



Le Bonheur Children's Hospital Child Life Clinical Internship Program

The child life clinical internship is a concentrated 16-week (640 hours) placement within the health care system where qualified students gain practical experience in the child life profession.

The primary goal of Le Bonheur's child life clinical internship program is to provide an opportunity for students to evaluate the strengths and limitations of their current knowledge and to broaden their understanding of the child life profession.

The child life intern, with the guidance and supervision of a Certified Child Life Specialist, participates in the development and implementation of therapeutic, educational and recreational activities for the patients and the families of Le Bonheur Children's Hospital based on an understanding of child development.

Internship Selection Committee
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APPLICATION PROCESS

QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS:

The clinical internship program is open to senior or graduate level students from the fields of child life, child development, early childhood education, and other related fields who meet the educational criteria of the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP) Eligibility Assessment Report

INTERNSHIP SEMESTERS:

Child life clinical internships are offered three times a year. Offer and acceptance dates as recommended by the ACLP are listed below. Start dates for each semester will be provided at time of official offer.

Internship Session	Application Deadline	Offer Date	Acceptance Date	2 nd Offer Date
Fall	March 15	1 st Tuesday of May	Following Wednesday	Following Thursday
Winter/Spring	September 5	2 nd Tuesday of October	Following Wednesday	Following Thursday

APPLICATION:

Completed application packets should be submitted online (https://mlhforms.formstack.com/forms/child_life_intern_application) by 11:59 pm, Central Standard Time by application deadlines listed above and consist of:

- ACLP Common Child Life Internship Application (www.childlife.org)
- Proof of required experience working with children:
 - Minimum of 100 hours of experience working with well infants, children, youth, and/or families. Preference given to those with experience in a structured environment, such as daycare, school, camp, etc.
 - **Please upload as one PDF**
 - Minimum of 150 hours of experience with infants, children, youth, and/or families in healthcare settings including a practicum (100 hour minimum) under direct supervision of a Certified Child Life Specialist.
 - **Please upload as one PDF**
- Resume
- Unofficial transcript(s). Official transcripts may be requested prior to moving forward with the interview process
- Official Eligibility Assessment Report from the ACLP (**please do not submit screenshots**)
 - Priority will be given to students who have completed course content areas.
 - Those who are submitting an application with coursework or practicum in-progress should submit appropriate forms included in the common applications.

- Autobiography – This is your opportunity to tell us your story. Your submission can be any tangible item that lets us get to know you better. Some ideas include: a written paper, an original song or piece of art, a photo collage, a video, etc. There are many opportunities for you to utilize a variety of creative outlets for us to get to know you more.
- Personal philosophy of child life (**maximum one page**)
- Three ACLP recommendation forms submitted online via application portal (https://mlhforms.formstack.com/forms/child_life_intern_reference)
 - Form submitted from a **practicum supervisor, a professor/instructor** and one additional **professional reference**. Please have your reference submit the forms directly.

APPLICATION REVIEW:

The internship selection committee will review all applications submitted online. Hand delivered or mailed applications will not be reviewed. Applicants will receive email notification of receipt of their application. Incomplete applications, lacking any information listed above, or applications not submitted by the ACLP Application Deadline will not be considered for the internship. Selected qualified applicants will be contacted to move forward with the interview process

CANDIDATE NOTIFICATION:

After applications are reviewed and interviews are conducted, acceptance into the program will be determined by the clinical internship coordinator and the internship selection committee. Acceptance is based on program capacity and qualifications of all applicants. The intern candidate(s) will be notified of their acceptance via phone. Those who have not been accepted will receive notification by email.

INSURANCE:

Each intern is responsible for assuring that he/she has liability insurance in the amount \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 annual aggregate. (Most universities carry this liability insurance for their students participating in internships. If the student’s university does not provide liability coverage, it will be up to the student to obtain insurance from a private agency. Contact the ACLP for more information.) Proof of the liability insurance policy must be provided before the internship begins.

Thank you for your interest in the Clinical Child Life Internship at
Le Bonheur Children’s Hospital