

Dear Internship Candidate:

Thank you for your interest in pursuing a child life internship at Northwestern Medicine, where we have been committed to providing child life services to our pediatric patients and their families since 1996. Our program is designed to educate, support and encourage children facing challenges associated with hospitalization, illness and injury. Our team of certified professional child life specialists work with the medical staff to provide seamless, comprehensive care. In the west suburbs, Northwestern Medicine offers professional child life services at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital, Northwestern Medicine Proton Center and Northwestern Medicine Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital.

Our dedicated child life specialists provide support to pediatric patients and their families throughout the entire organization, including general pediatrics, pediatric intensive care, pediatric oncology, neonatal intensive care, surgery, radiology, the Emergency Department and outpatient pediatric clinics. Additionally, our team is available to all departments within the CDH hospital, including the adult intensive care units, to provide support to children of adult patients.

We are committed to providing exemplary support for children throughout our facilities, and our dedication is enriched by attracting the most highly qualified and dedicated internship candidates. If you are seeking a comprehensive, fast-paced child life internship, and you have a desire to work with an experienced child life team, you are encouraged to apply. We are dedicated to supporting the continued growth of child life programming at Northwestern Medicine, and we provide experiential, diverse, hands-on learning to all of our selected interns.

The child life internship at Northwestern Medicine follows all of the guidelines set forth by the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP) and adheres to all requirements and deadlines.

Please review the "Child Life Internship Placement Process and Requirements," which outlines the documents we require with your completed application. If you have any additional questions after reviewing the requirements list, please feel free to contact me at 630.933.PLAY (7529), TTY: 711.

The child life team looks forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Dora Castro-Ahllen, M.A., CCLS, LCPC  
Child Life Manager  
Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital  
Dora.Castro-Ahllen@nm.org  
Pronouns: she/her/hers

**NM Child Life Mission:** To provide developmentally appropriate psychosocial support to children and families as they navigate and cope with the healthcare experience.

**NM Child Life Vision:** We are dedicated to fostering an optimal healthcare experience for all children and families by supporting their individual needs.

