



NEMOURS
CHILDREN'S HEALTH
Child Life Department
Practicum Student Program

Program Objectives

The practicum at Nemours Children's Health, Florida is designed to provide child life students with a primarily observational experience, in addition to hands-on opportunities when appropriate, ultimately serving as preparation for clinical child life internships. Our practicum builds on the foundation of child development and theory as well as teaches students the core competencies of clinical child life practice. This includes how to assess patients and families' psychosocial and developmental needs, plan therapeutic interventions, and utilize evidencedbased practice to influence multidisciplinary care. The practicum student will be supervised by a Certified Child Life Specialist that has a minimum of 2000 paid hours of experience.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Applicants must be affiliated or enrolled at a university.
2. Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher in their major.
3. Applicants are required to have completed a minimum of three of the required ACLP Courses when applying, including a Child Development course.
4. Applicants must have completed a total of 100 hours of verifiable fieldwork experience with children in a structured environment (applicable descriptions found below)
 - a. Hospital setting
 - b. Camp setting
 - c. Bereavement/Grief center
 - d. Nurseries, daycare, school programs
 - e. Care of children at home, such as being a nanny/babysitting or caring for one's own children does not count toward this requirement
5. Two letters of recommendation
 - a. One letter must be from an academic source
 - b. One letter from someone who can speak to your experience with children upon observations (no relatives or friends)

Practicum Application Checklist

To be considered for placement in the practicum program, you must include the following with your application. Applications not containing the following components will be considered incomplete. Incomplete and late applications will not be reviewed.

***Please note that we are only able to accept affiliated students**

6. Completed and signed practicum application postmarked by the stated application deadline.
7. Checklist enclosed with application.
8. Components of this application must be typed and not handwritten.
9. Academic transcripts from all colleges or universities attended (unofficial copies accepted).
10. Current professional resume.
11. **3 experiences** working with children in diverse settings, submitted via experience forms.
12. Practicum questionnaire.
13. Two letters of recommendation (Academic/Observation).

From: _____ Title: _____

— Enclosed in application

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I understand it is the sole responsibility of the applicant to confirm receipt of the application packet. I understand if my application packet is incomplete, I *will not* be considered for the practicum program.

Return the completed application and materials requested above to:

Gloria Leyva, MS, CCLS
Manager of Child Life, Creative Arts Therapies, and School Program
Nemours Children's Health, Florida
6535 Nemours Parkway
Orlando, FL 32827
Gloria.Leyva@nemours.org
Phone: 407-567-4248

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application

Today's Date:

Personal Information:

Name:

Current Address:

Email Address:

Phone:

Permanent Address:

Phone:

Contact Person (In the Event of an Emergency)

Name/ Relation to Applicant:

Phone:

College Education:

Institution:

Degree Program:

Bachelors/Masters:

Major:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Cumulative GPA:

GPA In Major:

Institution:

Degree Program:

Bachelors/Masters:

Major:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

Cumulative GPA:

GPA In Major:

Academic Supervisor Name/ Title:

Academic Supervisor Phone & Email Address:

Three completed required ACLP Courses (including one child development course):

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Practicum Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions:

1. Describe your interest in the child life profession.
2. Why did you apply to Nemours Children's Health, Florida as the site for your practicum experience?
3. What is the importance of play in the hospital setting?
4. Identify three specific goals you want to accomplish during practicum and state how you'd work toward completing them.

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Field Experience Form (1/3)

I (applicant) _____ have experience

at (institution) _____ in (location) _____

working with (Type of experience—check one)

- Working with children who are physically well
- Working with children in a healthcare setting
- Work with children in a stress-related environment
- Working with children with special needs

My experience consisted of the following (list typical types of interactions with children):

Position Title (volunteer, student, paid employee):

Dates (mm/yr. - mm/yr.):

Hours:

This experience prepared me for my child life practicum by:

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Field Experience Form (2/3)

I (applicant) _____ have experience

at (institution) _____ in (location) _____

working with (Type of experience—check one)

- Working with children who are physically well
- Working with children in a healthcare setting
- Work with children in a stress-related environment
- Working with children with special needs

My experience consisted of the following (list typical types of interactions with children):

Position Title (volunteer, student, paid employee):

Dates (mm/yr. - mm/yr.):

Hours:

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Field Experience Form (3/3)

I (applicant) _____ have experience

at (institution) _____ in (location) _____

working with (Type of experience—check one)

- Working with children who are physically well
- Working with children in a healthcare setting
- Work with children in a stress-related environment
- Working with children with special needs

My experience consisted of the following (list typical types of interactions with children):

Position Title (volunteer, student, paid employee):

Dates (mm/yr. - mm/yr.):

Hours:

This experience prepared me for my child life practicum by: