

UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center Child Life Internship



Please note: Applicants **MUST** submit the CLC common application and essay via email (to childlife@umassmemorial.org) **by the application deadline**. Our Child Life Program may not offer an internship every session. Students should contact the program at childlife@umassmemorial.org to confirm that an internship is available before submitting application materials.

The Child Life Program at UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center offers a full-time, 14-week (at least 520 hour) internship experience under the supervision of our certified child life specialists. Interns complete two, seven-week clinical rotations, one in an inpatient setting and the other in an outpatient area. We also offer additional learning opportunities for interns, such as shadowing opportunities in areas of the Medical Center, and attendance at multidisciplinary meetings, Pediatric Grand Rounds and staff meetings. In addition to their clinical responsibilities, interns are assigned a weekly journal, readings, a case study and other assignments that follow the Association for Child Life Professionals (ACLP) internship curriculum to enhance their learning. We are committed to ensuring that students receive the clinical skills and theoretical understanding during their internship to be well prepared for the certification exam and entry into the child life field.

We typically offer one internship placement for each session: fall and winter/spring. We are currently not offering internships during the summer. To be considered for an internship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled in a child life or closely related degree program during the time of internship
- Be eligible to sit for the Child Life Professional Certification Examination upon completion of the internship (This includes having completed the required course taught by a certified child life specialist)
- Have completed at least 100 hours of volunteer work with children in a health care setting

We follow the Association for Child Life Professionals internship application, offer and acceptance deadlines. If the due date falls on a weekend or holiday, applications are due the next business day. We cannot consider applications that are received after the deadline.

- Winter/spring applications are due September 5.
- Fall applications are due March 15.

To apply for an internship at UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center, students must submit the following materials (additional materials will not be considered as part of the application):

- [Association for Child Life Professionals Common Child Life Internship Application](#)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (at least one should be from a medical/child life setting)
- A personal statement describing a challenge or obstacle you've faced and how you overcame it (approximately 500 words)
- Academic transcript(s) from all colleges/universities attended (unofficial transcripts are acceptable, but we may require official transcripts before the student begins the internship)
- A list of three references, including their names, their relationship to you, phone number and email address

Send the completed application, personal statement, references and any other electronic materials to childlife@umassmemorial.org. Materials that cannot be sent electronically, such as transcripts or letters of recommendation, may be mailed (we recommend using tracking and/or delivery confirmation) to:

*Child Life Program
UMass Memorial Children's Medical Center
55 Lake Avenue North
Worcester, MA 01655*

After the deadline, we will review application materials and contact the candidates whom we would like to interview to schedule a date and time. Onsite interviews are preferred, but telephone or Skype interviews may be arranged in some circumstances.

For further information, email childlife@umassmemorial.org or call 774-443-2549.