Thank you for your interest in the Child Life Practicum at the Herman and Walter Samuelson Children’s Hospital!

We are looking for self-motivated, driven students that have the ability to think on their feet while working with children of a variety of ages. We look for students who want to increase their working knowledge of appropriate child development in the hospital environment, to become more familiar with child life practices, and are willing to appropriately apply their learning to the clinical setting. Students are placed in one on one and group situations with patients, and are expected to be able to interact appropriately.

With our 120 hour students, we introduce them to our environment and expect them to increase their working knowledge of family relationships, diagnoses and disease, and utilize their child development knowledge. When we look at 240 hour students, we expect all of the above, in addition to, a student that possesses the general knowledge base of the Child Life field, has experience working in the hospitalized setting with children, and can lead a more individualized approach with our patients.

You will be responsible for working with patients and families, staff and volunteers. In addition, our program includes a structured format of weekly meetings and topics, which includes journal articles, handouts, and worksheets relating to each topic. Lastly, you will be required to complete weekly journals documenting your interactions with the patients and families, as well as creating monthly activity calendars.

To be considered for a Child Life practicum, we require a minimum of 100 hours of previous experience with hospitalized children, in a Child Life program, whether this is through volunteering, or in a previous practicum. In addition, you must be in the process of or have completed the required content areas specified by the Child Life Council to meet certification requirements. This should be in a specific Child Life academic program or an academic program that offers the academic requirements/courses for Child Life certification. Please submit a copy of your unofficial transcript with your application materials.

We offer Spring, Summer, and Fall practicums. Those dates for application can be found below. If you believe that you are able to complete these requirements to the highest standard, please feel free to print the application below and mail it to the office by the specified deadlines:

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Please e-mail application & other documents to:

Kristen Minch, MS, CCLS - kminch@lifebridgehealth.org
Below is the practicum application. The entire application must be submitted by the application deadline.

Herman and Walter Samuelson Children’s Hospital Child Life Practicum Application

Name of Applicant: 

Address: 

City/State/Zip: 

Email: Phone Number: 

School: Major: 

If completing for academic credit, Advisor’s Name: Phone Number: 

*Name of Academic Reference: Phone Number: 

*Name of Professional Reference: Phone Number: 

*We do not require letters of recommendation, only names of an academic and professional reference.*

List all child related hospital, practicum, volunteer, and job experiences that have prepared you for this practicum (use additional paper if necessary):

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Please list your available days of the week, including weekends (students will be required to work 2 weekend days per month): Please include hours you are available each of these days (Playroom hours are 9:00am-6:30pm daily).

For example:

Monday 12:00-6:30pm

Short Answer Questions (Please type answers on a separate sheet of paper)

1. Briefly describe what you think you will experience in this Child Life practicum.

2. Briefly describe how you think you would handle your feelings when working with an acutely ill child and family.

3. Briefly talk about how your previous experiences will help you with this experience.

4. Tell us why you are the most qualified candidate for a practicum at the Children’s Hospital at Sinai.