

Child Life Practicum Program: Sydney, Australia



1. Title of program: Child Life Practicum Program: Sydney, Australia
2. 100 - 120 hour Practicum (4 weeks/2 rotations)
3. Program dates: September 11th – October 6th, 2017
4 weeks (not including travel)
4. Child Life United in partnership with The Sydney Children's Hospital Network's Child Life Specialist/Therapists (<https://www.schn.health.nsw.gov.au/>) and Association of Child Life Therapist Australia (<http://childlife.org.au/>).

The 4 week practicum, consists of 2 rotations. Students will spend 2 weeks at each location listed below:



The Children's Hospital at Westmead

Cnr Hawkesbury Road and Hainsworth
Street, Westmead



Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick

High Street Randwick NSW 2031

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The practicum will follow and cover all 6 standards recommended by the Association of Child Life Specialist (as stated below)

Child Life Practicum

The Child Life Practicum is designed as an introductory experience for individuals interested in pursuing a career in child life. Through experiential learning and observation of Certified Child Life Specialists, child life practicum students begin to increase their knowledge of basic child life skills related to play, developmental assessment, and integration of child life theory into interventions with infants, children, youth and families. Child life practicum students will increase their comfort level by interacting with infants, children, youth, and families in stressful situations, health care settings and/or in programs designed for special needs populations. Through these experiences, child life practicum students will enhance their knowledge of the child life profession and investigate the process of applying child life and developmental theory to practice.

Child Life Practicum Recommended Standards by the Association of Child Life Specialist

(<http://childlife.org/StudentsInternsEducators/PracticumStudents.cfm>)

While the Association of Child Life Specialist (ACLP) does not *require* specific practices or protocols for child life practicums at this time, and child life practicums are not currently accepted to establish eligibility for the Child Life Professional Certification Examination, ACLP encourages child life practicum programs to follow these recommendations set forth in 2013 by the ACLP Practicum Task Force:

Standard #1: The child life practicum is largely an observational experience with child life practicum students beginning to engage in independent play and developmentally supportive interventions with infants, children, youth, and families as deemed appropriate by the supervising CCLS.

Standard # 2: The child life practicum student will be supervised by a Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS) who has achieved a minimum of 2,000 hours of paid work experience as a child life specialist. The supervising CCLS must be currently practicing in the field of child life; however, the setting of the child life practicum could vary.

Standard #3: The child life practicum encompasses a minimum of 100 supervised hours. The child life practicum experience may include a combination of practicum hours being completed in no more than two different settings given each setting builds upon and strengthens a child life practicum student's continual development and growth as a child life specialist.

Standard #4: Child life practicum hours should be completed in an appropriate setting that provides the child life practicum student with the opportunity to observe and learn from psychosocial interventions that assist infants, children, youth and families experiencing health related or stressful situations. Approved settings can include:

- Hospitals / Medical Centers
- Therapeutic, medical or health related camp settings
- Hospice, grief, or support centers
- Rehabilitation settings

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Standard #5: The child life practicum includes observation opportunities for students to explore the following theory and interventions related to child life practice:

- Child life assessments
- Developmental theory integration
- Therapeutic play interventions
- Rapport building

Standard #6: The child life practicum learning experiences include activities and assignments which allow the child life practicum student to begin to apply and integrate knowledge and theory application for future clinical practice and help to initiate the development of a personal philosophy of child life practice. These learning assignments should include:

- Journaling
- Educational In-services and Discussions
- Specific and Structured Readings

Logistics and Fees

Travel itinerary:

Official Program Dates: September 11th – October 6th (4 weeks – 100/120 practicum hours)
Travel from student’s home country: It is advised that students arrive in Australia no later than Saturday, September 9th to allow for a rest day. Required attendance will start at 9 a.m. on Monday, September 11th, 2017.

(Extended Travel: If you would like to extend your travel, please do so after the program is complete)

Medical Insurance will be required.

Cost:

<u>Self – Funded</u> Each student will be responsible for self-funding their travel, food, sight seeing during free time and accommodation. Medical insurance	<u>Service Agreement Fee</u> Practicum supervisors transportation and accommodation, practicum course work, 1:1 practicum supervision, focused educational experience, administrative cost \$2,300
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If you would like to do some research on your transportation and accommodation cost, the addresses for the two hospital sites are listed on the first page of the packet.

Once participants are chosen, Child Life United will connect you to your follow practicum students if you give approval. This would allow shared cost and planning.

Accommodation Suggestions

You are required to find your own accommodation, however once participants are accepted. Child Life United will connect students if they wish to plan accommodation as a group.

Transportation

You are responsible for your own transportation while you are in Australia.

Public transportation and Uber are both available.

Application Process

Applications are DUE June 1st, 2017

Application is located on the Child Life United website

www.childlifeunited.org

Direct all questions to Child Life United

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International travel makes web based communication more reliable

(Imessage, WhatsApp, Facebook or LinkedIn messenger or email)

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