**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSAs)**

**for the Newton-Wellesley Hospital Child Life Practicum**

*(a reference document for the application process)*

1. Observational experience
2. **Skill**: Attentive
3. **Ability**: Reflective
4. **Ability**: Curious
5. Connecting with families
6. **Knowledge**: Basic developmental theory
7. **Skill**: Rapport-building with children and caregivers
8. **Ability**: Independently engage families in play
9. OR Setting
10. **Skill**: Flexibility/Adaptability
11. **Ability**: Cognizance of surrounding activity in a busy environment

**NWH Practicum Application**

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Will you be taking this practicum for school credit?

If yes, please answer the following:

* Name and contact information for academic pgm coordinator:
* School requirements of hospital for prac experience (*meetings, documentation, etc*):
* School requirements of student for prac experience (*journals, assignments, etc*):

Are you currently in school?

If yes, please share:

* Undergraduate or graduate?
* Current status (*1st year, sophomore, etc*):

List and describe relevant experiences (jobs, volunteer, etc) that have prepared you for a child life practicum. Please choose experiences bearing in mind the KSAs listed previously.

**Experience 1**

* Setting
* Description of setting
* Role
* Number hours
* Brief description of role and responsibility
* Start Date
* End Date/Present

*(please copy/paste/edit to add* ***no more than 4 total*** *experiences)*

Short-answer questions (answer each only once):

1. Select one of the experiences you listed above and describe an instance from it in which you engaged with children in a developmentally appropriate way (explicitly tie actions to developmental theory). 200 word limit.
2. Select one of the experiences you listed above and describe an instance from it that caused you to change the way you thought about or approached working with others. Can be an interaction with colleagues, parents, children. 200 word limit.
3. Select one of the experiences above and describe a specific instance from it in which you demonstrate one or more of the **skills** or **abilities** from category #1 or #3 (Observational Experience or OR Setting). Please directly tie the events/behaviors of the instance to a specific KSA (include numbering in answer, e.g. *this demonstrates my cognizance of surrounding activity in a busy environment, KSA #3B*).
4. What excites you most about child life?
5. Anything you would like to share with reviewers that was not covered above?