



## **Child Life Practicum**

Thank you for your interest in the Child Life Practicum at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center in Annapolis, MD. This program provides students with an opportunity to work with children and adolescents in a health care setting.

Practicum students will gain exposure to the field of child life through observations and interactions with patients and families. Our child life program is committed to providing high quality education and training for prospective child life professionals. The child life practicum is designed to give students the opportunity to be firsthand observers of the work of child life specialists, and to enhance students' understanding of the unique needs of hospitalized children and their families.

Practicum students will observe many of the clinical interventions conducted by child life specialists, including (but not limited to) procedural preparation and support, diagnostic teaching, medical play, family support, and bereavement support. Students will also have many opportunities to engage directly with patients and families in a play-based and psychosocially nurturing context, thereby expanding on the fundamental patient interaction skills previously learned during volunteer experiences. Relevant readings and assignments will supplement the student's clinical experiences throughout the practicum.

We are looking for highly motivated, hard-working students who have the ability to connect with and provide comfort to children of a variety of ages. Selection of practicum students is based on previous experience working with children, academic record, interview, and references. Experience working with children in a hospital setting is required.

Our practicum program consists of 120 hours completed over the course of 8 weeks. The practicum schedule will be determined based on the availability of the practicum student as well as the practicum preceptor/s. Shift times may vary. During the practicum the student will receive a hospital orientation as well as rotations in the pediatric emergency department and the pediatric inpatient unit.

Again, we thank you for your interest in LHAAMC's child life practicum program and we look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

### Requirements

- Completed Application
- Two Student recommendation forms
- Resume
- Verification of volunteer experience (minimum of 75 hours completed)
  - Considerations may be made due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (unofficial acceptable),
  - With a minimum of a 3.0 GPA
- Required Child Life Coursework (must be completed prior to start date)
  - Child Life course taught by a CCLS
  - Child Development
  - Play
  - Family Systems
- Health Record Form (will be provided at time of onboarding and must be completed by physician, prior to start date)
- Signed application checklist

*\*Applications will be reviewed by the Child Life team; the most qualified applicants will be offered an opportunity to participate in an interview.*

### Contact Us:

Please submit all application materials in **one** e-mail to: [Childlife@aaahs.org](mailto:Childlife@aaahs.org)

Recommendation forms may be e-mailed separately by recommender.

If necessary, applications may be mailed

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For questions regarding application deadlines or practicum program, please contact our child life department at 443-481-6334, or [childlife@aaahs.org](mailto:childlife@aaahs.org).