

Internship Job Description

Maynard Children's Hospital



TITLE: Child Life Intern

REPORTS TO: Child Life Specialist

HOURS OF WORK: Flexible weekend, evening and holiday hours may be expected.
14-16 weeks /40 hours per week.

EVALUATED BY: Child Life Specialist
Child Life Supervisor

MAIN FUNCTIONS:

Intern will receive on-the-job training working in the role of a Child Life Specialist in the Children's Hospital and Emergency Department with children 0-21 years of age. Demonstrates the knowledge and skill necessary to provide service appropriate to the age of the patient.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

I. Child Life Programming

- Supervision of group sessions
- Create an environment conducive to developmentally appropriate activities.
- Responsible for maintenance and monitoring of equipment and supplies.
- Enforce policy maintaining the playroom as a safe environment.
- Provision of developmentally appropriate activities and support on an individual basis when needed.
- Participate and assist in coordination of special events, activities, and visitors.
- Provision of sessions in social interaction, creative arts, leisure, stress reduction, and Physical activity when appropriate.
- Provide opportunities for medical play and actual medical equipment in order to educate patients in a developmentally appropriate manner and to help diffuse unrealistic fears and anxieties.
- Primary therapist at completion of rotation.
- Completes special project, case study and in-service.
- Advocate for patients and families.
- Supervision of volunteers and lower level students as assigned.
- Provide psychosocial support to patients and families.
- Will perform other duties as deemed necessary by supervisor.

II. Documentation

- Follow Child Life policy on documentation.
- Participate in departmental CQI studies and reviews.

III. Team Function

- Attend and participate in daily multidisciplinary rounds to coordinate patient's care and programming.
- Understand multidisciplinary team roles and resources within the hospital.
- Attend departmental Child Life staff in-services.
- Educate team members on the importance and role of Child Life.
- Participate in special departmental activities and events.

IV. Ensure safety of patients, families, students, volunteers, and staff in in-house activities and community based activities by following PCMH and Child Life policy and procedure.

V. Minimum Requirements for Position

- Senior majoring in Child Development, Child Life or other related field with a career interest in the profession.
- Previous practical work with children and adolescents
- Ability to deal with chronically ill children and interact positively with family members
- Understand and implement Child Life philosophy
- Knowledge of growth and developmental stages and the affect of hospitalization on these stages.
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Obtain professional liability insurance before beginning work.
- Verification of required immunizations

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