**Child Life Internship Program at Newton-Wellesley Hospital**

Thank you for your interest in the child life internship program at Newton-Wellesley Hospital! The child life team currently offers internships in the fall and spring semesters. For the fall internship we accept applications from all interested parties, including unaffiliated students. Applications for the spring internship are currently only accepted from students enrolled in the Child Life program at Boston University. We follow the ACLP recommended internship application/offer dates, which can be found here: <https://www.childlife.org/certification/students/internship-deadlines>.

Prior to application, candidates should ensure they have met the following requirements:

* At least 100 hours of experience with well children
* At least 100 hours of experience working with children and families in the hospital setting
* All academic requirements for the [ACLP eligibility assessment](https://www.childlife.org/certification/candidates/eligibility-assessment) completed or currently in progress (required to be completed by start of internship).

\*\***UPDATE 2021**: In these unprecedented times, the child life team at Newton-Wellesley Hospital recognizes that opportunities to work with children and families in the hospital setting have been severely limited. For applications for the Fall 2021 semester ONLY, we are willing to accept applicants who have at least:

 100 hours of experience with well children

100 hours of experience with children in stressful situations (camps for children with chronic illnesses, programs for children with special needs, advocacy programs, bereavement/hospice, etc)

 100 hours hospital experience (paid or unpaid, **DOES NOT** have to be with children)

Application Requirements:

* Completed [ACLP Common Internship Application](https://www.childlife.org/docs/default-source/certification/internships/common-child-life-internship-application.pdf?sfvrsn=3a42a04d_36), including:
	+ Resume and cover letter
	+ ACLP Eligibility Assessment showing “Passed” rating for all academic requirements (in-progress forms accepted for classes being taken at time of application)
		- Please provide the ACLP letter affirming enrollment in an endorsed academic program if you are applying from an endorsed program
	+ Verification forms for experience with children/families in healthcare settings and experience with well children
* 3 recommendations using the ACLP Child Life Internship Common Recommendation Form
	+ one of these should speak to your skills/experiences with children and families in the hospital setting
	+ please encourage your recommenders to use the comments section on the form to list 3 areas of strength for you and 3 areas for growth
	+ We recognize that some professionals have a policy of not sharing their recommendation with the applicant. For this reason, recommendations can be sent directly to internship coordinator from the author or included with application packet (this is the only portion of the application that will be accepted separately)
* Additional essay response (limit 300 word response):
	+ Please share, **from your experience**, both the most rewarding and the most challenging aspects of working with hospitalized children and families.
* Transcripts from all colleges attended (unofficial transcripts accepted)
	+ In-progress forms will be accepted as long as all academic coursework for the ACLP eligibility assessment will be completed by the start of internship
* At this time, no practicum is required for acceptance to our internship program

**NOTE**: you may send your application electronically (preferred) or via standard mail, however **incomplete applications and applications postmarked beyond the application deadline will not be considered**. Please be sure to send all application materials in one packet (or email, if electronic).

* + Electronic submissions should be sent to kberksza@partners.org
	+ Standard mail submissions should be sent to:

Child Life Internship Coordinator

Newton-Wellesley Hospital

2014 Washington St.

Newton, MA 02462

* Teleconference (virtual) interviews will be conducted for all applicants
* We highly encourage you to research the area and cost of living prior to applying to be certain you will be able to relocate if accepted.

If you have questions or would like to know more, please reach out to our Internship Coordinator, Kristy Berksza, directly at kberksza@partners.org or 617-243-5691.