

Child Family Life Practicum Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Child Family Life Practicum at Fairview Ridges Hospital. This program is highly recommended for individuals who are considering a career as a Child Life Specialist. We are excited to offer this program at our growing community hospital.

This program is intended for students who are advancing in their pursuit of child life internship and certification. You will observe Certified Child Life Specialists as they provide interventions with patients and families and complete assignments to strengthen your knowledge of the Child Life profession.

Pre-requisites include:

- Completion of some secondary education courses in compliance with internship requirements as listed on the ACLP website.
- 50 volunteer hours in hospital setting with children
- Ability to complete 120 observation hours within a 8 week timeframe
 - (Winter: January-February. Summer: July-August)
 - Combination of day/evening/weekends
- Completed class taught by CCLS – please include copy of unofficial transcript

If selected, practicum students will also need to complete the following requirements: observer paperwork, background check, health assessment (proof of vaccinations).

Application submission deadlines are as follows:

| Practicum session | Application deadline |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Winter | First Friday in October |
| Summer | First Friday in May |

Due to the expectation that we provide students with a quality supervision and education experience, at this time, we are only able to accept one practicum student a session. Application is not a guarantee of acceptance.

If you have questions please email CHILD-LIFE@Fairview.org or call Child Family Life at (952) 892-2256.

Thank you,

Child Family Life Team at Fairview Ridges Hospital

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Practicum Job Description

This practicum is intended to provide an observational opportunity to individuals pursuing a child life internship. This practicum offers a minimum of 120 hours of supervision designed to prepare the participant for an internship experience in child life.

The participant will have opportunities to observe child life interactions in the Pediatric unit, radiology, adult units, and the emergency department. We hope to enhance the understanding of child development and effects the hospital experience can have on children as well as the value of preparation and play. The participant will gain a better understanding of the role of a child life specialist in a healthcare team. Opportunities to observe medical play, preparation and procedural support will be provided by various child life staff.

Participant Expectations

Participant will be required to complete daily journal entries, written assignments, weekly meetings and topic discussions. Details will be provided during orientation with practicum site. Consistent attendance and clear communication with the child life team is expected.

Application Check List:

- Completed Application including signature
- Completed Essay Questions
- Two Letters of Professional Recommendations from non-relatives (one MUST be from a CCLS)
- Resume

****Follow all instructions.** Late, incomplete, or inaccurate applications will not be considered.**

Mail to:

M Health Fairview Ridges Hospital
Attn: Jen Hoernke, Child Family Life/Pediatrics
201 E. Nicollet Blvd
Burnsville, MN 55337

-OR-

Email to: Child-life@fairview.org

*Please include your name in the subject line

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Personal Information

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Education

College/University _____

Major/Degree _____ Date of Graduation _____

Academic Advisor _____ Phone: _____

Email _____

Experience - Please tell us about any experience you have had interacting with children and their families

Name of Site and Location _____ Dates _____ Total Hours _____

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Essay Questions - Please provide a response to the following questions with your completed application.

1. How did you learn about the Child Life profession and what about it appeals to you?
2. Why are you interested in the Child Family Life practicum at Fairview Ridges Hospital?
3. What do you hope to gain from your Child Life practicum?
4. If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

By signing, I indicate I understand the practicum requirements and if my application packet is incomplete, I will not be considered for the practicum program at Fairview Ridges Hospital.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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