

Child Life Internship Placement Process and Requirements

The child life internship program at Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital adheres to all of the guidelines, requirements and deadlines set forth by the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP). Please refer to childlife.org for details. Our professional internship program currently accepts both independent applicants as well as those affiliated with an accredited college/university.

Additional requirements:

Applicant will demonstrate sensitivity to children and their families, as well as the ability to work with individuals from a variety of cultural backgrounds

Applicant will be working towards a degree in child life, child development, psychology, recreational therapy, early childhood education, or other related discipline

Applicant will be in or beyond their senior year in college

Applicant will maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0

Applicants are required to submit the following:

Printed, completed and signed ACLP application

Resumé and cover letter

Verification of completion of the academic course work portion of the ACLP eligibility assessment

Most recent transcripts (unofficial transcripts from graduate and/or undergraduate accepted)

Three sealed and signed ACLP recommendation forms written by CCLS supervisors, employers or advisors (at least one recommendation completed by a CCLS supervisor is required)

Verification of a minimum of 100 hours of experience with well infants, children, youth and/or families

Verification of a minimum of 100 child life practicum hours in a healthcare setting (must be completed prior to application submission)

Application fee of \$20 made payable to "Child Life Services"



**All required application documentation must be submitted in its entirety and be postmarked by dates set forth by the ACLP and submitted to:
Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital
Attn: Dora Castro-Ahillen
25 North Winfield Road
Winfield, Illinois 60190**

For more information, contact Dora Castro-Ahillen, MA, CCLS, LCPC, Child Life Services Program Manager, at 630.933.7529, TTY for the hearing impaired 630.933.4833.