Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center’s Child Life Practicum Program. This summer the Child Life Program is offering applicants the opportunity to apply for the training program which introduces individuals to the child life field and can have the opportunity to observe infants, children and adolescents in a health care setting.

The Child Life Program at Roswell Park is made up of a full time Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS) serving outpatient hematology/oncology and a part time CCLS serving children of adult oncology patients. Pediatric hematology/oncology care in Buffalo, NY is provided through the joint efforts of Oishei Children’s Hospital and Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, declaring itself *Roswell Park Oishei Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders Program*. The fulltime CCLS at Roswell Park covers all pediatric outpatient services, including: clinic, radiation, and day sedation. This CCLS also collaborates closely with the CCLSs and psychosocial team at Oishei Children’s Hospital where the patients stay while receiving inpatient care. The part time CCLS serving children of adult oncology patients covers both inpatient (medical surgical, transplant, Intensive Care Unit) and outpatient services (breast clinic, palliative care, survivorship, BMT, neuro, head neck and throat, gastro).

The child life practicum student selected for this program will rotate between pediatric outpatient services and children of adult patients at Roswell Park under the guidance of certified child life specialists. The goals of this educational opportunity are listed below for your review. The practicum will consist of introduction into the child life field, observational experiences, written and verbal assignments based on the foundations of the child life profession, and weekly supervision. Student selected will be required to completed 125 hours, with a goal of completing 150 hours total. The practicum program will meet all six of the recommended standards of child life practicum programs as set by the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP).

Application submission deadlines are as follows:

**Practicum**

Summer (June-July)

**Application Postmark Deadline**

February 17th, 2020

Due to the expectation that we provide students with quality supervision and education during the practicum, we are only able to accept one student each summer. If you have any questions, please call the Child Life Office at 716-845-1300 ext. 6282.

Sincerely,

The Child Life Staff

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Buffalo, New York

**Program Components**

* Observation of outpatient pediatric child life services included but not limited to: play, assessment, procedural support, medical play, preparation, diagnostic education, legacy building.
* Observation of inpatient and outpatient children of adult child life services included but not limited to: assessment, play, medical play, diagnostic education, legacy building, memory making, end of life support.
* Have opportunities to engage with infants, children and adolescents within different developmental levels, diagnoses, and cultures.
* Provide students with opportunities to learn about different healthcare careers including: social work, psychology, integrative medicine, artists in healthcare, and resource center professionals.

**Practicum Objectives:**

* Increase knowledge of the Child Life profession
* Provide student with a greater understanding of child development
* Enhance knowledge of psychosocial effects of hospitalization and illness.
* Enhance communication skills with professionals, family members, and children.
* Gain greater understanding of medical terminology.
* Provide student with opportunities to learn about different healthcare careers, including but not limited to, social work, psychology, integrative medicine, artists in healthcare, and resource center professionals.
* Meet the recommendations of child life practicum programs as set by the ACLP.
* Prepare student for child life internship.
* Evaluate one’s self and professional aspirations.

**Requirements for Application:**

* Experience volunteering with children in a hospital setting
* A minimum of 50 hours working or volunteering with well children or children in stressful situations
* A 3.0 or higher GPA
* Minimum of sophomore year completed in bachelor’s degree program in child life or related field.
* Completed a minimum of one related course such as child life, child development, psychology, family studies, recreational therapy, or education.
* Students must be unaffiliated or affiliated but not getting school credit for the child life practicum. Students can be in or have completed undergraduate school or graduate school. Please call the Child Life Office at 716-845-1300 ext. 6282 with questions.

**Application:**

* Attached Application with completed essay questions
* Resume
* Unofficial Transcripts
* One Letter of Recommendation signed and sealed from a supervisor of your work with children

**Schedule:**

30 hours per week for 5 consecutive weeks, for a total of 150 hours.

Daily schedule will be typically be 8 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., or 7 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. depending on patient needs. This schedule includes a 60-minute lunch break.

**Accommodations**

Students are responsible for all accommodations, including housing and meals. Insight into safe housing areas can be provided upon acceptance of practicum. The medical campus has many different options for food, and a refrigerator and microwave are available as well. Insight will be provided for parking and public transportation upon acceptance as well.

**Submitted application process:**

Not all applicants will be selected for an interview. If you are selected for an interview a member of the Child Life team will contact you. Interviews will take place on the weeks of February 24th and March 2nd and an offer will be given shortly after. Practicum start date dependent on student and supervisor’s individual schedule.

**Child Life Practicum Application**

*Please print answers clearly*

*Application for 2020 year and Summer semester*

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Please answer the following questions on a separate document.

*Please limit your answer to 2-3 sentences per each question.*

1. How did you become interested in the field of child life?
2. Describe the role of a Child Life Specialist.
3. Why do you want to be a child life practicum student at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center?
4. What goals do you hope to achieve by completing this practicum?

**To be considered for placement, you must submit the following application materials:**

*Application must be postmarked by February 17th, 2020*

*Send application without any staples or paperclips to:*

Attn: Jessica Wadium

Pediatric Clinic

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

666 Elm Street

Buffalo, NY 14263

* **Completed Application Document**
* **Essay Questions**
* **Resume**
* **Unofficial Transcripts**
* **One Letters of Recommendation**

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