 

**Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital & Nicklaus Children’s Hospital**

**Child Life Practicum Application Overview**

**Summary:**

The Child Life Department at Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital and Nicklaus Children’s Hospital is offering a joint practicum experience for individuals interested in a career as a child life specialist. The 120 hour practicum experience is a unique opportunity offered in the Summerto students. This summer program is structured as 15 hours a week over an 8 week period, with 4 weeks at Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital and 4 weeks at Nicklaus Children’s Hospital. This practicum program allows students to learn from two unique child life programs and will assist in internship preparedness.

**Requirements to Apply:**

* Current enrollment in or completion of a Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree from the fields of child life, child development, early childhood education, human development and other related fields.
	+ Students applying for a practicum should be enrolled in one of the following schools in order to be eligible for consideration: **American Public University,** **Georgia Southern University, Florida International University or Nova Southeastern University.**
* A minimum of a cumulative GPA of **3.0.**
* A minimum of **50** hours of volunteer experience in a **hospital setting** under the supervision of a certified child life specialist OR in a pediatric hospital setting with direct contact with pediatric patients
* A minimum of **50** hours of experience with **well infants, children, youth and/or families in a structured environment (camps, schools, afterschool programs, etc.)**
	+ The care of children at home, such as being a nanny or babysitting does not count toward this requirement.

**Application Process:**

Applicants who meet the above requirements must submit an application by email by February 24th, 2023 to be considered for an interview.

A completed application includes:

* Completed Practicum Application Cover sheet
* Cover Letter
* Resume
* Typed application form
* Verification of experience hours
* **Unofficial** transcripts from ALL colleges/universities attended
* Two letters of recommendation (2 total – 1 who has directly observed your interactions with children in a structured environment)

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| Submission: All application materials, with the exception of recommendations must be submitted together in one email to both Practicum Coordinators, **ChildLife@mhs.net** and **childlifestudentprograms@nicklaushealth.org** by February 24th, 2023.  |



Thank you for your interest in our practicum program. Prior to completing this cover sheet, please ensure review of our **Child Life Practicum Application Overview.** This cover sheet is to confirm that you have all application components AND that you have your application in the order as follows below (1-7).

**Name:** Click here to enter text.

**Undergraduate School:** Click here to enter text. **Major:** Click here to enter text. **GPA:** Click here to enter text.

**Graduate School:** Click here to enter text. **Major:** Click here to enter text. **GPA:** Click here to enter text.

**Please or provide # of hours, as specified below:**

1. [ ]  Cover Letter
2. [ ]  Resume
3. [ ]  Typed application form
4. Click here to enter text. Hours of volunteer experience in a **hospital setting** under the supervision of a certified child life specialist OR in a **pediatric hospital** setting (with verification)
5. Click here to enter text. Hours of experience with **well infants, children, youth and/or families in a structured environment** (with verification)
6. [ ]  Unofficial Transcripts from **ALL** colleges/universities attended
7. [ ]  Two letters of recommendation (2 total – 1 who has directly observed your interactions with children)

Thank you for your interest in our practicum program. We look forward to reviewing your application and will be in touch once we’ve reviewed all applications.

**Child Life Practicum Application**

**Personal Information**

Full Name: Click here to enter text.

Preferred Name: Click here to enter text.

Mailing Address: Click here to enter text.

Permanent Address: Click here to enter text.

Telephone: Click here to enter text.

Email: Click here to enter text.

**In Case of Emergency**

Emergency Contact: Click here to enter text.

Relationship: Click here to enter text.

Telephone: Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

**Desired Practicum Session:**

 [ ]  Summer: June 5th, 2023– July 28th, 2023

**Student Affiliation**

 [ ]  University-affliated (Practicum hours count towards course credit)

Academic Advisor’s Name: Click here to enter text.

 Email:Click here to enter text. Phone: Click here to enter text.

 University Name: Click here to enter text.

 University Department Address: Click here to enter text.

**Academic Background**

1. College or University Name: Click here to enter text.

 City, State/ Province: Click here to enter text.

 Dates Attended: Click here to enter text.

 Graduation Date: Click here to enter text.

Major and Minor: Click here to enter text.

 Degree Earned: Click here to enter text.

 Cumulative GPA:Click here to enter text.

2. College or University Name: Click here to enter text.

 City, State/ Province: Click here to enter text.

 Dates Attended: Click here to enter text.

 Graduation Date: Click here to enter text.

Major and Minor: Click here to enter text.

 Degree Earned: Click here to enter text.

 Cumulative GPA:Click here to enter text.

Experiences with Children, Youth & Families

Please list your volunteer experience in a **hospital setting** under the supervision of a certified child life specialist.

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| Experience | Dates | Total Hours | Brief Description of Responsibilities  | Supervisor |
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Please list your experiences working with **well infants, children, youth and/or families in a structured environment.** Experience may be paid or volunteer.

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| Experience | Dates | Total Hours | Brief Description of Responsibilities  | Supervisor |
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Essay Questions

*Maximum 250 word count for each answer*

1. What is the most interesting aspect of a child life specialist’s work in the hospital setting?
2. What is your philosophy of the child life profession?
3. How does a child life specialist address the developmental needs of patients and families?
4. What are your expectations for a child life practicum?
5. Tell us why you are the most qualified candidate for this child life practicum?