



The comprehensive child life internship at INTEGRIS Children's at Baptist Medical Center is offered two times a year in the Spring and Fall semesters. The internship is a 600 hour (15 weeks) experience supervised by Certified Child Life Specialists qualified under the guidelines set forth by the Association of Child Life Professionals.

The Clinical Internship Coordinator and Clinical Rotation Supervisors are certified child life specialist (CCLS) who will supervise the student as he or she participates in individual and group clinical experiences with children and families. This is a full-time internship position (40hrs/week). To be an eligible candidate, you must meet the requirements below:

- Must be a college senior or college graduate with a strong background in child development or a closely related field. Bachelor's or master's level academic preparations are accepted.
- Must have successfully completed and have verification of the ten core curriculum classes required by the ACLP. ***Required Coursework Details:** [Academic Eligibility Requirements](#).
- Must successfully complete the Association of Child Life Professionals course review through the [Eligibility Assessment](#) or be enrolled in an ACLP accredited college or university.
- A minimum of a major GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 grading system from your college or university.
- Must have at least 100 hours of student or work experience with well infants, children, adolescents, and/or families, individually or in group settings (such as camps, day cares, developmental centers, etc.).
- Must have completed a minimum of a 100-hour practicum experience working under the direct supervision of a Child Life Specialist in a pediatric healthcare setting.
**Additional hours in other settings should be included on your application.*
- Knowledge of psychosocial issues related to illness and hospitalization.
- Requirements must be met by the application deadline for the candidate to be considered.
**The only exception is a practicum in progress; however, the practicum requirements must be successfully completed to be considered for the internship.*

Interns do not need a bachelor's degree in child life. Many child life staff have degrees in child development, human development and family studies, psychology, etc.



Child life interns are involved in the planning and implementation of a developmentally appropriate and emotionally supportive program for infants, children, and adolescents. Interns are expected to incorporate play, emotional support, healthcare education, and family involvement to enhance the social, emotional, intellectual and physical well-being of children and families in the healthcare setting.

Interns rotate through two different areas of the hospital during their experience and typically follow the schedule of the current child life clinical rotation supervisor. Final placement decisions are made at the discretion of the student program coordinator. Interns may be asked to participate in after hours and/or weekend child life services. Students will be evaluated using evaluation tools based upon Association of Child Life Professionals competencies after each rotation and at the completion of the internship.

Internship Deadlines

All [internship application dates](#) follow the Association of Child Life Professionals deadlines:

- **Spring session**
 - **Application Deadline:** September 7
 - **Initial Offer Date:** 2nd Tuesday of October
 - **Acceptance Date:** Following Wednesday
 - **2nd Offer Date:** Following Thursday

All application materials must be postmarked by the stated application deadline to be considered a candidate for the session. **Hand-delivered applications will not be accepted.**



Child Life Intern Goals/Objectives:

- Apply theoretical knowledge of development.
- Comfortably navigate the hospital environment and become familiar with the impact of hospitalization on patients and families.
- Discuss the psychosocial effects of health care on children and families.
- Identify the meaning of specific medical terminology, diagnoses, and procedures; understand their relationship to the child's and family's level of understanding.
- Demonstrate entry-level professional skills in the use of play and therapeutic activities; both with in group and individual settings.
- Effectively provide medical education/psychological preparation to patients and families for specific procedures, medical events, surgery, unit changes and/or discharges.
- Utilize support techniques during procedures or other stressful medical events with patients and families.
- Facilitate supportive relationships within the boundaries which define therapeutic relationships.
- Demonstrate developmental and psychosocial assessment techniques to plan child life interventions.
- Utilize the tenants of family centered care to assist families to cope with the stress of the health care experience.
- Demonstrate professional attitudes, growth, maturity, and judgment.
- Function as an active member of the interdisciplinary team.
- Develop skills in documentation and education regarding child life services.
- Identify and utilize appropriate resources within the healthcare setting and within the community.
- Understand the role of volunteers and demonstrate entry level volunteer orientation and supervision.
- Gain broad knowledge of the field of child life through readings, in-services, and interactions with child life staff.
- Communicate skills and learning in an interview process.

Housing

INTEGRIS Children's does not provide housing for students.

Meal Vouchers

INTEGRIS Children's provides a meal voucher for each workday to help supplement meal costs.

Apply

Application is not a guarantee of acceptance. A limited number of students will be accepted each session. The number of students accepted will vary from semester to semester due to the number of applicants and supervisor availability. Generally, we accept one to two child life interns.



**INTEGRIS Children's at Baptist Medical Center
Application Checklist**

To be considered for the internship, you must submit the following application materials to:

INTEGRIS Children's at Baptist Medical Center
Attn: Ashley Ochs, Child Life Manager
3300 NW Expressway
10th Floor, Room 10E1005
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

- Cover letter.
- Completed and signed ACLP Common Child Life Internship Application with **all** fields completed - [ACLP Common Intern Application](#).
- List of personal/professional goals for the internship experience at INTEGRIS Children's (minimum 3).
- 500-word essay describing your philosophy of child life.
- Official transcripts from *all* academic institutions attended verifying a minimum major GPA of a 3.0 or higher. (Electronic transcripts directly from the university to the ChildLifeInternship@integrisok.com are accepted. Unofficial transcripts, advising worksheets or copies of official transcripts are not accepted.)
- Resume/Curriculum Vitae.
- 2 Child Life Internship Candidate Common Recommendation Forms from the ACLP Common Child Life Internship Application in sealed, author initialed envelopes (at least one of whom has observed your direct work with children).
- Association of Child Life Professionals Eligibility Assessment complete evaluation report documenting a minimum of 10 approved courses, including the course taught by a CCLS, summary and specific courses approved, and your name.
- Evaluation tool/form(s) from CCLS supervisor of child life practicum that was utilized to evaluate performance during Child Life Practicum experience.
- Application fee of \$25 (check or money order only, made payable to "INTEGRIS Health Foundation" with a note saying, "Child Life.")
- Completed and signed Application Checklist.

INTEGRIS Children's accepts *affiliated* and *unaffiliated* applicants.

Unaffiliated applicants must provide proof of Professional Liability Insurance at the specific amount requested by INTEGRIS Health. *Affiliated* applicants must submit a description of any academic requirements and the role of the university supervisor (i.e. letter from academic supervisor and a list of academic requirements for placement).

By signing, I indicate that I have reviewed and met the application requirements. I am submitting all necessary documentation to be considered for a Child Life internship experience at INTEGRIS Children's at Baptist Medical Center.

Signature: _____ Date: _____