CHILD LIFE PRACTICUM PROGRAM

Practicum Information

APPLICATION PROCESS: Individuals interested in the Child Life Practicum Program should follow the time schedule for application procedure.

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APPLICATION: An application for practicum is included in the packet. Please return it along with the following items:

- ________ 3 recommendation forms completed by non-family members in sealed envelopes
- ________ Official college transcript

Please mail all items to:
Children's Mercy South
Child Life Department
Attn: Dawn Gasser
5808 W 110th Street
Overland Park, KS 66211

INTERVIEWS: An interview is required for practicum selection. During the interview you will be given a tour of the hospital that will allow you to determine whether our facility and program will meet your needs. You may be contacted for an interview, after your application, transcript, and recommendations are reviewed. If it is impossible to arrange a personal interview, one can be conducted over the telephone. During the interview you will be asked a series of questions regarding child development theories and application.

ACCEPTANCE: Individuals will be notified of their acceptance into the Practicum Program on or before the date specified above. Male or female candidates may apply. Individuals who complete a Practicum Program at Children’s Mercy Hospitals and Clinics are encouraged to apply for Child Life Internships at facilities other than Children’s Mercy.

HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS: Housing arrangements are the responsibility of the student.

VACCINATIONS: In order to provide the safest environment for our patients, their families, visitors, volunteers and employees, Children’s Mercy requires that you provide documentation confirming you have protection from certain childhood diseases before you begin our student program. Proof of these vaccinations must be provided before the student begins the program. Steps for completing vaccination requirements:

- Health Form

- Please provide a copy of your updated immunization record with proof of Tdap (not Dtap) and send all immunization records to Dawn Gasser at dgasser@cmh.edu. View required immunizations.

INSURANCE: Liability insurance must be obtained by the Child Life Student. The Practicum Coordinator can refer the Child Life student to an appropriate agency.
**STIPEND:** No stipend is paid to the Child Life student; however, a meal ticket is provided each day and parking is free of charge.

**PRACTICUM:** Child Life students are required to complete one hundred (100) hours over eight (8) weeks.