



Example of Child Life Specialist Job Description

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Our company is looking to fill the role of child life specialist. To join our growing team, please review the list of responsibilities and qualifications.

Responsibilities for child life specialist

- Utilizes knowledge and resources to assess, plan and prioritize appropriate child life and interdisciplinary interventions
- Coordinate, plan, implement, and evaluate comprehensive therapeutic and educational programs with the emphasis on the Pediatric patients' and families' positive adjustment to hospitalization
- Provide interventions to circumvent the negative psychological impact of hospitalization and illness
- Work with all pediatric age patients to facilitate their socialization and positive adjustment to the hospital environment by promoting age appropriate activities to assure continued growth and development
- Prepare pediatric patients for the necessary medical interventions through play and/or discussion and encourage the use of coping skills during stressful medical encounters
- Foster the patient's self-expression, autonomy, sense of mastery and positive self-esteem
- Assess the patient's fears and anxieties regarding hospitalization, using formal and informal assessment techniques that foster appropriate coping mechanisms to allow for a healthy, constructive adaptation to stressful experiences
- Create a therapeutic plan for patients that incorporates developmentally appropriate intervention and play activities for the bedside and in the playroom
- Document patient observations and makes recommendations for play intervention

Qualifications for child life specialist

- Previous work experience with healthy infants, children and adolescents, , working knowledge of children and/or adolescents under stress
- 2 years experience in hospital/clinical setting required
- Ability to perform work duties independent of other Child Life Specialists
- Demonstrates critical thinking and problem solving abilities in order to resolve complex clinical systems and personnel problems and issues
- Knowledge of quality improvement methods and techniques
- Professional child life experience in a hospital environment strongly preferred