

## **Chase Child Life Program Internship Overview**

### **Summary**

The Chase Child Life Program Internship is an unpaid, 600 hour, clinical education experience for graduate-level Child Life students. Students are supervised by Certified Child Life Specialists and participate in a rigorous experiential and academic training program that meets the standards set forth by the Child Life Council for certification in the field.

### **Purpose**

This Child Life Internship program helps students:

- Enhance understanding of the psychosocial care of hospitalized infants, children, youth and families
- Develop independent skill-sets in facilitating assessments and interventions within the hospital setting
- Acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to maintain the professional responsibility of an entry-level child life specialist

### **Requirements to Apply**

*To be accepted for consideration, applicant must:*

- 1) Be currently affiliated with a College or University.
  - a) Priority is given to applicants with an educational background in child life, child development or human development, family systems, and education.
- 2) Present a completed Eligibility Assessment from the Child Life Council
  - a) This is in direct relation to step 1 of the 2 step process for CLC exam eligibility.
- 3) Have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer or paid work experience with well or typically-developing children
- 4) Verify completion of Child Life practicum consisting of at least 120 hours.
  - a) These hours must be verified by a CCLS supervisor on institution letterhead.

- 5) Demonstrate commitment to a 600 hour, 15 week, full time internship. Work days and hours will vary. Some nights and weekends may be required.
- 6) Acknowledge that if accepted, your College or University will be required to enter into a contractual agreement with UCLA Health System before scheduled start date.

### **Application Process**

Applicants who meet the above requirements must submit an application to the Chase Child Life Internship Committee to be considered for an interview.

*A completed application must include all of the following:*

- 1) Typed CLC Common Child Life Internship Application. Handwritten applications will not be reviewed.
  - a) Please submit all application materials together in one envelope. Please do not place materials in any kind of folder, binder or portfolio cover.
- 2) Professional Cover Letter
- 3) Professional Résumé including academic and clinical experience.
- 4) Academic transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
  - a) unofficial transcripts will be accepted
- 5) Child Life Council Eligibility Assessment
- 6) Two professional letters of recommendation.
  - a) One letter from an academic professor or supervisor and one from a professional who has directly observed the applicant's work with children.
  - b) Please do not include personal letters of recommendation as they will not be considered.
- 7) Verification of a minimum 120 hour practicum on institution letterhead signed by CCLS.
- 8) A copy of any written evaluation received from a volunteer or practicum experience. (Recommended).

## **Application Deadlines**

The Chase Child Life Program follows current Child Life Council guidelines for internship offer and acceptance dates. Please refer to Child Life Council for current dates. Currently we are accepting internship students during fall, winter/spring, and summer sessions.

## **Notes**

- This is an unpaid internship; The Chase Child Life Program does not offer a stipend.
- The Child Life intern will be responsible for their own parking fees, transportation, and housing.
- Completion of the internship does not guarantee passing of the certification exam or future employment with this institution.

## **Completion of the Internship**

*In order for participating interns to receive credit for hours on the Child Life Council Eligibility Assessment, the following criteria must be met:*

- 1) Intern must score a 3 or above on each measure of Final Evaluation.
- 2) Intern must consistently present a commitment to professionalism in all manner of his/her academics and clinical interactions.
- 3) Intern must adhere to attendance schedule and work-hours, complete all assignments on-time, and must notify supervisor immediately if any unforeseen absences are necessary.
- 4) Intern must follow all hospital policies: including privacy, patient-safety and infection-control guidelines.
- 5) Intern will maintain professional boundaries with patients, families and staff.
- 6) Intern will strive to engage in self-reflective practices and will continually show improvement in skill-development.

If any or all of these criteria are not met, students may be dismissed from the internship before the completion of the 600 hours.