



Children's Hospital
of Wisconsin®

A member of Children's Hospital and Health System.

MS 630, PO Box 1997
Milwaukee, WI 53201-1997
Phone (414) 266-2000
www.chw.org



Child Life internship Job description

Summary Statement:

The student works under the general supervision of a certified Child Life specialist providing a therapeutic play program for patients to help alleviate the stress and anxiety of a hospital stay. This includes an emphasis on gaining knowledge of and understanding the competencies outlined by the Child Life Council. The role of a Child Life student is to provide preparation and emotional support to the entire family.

Activities:

- Participates with patients on an individual and group basis, in the playroom and at bedside.
- Plans and implements activities for patients. Responsible for ongoing care of the playroom.
- Aids in implementing a total care plan for each patient by having an awareness of medical conditions and learning about the potential needs and limitations an individual may experience.
- Assists the patient in understanding and accepting the hospital experience and maintaining a healthy attitude toward illness.
- Shares observations of patient's behavior and interactions with site supervisor (both written and verbal).
- Attends and participates in in-services presented by Child Life staff or invited speakers.
- Presents a special project to staff.
- Presents and discusses a case study.
- Researches and reviews a current resource with Child Life staff.
- Develops and presents an in-service to Child Life staff.
- Meets weekly with site supervisor.
- Records observations and assessments in a daily journal.
- Develops and implements a hospital-wide special activity (i.e. theme party). This may be unit based if only one student is a part of the program.
- Observes two pre-admission tours. Presents two tours with a Child Life Specialist when observations are completed.
- Observes one toddler pre-admission tour. Presents two toddler tours independently (one group, one individual) after completion of observation.