

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our program. A child life internship is a great accomplishment and huge stepping-stone into your professional journey. This internship program is based on the competencies put forth by the Association of Child Life Professionals. This packet will outline your internship experience and will include additional information about our program and services here at University of New Mexico Children's Hospital. Internship application found at [www.childlife.org](http://www.childlife.org)

## **Semesters Offered:     **SPRING and FALL****

### **Eligibility**

- Affiliated and unaffiliated interns accepted
- Course work must be completed by internship start date
- Practicum preferred
- Completed application – no additional documents required

Completed application does not guarantee an interview or acceptance into the program. Once all applications are received, interviews will be scheduled. Because quality supervision is our main priority, there are limited spots available.

Thank you again for your interest in our internship program.

**For any questions, inquires and submissions please email:**

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## **Child Life Intern Job Description**

Internship training is offered during the **SPRING** and **FALL** semester. It will include a commitment of a minimum of 16 weeks, 640 hours at 40 hours per week. There is one-week of orientation and two clinical rotations: Inpatient and ED. There will also be two mini rotations in outpatient clinics and OR. During this internship, you will learn and incorporate:

- Play
- Medical Play
- Health care education
- Advocate for family involvement/Patient and Family centered care
- Build supportive and therapeutic relationships
- Medical procedure preparation
- Child life assessment
- Grief and bereavement support
- Child Development
- Charting
- Sibling Support
- Pain Management and Distraction
- Program Operations

**You will work with many different specialties including but not limited to:**

- Hematology/Oncology
- Nephrology
- Cardiology
- Rheumatology
- Burn and Trauma
- Gastroenterology
- Pulmonary
- Ortho
- Family Practice
- Neurology
- Surgery
- ENT
- Rehab
- Hospice

During your internship, typical hours may be 8-5pm but will include some evening and weekend hours depending on your rotations. Intern will attend weekly department in-services and will complete multiple assignments, readings and projects. Intern will keep a daily journal written in at the end of each day to reflect while it is fresh in your memory. Intern will have weekly supervision sessions with supervisor to reflect on your experiences, your journal and to self-evaluate your progress.

# UNMH

## Our Mission, Vision, and Core Values

### Mission

Our patient care mission encompasses serving as an accessible, high quality, safety focused, comprehensive care provider for all the people of Bernalillo County, and providing specialized services for people across the State.

Our education mission focuses on creating a patient care environment, which is supportive of the educational programs of the UNMHSC health professional schools.

Our research mission focuses on the application of new biomedical knowledge, translated to innovative patient care programs and models of health care delivery, leading to health status improvement for New Mexico.

### Vision

UNMH will be the leader in improving New Mexico's health outcomes through both academic specialty programs and our community responsive, culturally competent, patient care, education, and clinical research programs.

We aspire to be one of the nation's leading university hospitals, which captures the synergy in being both an excellent academic institution and an innovative, community oriented public teaching hospital. UNMH will set the standard for excellence in quality and patient safety in public teaching hospitals.

### Core Values

Our core values emphasize:

- a culture of shared expectations regarding integrity, accountability and decisiveness in commitment to excellence;
- compassion and respect in our interaction with students, patients and colleagues;
- diversity in people and thinking;
- effective utilization of our resources;
- advancement of our institutional mission while supporting professional and personal growth.

## **Hospital Requirements**

These will be dependent on if intern is affiliated or unaffiliated but can include:

- Hospital/Volunteer orientation
- CPR certification
- Background check
- TB test/Current Immunizations
- Online learning competencies
- Affiliation contract

## **Housing, Meals and Parking**

Interns are responsible for making their own arrangements for housing and meals. You will have access to a refrigerator, stove and microwave during work hours. There are many options for meals within the hospital including the cafeteria and restaurants.

Parking pass will be provided with shuttle to the hospital.

## **Physical Conditions**

Medium Work: Exerting 20 to 50 pounds of force occasionally, and/or 10 to 25 pounds of force frequently, and/or greater than negligible up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects. Physical Demand requirements are in excess of those for Light Work.

## **Internship Offer and Acceptance Dates**

UNMH follows the ACLP application deadlines for the **SPRING** and **FALL** semester. Please refer to [www.childlife.org](http://www.childlife.org)

**Submit applications to:**

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