

Training of the budding Child Life Specialists in Hong Kong

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Becoming a Child Life Specialist

- **Bachelor's Degree Requirement**

- A bachelor's degree (in any field of study) from an accredited academic institution by an organization.

- **Coursework**

- Graduation from an ACLP-endorsed child life academic program or 10 college courses in the following content areas:
 - Child Life Course Taught by a CCLS
 - 2 Child Development Courses
 - Family Systems Course
 - Play Course
 - Loss/Bereavement or Death/Dying Course
 - Research Course
 - Three Additional Courses

- **600-Hour Child Life Clinical Internship**

- Applicants must complete a minimum of 600 hours of a child life clinical internship under the direct supervision of a Certified Child Life Specialist with a minimum of 4,000 hours of paid child life clinical experience.

- **the Child Life Professional Certification Exam**

Becoming an effective Child Life Specialist

- Has domain knowledge in various subspecialties, such as surgery, radiology, oncology, palliative care..
- Has domain knowledge in the institutions she works
- Working well with children of various age groups
- Working well within the various clinical teams
- Working well with other care teams, such as radiographer, anesthesiologists...
- Continuing professional improvement
- Evidence-based practice and research
- Teaching – junior colleagues, medical & nursing students, volunteers...

Becoming a Child Life *Professional*

- *standards of education*
- *knowledge and skills necessary to perform their specific role*
- *subject to strict codes of conduct, enshrining rigorous ethical & moral obligations.*
- *Professional standards of practice and ethics for a particular field are typically agreed upon and maintained through widely recognized professional associations.*
- *serve some important aspect of public interest and the general good of society.*
- *enjoy considerable work autonomy*

Becoming a Child Life *Professional*

- *Put the interest of the Child **FIRST***

How you could help...

- Treat child life specialists as members of your team, with respect
- Share information in ward rounds, case discussion, M&M meetings, etc.
- Family centered care
- Share successful stories & good practices
- Debrief together to do better for the next patient
- Learn together