



## Wolfson Children's Hospital Child Life Internship

Wolfson Children's Hospital is committed to providing a quality learning experience to students by offering a 15 week internship which provides a clinical experience to develop professional skills in preparation for a career in child life. The internship consists of multiple rotations and is designed to facilitate the student's growth as a professional by participating as a member of an interdisciplinary health care team.

Interns will gain an understanding of the impact of hospitalization on the emotional and developmental needs of children by working with patients who are hospitalized or seen in the emergency department for a variety of acute and chronic diagnoses. Interns will have the opportunity to develop skills in assessment, procedural support and teaching, developmental play, documentation and family support. The intern assumes increasing responsibility for planning and implementing interventions. Interns are required to complete basic assignments that include a daily journal, illness reports, a case study, therapeutic intervention critiques, medical terminology definitions and a final project. Requirements will be explained in greater detail at the start of the internship.

To be considered for an internship, the following requirements must be met:

- be enrolled in a university and receive credit for the internship
- have a minimum 3.0 GPA in major course work
- completed 50 hours of volunteer service or practicum with hospitalized or special needs children
- membership in the Child Life Council
- CPR certification

Application packet must include:

- completed application (typed)
- resume (1 page)
- transcript
- two letters of recommendation; professional or academic
- documentation of volunteer/practicum hours with hospitalized or special needs children
- state background check

Internship Session	Application Deadline	Notification Deadline	Acceptance Deadline
Spring	September 5	October 22	October 29
Fall	May 5	June 22	June 29

### Interview Process

The child life coordinator will contact the intern candidates by phone to schedule a phone interview following the application deadline. Select candidates will be invited to interview in person. An on-site interview is required so the applicant can tour the hospital, meet the staff and allow staff to meet the prospective intern. This is an opportunity to determine if the facility and program meet the student's needs.

Thank you for your interest in Wolfson Children's Hospital. For additional information, please contact Pat Kirkland, child life coordinator, at 904.202.8541 or [patricia.kirkland@bmcjax.com](mailto:patricia.kirkland@bmcjax.com).