

Child Life Internship  
Child Life Program  
Sutter Children's Center, Sacramento, California  
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The Child Life Program at Sutter Children's Center provides services to our 40 bed Pediatric unit and our 20 bed Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, as well as Pediatric Day Unit (surgeries and outpatient procedures), Outpatient Surgery Unit, Outpatient Radiology Unit, and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. We see patients ages 0-18, hospitalized for both acute and chronic illnesses. Our specialty areas include Hematology/Oncology, Neonatology, Neurosurgery, Neurology, Pulmonary and Cardiology. Sutter Children's Center is a comprehensive children's "hospital-within-a-hospital", offering on-site 24 hour pediatric and neonatal critical care physicians, more than 50 board certified subspecialists, a full medical transport team, and a patient and family centered care approach. Our Child Life team includes 12 Certified Child Life Specialists, a Child Life Program Coordinator, a Child Life Assistant, Music Therapists, a Hospital School Program and our Canine Companion facility dog program. We are located in a new Women's and Children's hospital, on the Sutter Medical Center campus.

The Child Life Internship is a demanding, full time, 15 week internship, which provides 600 hours of clinical experience, with continual educational opportunities. (The internship can be extended for those who desire 600 hours.) We offer rotations in the following areas: Inpatient General Pediatrics, Hematology/Oncology, PICU, NICU and Outpatient Surgeries and Procedures. During the last weeks of the internship, the intern may follow a small caseload, functioning as a Child Life Specialist. In addition to the clinical experience, the internship includes an extensive curriculum, based on the Child Life Council's Clinical Internship Curriculum, with weekly topics, assignments, projects, presentations and role plays.

Intern hours vary throughout the internship, with some evening, early morning and weekend hours. We highly recommend that the intern focus exclusively on the internship, and not carry an outside work load at the same time. We find that the internship is a very intensive experience that requires full attention and energy throughout the 15 weeks.

Each intern is supervised by the Child Life Coordinator, as well as a Certified Child Life Specialist who provides guidance during each rotation. Sutter's Child Life staff with our various backgrounds, experience and expertise, are all here to support interns through the internship experience.

We offer internships in the winter/spring, summer and fall, and abide by CLC application deadlines.

Application deadlines :

For Winter/Spring - September 5

For Summer - January 5

For Fall - March 15

Intern candidates must have completed:

- at least 200 hours of experience, preferably a practicum experience, within a Child Life program.
- a Bachelor's or Master's Degree program in a Child Development or Child Life related major, with a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- the Child Life course, taught by a certified child life specialist, which meets the requirement for certification (or be enrolled in such a course.)

The ideal candidate possesses:

- strong academic and practical backgrounds, including varied work experience with children and families
- demonstrated understanding and knowledge of growth and development, ability to apply this knowledge and ability to articulate knowledge verbally
- demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with children and families
- strong interpersonal skills, as well as ability to be flexible.
- ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- ability to communicate own needs, and fully utilize clinical supervision

To apply, please send:

- Common Child Life Internship Application, found on [www.childlife.org](http://www.childlife.org)
- Cover letter including personal statement of goals and intent, in relationship to the internship and the field of Child Life
- Resume
- Complete university transcript (will accept unofficial copies)
- Documentation of Child Life hours
- Three letters of reference (with at least one, preferably more, from an experience working with children.)
- Verification of completion of the required child life course, or of current enrollment.
- Eligibility Assessment from the Child Life Council

For more information, or to apply for an internship, please contact:

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