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Child Life

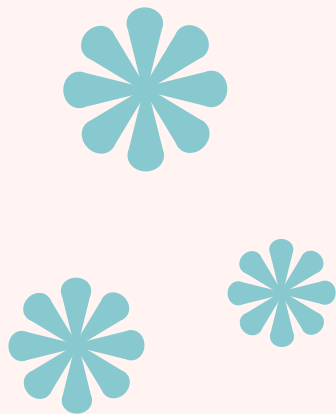
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A guide for students



ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

10 COLLEGE CLASSES



- 1 - Child Life Course
- 2 - Child Development
- 1 - Family Systems
- 1 - Play Class
- 1 - Loss or Death and Dying
- 1 - Research
- 3 - Related Courses

CSUF COURSES

WHAT TO TAKE:

- 1 - Child Life Course - **CAS 328**
- 2 - Child Development - **CAS 325 A + B**
- 1 - Family Systems - **CAS 201**
- 1 - Play Class* - This class is not offered at CSUF
- 1 - Loss or Death and Dying - **SOCI 360**
- 1 - Research - **CAS 301**
- 3 - Related Courses - **BIO 210 (Human Anatomy)**
KNES 205 (Medical Terminology)
PHIL 314 (Ethics)

*Play class - **UCSB Extension offers**
x370.3 - Therapeutic Role of Play in
Pediatric Care

The course is fully virtual, and admission to
UCSB is NOT needed.
(This class will NOT count for CSUF credit)

FIRST STEPS: volunteering

GREAT FIRST STEP TO GAIN EXPERIENCE

HOURS ARE NEEDED IN 3 AREAS (100 HOURS MIN):

As of November 2022 for summer 2023 application

HEALTHCARE - INPATIENT/OUTPATIENT
(THIS CAN BE IN THE FORM OF A PRACTICUM)

STRESSFUL SITUATION -MEDICAL NEEDS OR SPECIAL NEEDS
(ABA THERAPY)

WELL CHILDREN - AFTERSCHOOL CARE, NANNY, COACH

Local Programs

Children's Hospital of Orange County
Miller Children's and Women's Hospital
UCI Health
Children's Hospital of Los Angeles

**Please refer to hospitals' websites for
information regarding COVID and programs*

NEXT STEP

PRACTICUM

THIS IS LIKE VOLUNTEERING BUT MORE STRUCTURED

NOT ALL INTERNSHIPS REQUIRE STUDENTS TO DO
A PRACTICUM, BUT IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

***If you are a CAS major wanting to
pursue Child Life, you will want to
choose Family and Community
Context for your emphasis***

CAS 494 -ADVANCE PRACTICUM
YOU CAN COMPLETE YOUR HOURS
FOR SCHOOL CREDIT AND FOR
YOURSELF!

LOCAL PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ORANGE COUNTY
MILLER CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF LOS ANGELES

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regarding COVID and programs**



INTERSHIPS

***THIS IS THE HARD PART,
DO NOT GET DISCOURAGED***

Be sure to check the ALCP website for
updates!



PROGRAMS

**INTERNSHIPS ARE TYPICALLY
600 HOURS FOR 15 WEEKS**

**START YOUR APPLICATION EARLY!
(2 - 3 MONTHS BEFORE IT IS DUE)**

**APPLY EVERYWHERE YOU CAN,
EVEN IF THAT'S OUT OF STATE**

PROGRAMS

**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF ORANGE COUNTY
MILLER CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S HOSPITAL
RADY CHILDREN'S SAN DIEGO**

**CHILDREN'S PHOENIX
TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

***ALCP HAS A FULL LIST OF
AFFILIATED HOSPITALS***

Diversity Scholarship

Supports students from diverse backgrounds who may otherwise be challenged in completing an internship as well as students who are uniquely qualified to work with diverse populations.

(Applications done on the ACLP website)

**VALUE: \$5000 AND AN ACLP ASSOCIATE
LEVEL MEMBERSHIP FOR ONE YEAR.**

**Only apply for the
semester in which you have
secured your internship**



BEFORE YOU APPLY

ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

This is through ACLP. It is to verify the classes you took are aligned with ACLP standards. This will also be used to verify your internship when finished in order to sit for the exam. It is a rate fee of \$80

** Official transcripts are needed to verify class, sent from the school*

**Note that it will take 4-6 for
ACLP to approve classes**

CERTIFICATION EXAM

**Once you have completed your
internship and eligibility assessment **

*Exam times - March, August
and November*

*\$300 if an ACLP member
\$450 if not*

*150 multiple choice -
4 hours to complete*

*ALCP had many
study resources*

EXAMPLE TIMELINE

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT MAJOR

2ND YEAR: FALL - BIO 210 & CAS 201
SPRING - CAS 201

(START APPLYING FOR VOLUNTEER/PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITIES)

3RD YEAR: FALL - PHIL 314, CAS 325 A & CAS 328
SPRING - CAS 325 B, KNES 205 & SOCI 360

4TH YEAR: SUMMER - PLAY COURSE
AFTER YOU COMPLETE ALL CLASS SEND OFFICIAL
TRANSCRIPTS TO ACLP

Start application for fall in December - January to be finished by February to allow for corrections and mail time to make the March 12th deadline

or

if wanting to apply for spring, start in June - July to be finished by August to allow for correction and mail time to make the September 7th dead line

Tips for future students

Start the progress early

Some programs (CHOC) may take a few terms to get in

Join Facebook groups

Child Life Connection: Student Forum

Utilize CSUF advisement

TDA, education plan

Continually check ACLP website

