

Child

Life Specialist



What does a Child Life Specialist do?

- A Child Life Specialist generally works in health care focusing on the emotional and developmental needs of children and families
- A Child Life Specialist must assess the psychosocial needs of children and families and provide appropriate therapeutic relationships and activities
- Using play and other forms of communication, they seek to reduce the stress associated with a health care experience and enable children and families to cope in a positive manner

What kind of education would I need?

- High School Diploma or equivalent
- Bachelors degree in Child Life or in any related field
- Pass certification exam of Child Life Council (CLC)

Where would I work?

- Hospitals
- Rehabilitation centers
- Child care centers

Job Outlook?

The number of child life specialist jobs continues to rise as almost every child's hospital across North America has a child life specialist.

Site:

http://education-portal.com/articles/Child_Life_Specialist_Education_Requirements_and_Career_Information.html

Salary?

Child Life Specialists earn an average of \$45,495 per year!

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