

BECOMING A Child Life Specialist

STEPS, RESOURCES AND CLASSES

READ & ATTEND

- Read the Association of Child Life Professionals website
- Read the Child Life Requirements after 2019
- Read the Texas Association of Child Life Professionals website
- Attend a Child Life Workshop

CLASSES

- Successfully complete the 10 required courses
- Academic Eligibility Requirement
- See next page for TCU approved courses

GRADUATE!

ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Begin an eligibility assessment for the certification exam

VOLUNTEER

- Apply to be a College Volunteer at Cook Children's Medical Center.
 - Applications accepted April 1 - May 1
- Other places to volunteer: hospitals, specialized medical summer camps (like Camp John Marc), schools, churches, non-profits

PRACTICUM & INTERNSHIP

- Apply and complete a child life practicum
 - Typically can be completed while at TCU (approx. 13 hours a week)
- Apply and complete an internship
 - Typically completed after completing a bachelors (approx. 40 hours a week)
- Practicum and Internships in Texas
- Accredited Internship Sites

CERTIFICATION EXAM

Successfully complete a certification exam

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CLASSES AT TCU

TCU courses **approved** by the Association of Child Life Professionals:

Child Life Requirement	TCU Course(s)
1 Child Life Course Taught by a CLS	CHDV 40223 Fundamentals of Child Life Practice
2 Child Development Courses	PSYC 30323 Child Psychology EDUC 30143 Child & Adolescent Development
1 Family System Course	CHDV 40493 Family Systems
1 Play Course	CHDV 30223 Fundamentals of Play
1 Loss/Bereavement or Death/Dying Course	SOWO 40563 Grief & Loss
1 Research Course	CHDV 30533 Developmental Research & Evaluation
3 Additional Courses	CHDV 20123 Trauma-Informed Interventions CHDV 25053 Global Advocacy CHDV 50533 Case Studies in Child Development

Recommended courses include Anatomy & Physiology I & II and Medical Terminology.



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