

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 a minimum of 25 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)
- A letter of recommendation from someone who is familiar with your interest and skills in working with children.
- Current Resume

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