Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our program. A child life internship is a great accomplishment and huge stepping stone into your professional journey. The internship program that is offered is based upon the competencies put forth by the Association of Child Life Professionals. This packet will outline your internship experience and will also include additional information about our program and services here at University of New Mexico Children’s Hospital. Internship application can be found at www.childlife.org

Eligibility

- Affiliated and Unaffiliated interns accepted
- Last semester senior, enrolled in master’s program, or college graduate.
- Transcripts from college/university. (un-official will be accepted)
- 3.0 GPA in major coursework
- ACLP eligibility assessment
- Experience working with healthy children (100 hours minimum)
- Experience working with children/families in a healthcare setting, hospital, camps, bereavement center etc. (preferred)
- Child Life practicum (preferred)
- Completion of Child Life Course (preferred)
- Completed Child Life common application (found at www.childlife.org)
- 3 letters of professional reference

Completed application does not guarantee an interview or acceptance into the program. Once all applications have been received interviews will be scheduled. Due to the fact that quality supervision is our main priority there are limited spots available each semester.

Thank you again for your interest in our internship program. Should you have any questions please call the Child Life Department at 505-925-4793 or 505-272-2671 or email mmlin@salud.unm.edu

Marisol Lin, B.U.S. CCLS
Child Life Internship Coordinator
Child Life Department
University of New Mexico Children’s Hospital
Child Life Intern Job Description

Internship training is offered at least one semester a year (please contact department for more information). It will include a commitment of a minimum of 16 weeks, 640 hours at 40 hours per week. Interns will be supervised by a certified child life specialist. During this internship you will learn and incorporate:

- Play
- Medical Play
- Health care education
- Advocate for family involvement/Patient and Family centered care
- Build supportive and therapeutic relationships
- Medical procedure preparation
- Child life assessment
- Grief and bereavement support
- Child Development
- Charting
- Sibling Support
- Pain Management and Distraction
- Program Operations

You will work with many different specialties including but not limited to:

- Hematology/Oncology
- Nephrology
- Cardiology
- Rheumatology
- Burn and Trauma
- Gastroenterology
- Pulmonary
- Ortho
- Family Practice
- Neurology
- Surgery
- ENT
- Rehab
- Hospice

During your internship typical hours may be 8-5pm but will include some evening and weekend hours depending on your rotations. Intern will attend weekly department inservices and will complete multiple assignments, readings and projects. Intern will keep a daily journal that is to be written in at the end of each day as to reflect while it is fresh in your memory. Intern will have weekly supervision sessions with supervisor to reflect on your experiences, your journal and to self evaluate your progress.
UNMH

Our Mission, Vision, and Core Values

Mission

Our patient care mission encompasses serving as an accessible, high quality, safety focused, comprehensive care provider for all the people of Bernalillo County, and providing specialized services for people across the State.

Our education mission focuses on creating a patient care environment which is supportive of the educational programs of the UNMHSC health professional schools.

Our research mission focuses on the application of new biomedical knowledge, translated to innovative patient care programs and models of health care delivery, leading to health status improvement for New Mexico.

Vision

UNMH will be the leader in improving New Mexico's health outcomes through both academic specialty programs and our community responsive, culturally competent, patient care, education, and clinical research programs.

We aspire to be one of the nation's leading university hospitals which captures the synergy in being both an excellent academic institution and an innovative, community oriented public teaching hospital. UNMH will set the standard for excellence in quality and patient safety in public teaching hospitals.

Core Values

Our core values emphasize:

- a culture of shared expectations regarding integrity, accountability and decisiveness in commitment to excellence;
- compassion and respect in our interaction with students, patients and colleagues;
- diversity in people and thinking;
- effective utilization of our resources;
- advancement of our institutional mission while supporting professional and personal growth.
Hospital Requirements

- Hospital/Volunteer orientation
- CPR certification (To be completed on your own before start date, with copy provided to keep on file)
- Background check (through our volunteer services)
- TB test (To be completed on your own before start date with copy provided to keep on file)
- Affiliation paperwork (if appropriate)

Housing, Meals and Parking

Interns are responsible for making their own arrangements for housing and meals. You will have access to a refrigerator, stove and microwave during work hours. There are many options for meals within the hospital including the cafeteria and restaurants. Parking is within walking distance to the hospital.

Physical Conditions

Medium Work: Exerting 20 to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or 10 to 25 pounds of force frequently, and/or greater than negligible up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Physical Demand requirements are in excess of those for Light Work.

Mailing Address

UNM Children’s Hospital
Child Life Department
Attention: Internship Coordinator
2211 Lomas Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Internship Offer and Acceptance Dates

Contact the Child Life department for specifics.

Please Refer to the Association of Child Life Professionals website for application deadlines www.childlife.org
Child Life Department

Internship Application Checklist

Enclosed is a complete internship application packet:

___Internship Application Checklist

___Association of Child Life Professionals “Common Child Life Internship” Application www.childlife.org

___Transcripts to date

___Official ACLP Eligibility Assessment Report www.childlife.org

___Child Life Course Verification Form www.childlife.org

___Three (3) Reference Letters

I understand it is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure complete application packet is provided. Incomplete applications will not be considered for review.

__________________________________________________________  ________________
Print name                                             Date

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Signature

RETURN WITH COMPLETE APPLICATION PACKET TO:

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