



## **Penn State Children's Hospital Child Life Practicum Application**

### Program Requirements:

- Minimum of 3.0 GPA within major
- Must be a standing junior or above at time of application, with completion of junior year by start of practicum semester
- Must have completed a minimum of **three** courses in child life, child development, or related topics per the Association of Child Life Professionals recommended coursework
- Must have completed 50 hours of work with children (paid or volunteer)
- Must have completed hours or be actively volunteering with children in a hospital setting

### Application Requirements (all forms to be included in **single** envelope and postmarked by February 1):

- \_\_\_ Completed Practicum Application
- \_\_\_ Practicum Questionnaire
- \_\_\_ **Official** transcripts from all universities attended
- \_\_\_ Current resume
- \_\_\_ (2) Professional Reference letters (one from someone who has observed your work with children; included in **signed and sealed** envelope)

### **BASIC INFORMATION**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION**

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Major G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected/Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**GRADUATE EDUCATION:**

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cumulative G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Major G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected/Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

List completed courses relevant to Child Life practice (*at least **three** are required*):

1.	4.
2.	5.
3.	6.

At the start of the practicum semester you are applying for, what will be your academic standing?

Rising Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Graduate Student \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Affiliated Student \_\_\_\_\_

**If you will be receiving academic credit for your practicum, please provide the contact information for your university affiliated contact person:**

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

All students seeking credits for the program must be sure that their university has a current affiliation agreement with Penn State Health.

**If you have completed a practicum or field placement in child life, please attach a copy of any evaluation form and/or indicate the name of your supervisor**

**RELATED VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position Held/Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Hours: \_\_\_\_\_  
Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position Held/Department: \_\_\_\_\_  
Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ACTIVITIES/PROFESSIONAL & STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS/CERTIFICATIONS:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you have any other commitments during the time of the practicum?**                      **YES**                      **NO**

If yes, please explain:

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**PRACTICUM PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and limit your answers to 200 words or less (per question).

1. How did you learn about the child life profession and what interests you most about the field?
2. There are many places you can work with children. What reasons do you have for wanting to do your practicum at Penn State Health?
3. What are your expectations for a child practicum?
4. What strengths would you bring to our child life practicum?
5. What are your career goals?

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS**

Applications **MUST** be postmarked by February 1 to be considered for the program. **Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.** Upon review of your application, you will be notified by email of your selection status, which may include scheduling an interview.

Timeline for Summer Practicum is as follows:

<b>Application DUE:</b>	<b>Application Review and Interviews:</b>	<b>Applicant Offer By:</b>	<b>Applicant Acceptance Deadline:</b>
February 1	February	March 1	March 8

**Please send application packet to:**

Penn State Children's Hospital  
Child Life Program - Practicum  
c/o Carrie Myers and Haley Bate  
600 University Drive  
MC CH03  
Hershey, PA 17033