



SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN HEALTHCARE

Mizzou's HDFS Bachelor of Science in Child Life prepares students to support children's development and coping within the contexts of pediatric illness, injury, disability, and grief in healthcare and community settings.



PROMOTE OPTIMAL GROWTH THROUGH CHALLENGING EXPERIENCES

Assess the psychosocial needs of children and families to minimize the negative developmental effects of stressful medical and life events



DEVELOP EFFECTIVE CHILD AND FAMILY INTERVENTIONS

Utilize evidence-based practice in therapeutic play, psychological preparation, and coping skills instruction to reduce stress related to health care and loss



PROVIDE FAMILY-CENTERED CARE

Collaborate with families using a strengths-based approach to empower patients, enhance coping, and support relationships

DIVERSE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Hospital inpatient & outpatient care units
- Pediatric rehabilitation facilities
- Specialized camps for children
- Bereavement centers and funeral homes
- Home health and hospice care
- Children's crisis centers
- Early developmental intervention agencies

More Career Information:
www.childlife.org

HANDS-ON PROGRAM

- Understand and apply child development principles
- Develop self-reflective practice and cultural humility
- Build clinical skills through volunteer, practicum, and internship experiences
- Complete HDFS and MU general education requirements and electives
- Receive internship application and interview support
- Be prepared for the national Child Life Professional Certification Exam

LEARN MORE

<https://mizzou.us/hdfs-cl>



Human Development
and Family Science
University of Missouri



"I have used my student volunteer and practicum experience as a guide for how to best support the volunteers and students I now supervise. I am able to... transfer that over into my teaching style to better support others in preparing for practice and the exam."

**KRISTIN BROWN | BS '13
CHILD LIFE**

**Child Life Specialist,
Golisano Children's Hospital**



"I am constantly applying the skills and education that I obtained during my HDFs coursework ... I had a very supportive relationship with faculty who truly wanted to guide me in the right direction and were available for support at all times."

**JAMIE MARTIN | BS '18
CHILD LIFE**

**Child Life Specialist,
Advocate Children's Hospital**

CHILD LIFE IN HDFs - A SMART CHOICE

HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES

- Practicum at University of Missouri Children's Hospital
- 600 hour off-campus clinical internship
- Mentorship with CCLS instructors
- Research opportunities with faculty specializing in children's health, trauma, and play

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- MU scholarships for first-time, transfer, and continuing undergraduate students
- Federal financial aid eligible
- CEHD and HDFs scholarship opportunities available

ENGAGING COURSEWORK

- Courses in development across childhood/adolescence
- Child life theory and practice
- Children's play
- Multicultural study of children and families



Interns build practical skills
in clinical settings

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