_

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What other commitments will you have during your practicum? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please answer the following and attach your responses:

- What is the role of a Child Life Specialist in the medical environment?
- Describe a meaningful play interaction you have had with a child. What was the value of the interaction and what did it teach you?
- How might hospitalization or illness impact a child's developmental progress?
- Why do you want to be a practicum student and why should we choose you?

Please include the following with your application and responses:

- College/University Transcript(s) (unofficial transcripts will be accepted)
- **ONE** Letter of Recommendation from someone who is familiar with your interest and skills in working with children

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Completed applications may be returned via e-mail or by mail.

E-mailed applications may be sent to [childlifeinternship@geisinger.edu](mailto:childlifeinternship@geisinger.edu) .

If you choose to mail your application, please send it to the following:

Tracey Craddock  
Child Life Services  
100 North Academy Avenue  
MC 01-24  
Danville, PA 17822

Deadlines:

Applications must be POSTMARKED or e-mailed by the dates set forth by ACLP for internship.