

CHILD LIFE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
Expectations of Interns

1. The intern should follow policies and procedures, fulfill clinical requirements, explore, learn, ask questions, develop appropriate job skills, become a member of the team and HAVE FUN!
2. The intern will attend departmental staff and team meetings as directed.
3. After the intern has had ample experience getting nursing report and/or in the playroom setting, and both the intern and the Child Life Specialist (CLS) feel comfortable, the intern may independently get report, conduct bedside visits, facilitate play sessions, and give direction to volunteers.
4. Daily, at the end of each shift, the intern will furnish the area CLS with a verbal report/overview of any interventions, so that the CLS can provide feedback and be made aware of any concerns. The intern needs to notify the CLS prior to involvement in any procedure, so that the CLS can observe the intern.
5. During the last week of an intern's rotation, the intern should establish closure with patients and families he/she has worked with. The intern should also help the child to understand that although he/she will be working elsewhere, the area CLS will be available to follow him/her.
6. If approached by medical / hospital staff to perform any interventions, the intern will explain he/she is a student and must report to the area CLS for the situation to be assessed.
7. Examination and treatment of patients by doctors and nurses may take place while the intern is with the child. The intern should not assist in any medical procedures (i.e., restraining a child for an injection).
8. Charting may be done by the intern only under the direct supervision of a CLS and the note must be co-signed by the CLS.
9. Interns will document daily in journal form. Journal entries must include patient interventions, assessments, and intern reflections/impressions of experiences.
10. Interns may conduct teachings (parent, procedural, pre-operative, needle play, etc.) only after he / she has ample experience, and both the CLS and the intern feel comfortable. All teachings must be done in the presence of a CLS.
11. Interns will work only within their assigned shifts.
12. The Child Life Department expects interns to know their role and limitations. Whenever an intern has questions regarding what is expected and/or appropriate, he/she should consult with the supervising CLS, so that the concerns may be appropriately addressed.
13. All internship responsibilities and approved projects must meet the expectations determined by the internship supervisors and The Child Life Department.

