

# VIRTUAL child life PRACTICUM



Child Life United's Virtual Child Life Practicum program offers accessibility and a comprehensive understanding of the field while meeting the ACLP recommended standards for practicum.

## VIRTUAL PRACTICUM ENTAILS:

- SESSIONS WITH CCLS IN MANY DIFFERENT AREAS OF A HOSPITAL SETTING AS WELL AS COMMUNITY BASED PROVIDERS.
- SKILLS-BASED AND EXPERIENCE BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
- COMPLETION OF HANDS-ON LEARNING HOURS
- GROUP EDUCATIONAL/LECTURE SESSIONS FROM GUEST LECTURERS AND CLINICAL SUPERVISORS
- LIVE AND RECORDED VIRTUAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCES
- WEEKLY 1X1 SUPERVISION
- WEEKLY SMALL GROUP SUPERVISION
- WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS AND JOURNALS

## LOGISTICS

- 8 WEEKS LONG (PLUS PRE AND POST PRACTICUM WEEKS)
- MINIMUM OF 120 HOURS:  
APPROXIMATELY 15 HOURS PER WEEK

### Our "Why"

While we truly acknowledge that there is incredible value in the traditional, clinical practicum approach, we also are aware of incredible opportunities that lie outside of a hospital based experience. Over the past several years Child Life United has worked to connect with multifaceted psychosocial care professionals and expand the growth of opportunities globally. We now have created the opportunity to bring the learning experiences to you through this virtual practicum, diversifying the approach, both from a standpoint of accessibility and scope.

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## PREREQUISITES

- Completion of a Child Life course, taught by a child life specialist.
- Completion of at least one child development course.
- Both courses above must be completed by the start of the practicum but not necessary before you apply.
- 100 volunteer hours within a hospital is strongly preferred but not required due to the limited availability of volunteer opportunities at this time. \* Please Note: Internships will still require this, meaning lack of volunteer hours will affect your ability to move forward into an internship.

## VIRTUAL PRACTICUM & CHILD LIFE CERTIFICATION

- Child Life United can NOT guarantee that attending the CLU Virtual Child Life Practicum will be accepted by every internship review team. We can guarantee that this practicum experience will provide a robust learning experience, advance your knowledge of the field and provide an opportunity for a practicum experience at a time in which opportunities are limited.
- The virtual practicum model is becoming increasingly well known and understood which in turn establishes greater acceptance.

## PROGRAM COST

- \$1,000 (INCLUDING STUDENT LIABILITY INSURANCE)
- NEEDS BASED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE UPON APPLICATION.

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