Thank you for your interest in the Child Life Practicum at PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend! This experience is for students who are looking for an opportunity to learn more about child life and the role of a child life specialist within a hospital setting. Practicums are not required for all child life internships for certification. However, the experiences, knowledge, and mentorship that you will gain will undoubtedly prepare you and set you apart in the competitive nature of the child life field. We recognize and follow the ACLP learning modules for pre-internship learning experiences.

Our practicum provides students with the opportunity to engage with patients of various diagnoses and conditions. Your experience may include but is not limited to:

* Shadowing child life specialists on their unit (pediatrics, surgery/imaging, children of adult patients/NICU, and emergency department)
* Observing procedures
* Observing, planning, and implementing various modalities of play:
  + Medical play
  + Developmental play
  + Therapeutic play
  + Normative play
* Completing weekly readings and assignments to develop your pre-internship knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSAs), which are the ACLP pre-internship learning modules.

The schedule and structure of practicum is subject to change based on the availability of supervisors and the student’s needs. Typically, the commitment is two days a week (16 hours) for 10 weeks or 4 days a week (32 hours) for 4 weeks. This will be decided upon acceptance and talked about what works best for the student. This experience will be for one semester only. If your program requires a different format, please let me know if the email when submitting your application as we are willing to work with different requirements.

**For legal purposes, potential practicum candidates MUST be enrolled at a college or university throughout the duration of the practicum session.** Upon acceptance to the practicum program and prior to the student’s first day, several requirements will need to be met including college/university to hospital contract agreement, vaccination records, TB test, drug screen, background check, and BLS certification. The hospital does not provide the drug screen, BLS certification, background check, any needed vaccinations, or TB test. Most students go through their primary care physician or health center at their university for most of these requirements.

Practicum Prerequisites

* Currently enrolled in a bachelor’s or master’s degree in a related field and be at a minimum of junior level standing
* Completed 50 hours of volunteering/working with children and families
* Due to there not being limited student opportunities in child life in the state of Oregon, please only apply if you are planning to pursue child life

**PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend Child Life Practicum**

**Name:**

**Application Checklist Review**

**Completed and Signed Application**

**Common Reference Form (from a reference who saw you work directly with children)**

** Professional Resume**

**Unofficial Transcripts**

**I verify that the information provided is complete and truthful to the best of my knowledge. I understand that it is the sole responsibility of me, the applicant, to confirm the receipt of the application packet. I agree that in an application is incomplete, I will not be considered for the practicum program.**

**Signature: Date:**

Email completed application and above materials to emurphy3@peacehealth.org

**Semester**

**Fall Winter Spring Summer**

**Personal Information**

Last Name First Name

Phone Number Email Address

Address

City State Zip

**Emergency Contact**

Name Relationship

Address

City State Zip

Phone Number

**University-Affiliated**

University Supervisor/Advisor Name

Email Address Phone Number

University Name

Dates Attended Graduation Date

Major Bachelor’s Master’s

University Name

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**Documentation of Experience with Children**

Setting (healthcare vs non-healthcare) Description of Setting (e.g. camp, classroom, hospital unit, etc.)

Role (e.g. nanny, teacher, volunteer) Dates Hour/Week # of weeks Total Hours

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Essay Questions

250 word maximum for each answer

1. Explain your understanding of a child life specialist.
2. What do you expect to gain from the practicum experience at PeaceHealth?
3. Provide a specific example of how you have engaged with a child in a developmentally appropriate way and why was that appropriate?
4. Why are you a good fit for our child life practicum?

# Child Life Internship Candidate Common Recommendation Form

Please complete the recommendation form below for the applicant applying to a child life clinical internship. The applicant should have provided you a list of sites they are applying to with submission requirements. Please only submit the following two pages (and letter of recommendation as required) to each site. The internship is a 600+ hour comprehensive experience required for child life professional certification. We appreciate your honest and open feedback to help us choose the best candidates for our program.

**Applicant Name:**

**Reference Name:**

**Reference Organization:**

**Reference Phone:**

**Reference Email:**

**Approximately how long have you known this candidate?**

**In what capacity do you know the candidate?**

Child Life Practicum Supervisor

Instructor/Professor

Volunteer Supervisor

Employer/Supervisor/Manager/Director

Other (specify)

Have you directly supervised this applicant’s interactions with children? Yes / No

Ifyes, total # of candidate’s direct experience hours

**Applicant Rating:** Check the rating column that is most reflective of the candidate’s skills. Please rate the candidate based on written work and/or work you have directly supervised.

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| Skill/Trait Observed | Exceeds Expectations | Meets Expectations | Does Not Meet Expectations | Not Observed |
| Child Development Knowledge |  |  |  |  |
| Interactions with Children |  |  |  |  |
| Interactions with Adults |  |  |  |  |
| Professional Boundaries |  |  |  |  |
| Verbal Communication  Skills |  |  |  |  |
| Written Communication  Skills |  |  |  |  |
| Critical Thinking/ Problem Solving |  |  |  |  |
| Taking Initiative |  |  |  |  |
| Self-motivation |  |  |  |  |
| Dependable |  |  |  |  |
| Time Management Skills |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to Accept and Apply Feedback |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to Collaborate with Others |  |  |  |  |
| Flexibility |  |  |  |  |

Do you recommend this candidate for an internship? (*please circle*)

*Yes, recommend Yes with reservations No, I do not recommend this candidate*

If you have reservations or do not recommend this candidate, please indicate the reason:

Please provide any additional, relevant information or comments below: