

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the **Banner Thunderbird Child Life Practicum**. Our child life practicum will offer our student the opportunity to gain experience in General Pediatrics, Emergency Department, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Orthopedic Clinic/Surgeries, Hematology/Oncology population, and Pediatric Surgery, rotating through each pediatric department at Banner Thunderbird.

The requirements and practicum content are based on recommendations from the Association of Child Life Professional's Six Practicum Standards. The Banner Thunderbird Child Life Practicum is an unpaid 135-hour experience that provides students the opportunity to enhance their professional and medical competencies in pursuit of becoming a child life specialist. This is accomplished through hands-on play with patients and shadowing/observing a certified child life specialist during procedures and medical support.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

1. Must be working towards or completed a Bachelor's degree in child development or related field
2. Completed or currently enrolled in class taught by certified child life specialist, or currently enrolled in a Child Life program at college or university
3. Completed minimum of 4 classes in child life, child development, psychology, or related field
4. Minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale
5. 100 hours of experience working with children in any environment
6. Preferred experience working or volunteering with children in a hospital environment
7. Typed resume with cover letter
8. Unofficial educational transcripts
9. 1 letter of recommendation from a supervisor who has observed your interactions with children

Note: Practicum offered as independent study only at this time, no university affiliated course credit earned.

Our practicum application and offer dates are as follows:

Application Due: Friday, March 13, 2020

Offer Date: Friday, April 24, 2020

Practicum Dates: Exact dates TBD, typical practicum is a 9-week session throughout the months of June and July

Thank you for your interest in the Banner Thunderbird Child Life Practicum. If you have any questions regarding the practicum, please feel free to contact

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