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 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 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. As you progress through your practicum, you will gain the general knowledge base of the Child Life field, experience working in the hospitalized setting with children, and will be able to 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 a final project.

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 Association of Child Life Professionals 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. The 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 complete the application below and email it by the specified deadlines:

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Please e-mail application & other documents to: ChildLife@lifebridgehealth.org.

Please address applications to Angela Finelli, MS, CCLS & Kristen Minch, MS, CCLS

In the subject line, please include: Child Life Practicum
Below is the practicum application. The entire application must be submitted by the application deadline.

The Herman and Walter Samuelson Children’s Hospital at Sinai
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:                                  Please include hours you are available each of these days (Playroom hours are 9:30am-5:30pm daily).

For example: Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00-3:00pm

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.