

FAQ: Child Life Fellowship

What are the requirements to apply for the child life fellowship position?

One must have completed a child life internship (with a minimum of 600 hours), and either be certified in child life, or eligible to take the child life certification exam during the fellowship year.

How long is the fellowship position?

The fellowship position is a year-long position. The position will be posted on the OU Health careers site at ouhealth.com/careers. Please continue to look for the open position during this time.

How does the fellowship differ from a full-time child life position?

Fellowships are intended for those just entering the child life field, who would prefer or need additional experience and guidance before having a full-time, independent position. To become more comfortable with the field, there are some assignments/projects accomplished during the year to enhance the fellow's knowledge of hospitalized children, interactions with patients and families, as well as being a member of a medical team. A fellow has much more independence than an internship student, but also has a supervisor and mentor to report to on a regular basis, to discuss challenges, difficulties, and achievements.

Is the fellowship a paid position?

Yes, the fellowship is a paid position. It also includes funds to attend the annual child life conference held in the summer.

How many fellows does your program accept?

There is one fellow accepted each year.

Is housing available?

Housing is not available through the child life program or Oklahoma Children's Hospital OU Health. However, child life staff can provide basic information regarding the area and what avenues to seek information from in regard to housing, upon request.

How many child life fellowship positions are available in Oklahoma?

Oklahoma Children's Hospital is the only program in the state of Oklahoma that offers a child life fellowship. There are also other child life fellowship opportunities in other states and those can be found by visiting the Association of Child Life Professionals website, www.childlife.org.

Please, contact Megan Bien for further questions regarding the fellowship program.

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