



## **Le Bonheur Children's Hospital Child Life Practicum Program**

The child life practicum is a 3 to 4 week dedicated time of observation and interaction within the health care setting where qualified students gain practical knowledge about the child life profession.

The primary goal of Le Bonheur's child life practicum program is to provide an opportunity for students to evaluate the strengths and limitations of their current knowledge and to broaden their understanding of the child life profession.

The practicum is designed to facilitate the student's growth as a professional by allowing observation of the daily work of a Certified Child Life Specialist. Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the various roles of a Certified Child Life Specialist including, but not limited to, medical play, normalization, procedural preparation and support. In addition, students will plan and supervise developmentally appropriate activities while working with individuals and groups.

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## **QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS**

The practicum program is open to students who have completed their collegiate level sophomore year. Applicants must be majoring (or have a degree) in child development or a related field. Applicants must be enrolled in school or have a permanent address within our Southeastern Association of Child Life Professionals (SEACLP) region, which includes Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. We will consider both affiliated and unaffiliated students. At this time, we will not be considering applicants who are enrolled in school or have a permanent address outside of our region.

## **PRACTICUM SEMESTER**

Le Bonheur is offering one practicum session at the downtown Memphis, TN campus during the summer of 2024, which will take place during the month of June. Students must be able to attend mandatory orientation and complete their practicum hours within the month.

Le Bonheur is also offering two practicum sessions at the Jackson, TN location during the summer of 2024. One session will take place during the month of June, and one session will take place during the month of July. These practicum sessions have the opportunity for shadowing days at the downtown Memphis, TN location. However, these shadowing days are not required or guaranteed. Students must be able to attend mandatory orientation and complete their practicum hours within the month of their session.

There is the possibility and opportunity for time spent with a Certified Child Life Specialist providing support in a community-based, hospice setting, as well as with a grief camp. More information can be provided should a practicum student be paired with this opportunity.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS / DEADLINE**

Applications for the practicum program must be submitted online ([https://mlhforms.formstack.com/forms/child\\_life\\_practicum\\_application](https://mlhforms.formstack.com/forms/child_life_practicum_application)) by January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM CST. Unofficial academic transcripts should be uploaded as a part of the application. Hand delivered or mailed applications will not be accepted. Notification of receipt of application and video submission will be emailed.

In addition to the online application form, please email a 5 minute video briefly introducing yourself and then answering the questions below. Please email your video to [child.life@lebonheur.org](mailto:child.life@lebonheur.org) by the application deadline (January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM CST) for your application to be considered complete. Previous applicants have successfully submitted videos through Google Drive or We Transfer. Historically, we have difficulty receiving video files through Microsoft and Dropbox.

**In your video, briefly introduce yourself and answer the questions below:**

1. Share a relevant experience that highlights your strengths in working with children.
2. Share a relevant experience that highlights the aspects of working with children that you need to improve.
3. What do you hope to gain from the practicum experience?
4. Describe the ways in which the work of a child life specialist contributes to the health care experience of a child and his/her family.

**INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE REVIEWED.**

**CANDIDATE NOTIFICATION**

The submission of an application does not guarantee placement. Acceptance is based on program capacity and qualifications of all applicants. Candidates moving forward in the interview process will be notified by email, which will detail next steps. Initial practicum offers will be made mid-February via telephone call. Candidates who are not selected will receive notification by email.

Thank you for your interest in the Child Life Practicum at  
Le Bonheur Children's Hospital.