



Loma Linda University

School of Behavioral Health

Department of Counseling and Family Sciences

2-Year Child Life Specialist Program Curriculum: On-Campus Program

2024-2026
Years 1 and 2

Year 1			
Fall			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CHLS 505	Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Health Care	3	Monday 9-11:50am
COUN 576	Exceptional and Medically Challenged Children	3	Monday 1-3:50pm
CHLS 509	Child Life Assessment	3	Monday 5-7:50pm
CHLS 506	Therapeutic Play for Children Affected by Illness and Injury	3	Thursday 9-11:50am
CHLS 502	Introduction to the Child Life Profession	3	Thursday 1-3:50pm
Quarter Total		15	
Winter			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CHLS 504	Child Life Administration & Program Development	3	Tuesday 9-11:50am
CHLS 606	Parenting Medically Fragile Children	3	Tuesday 1-3:50pm
CHLS 501	Hospitalized Infant and Toddler Development	3	Tuesday 5-7:50pm
MFAM 553	Family Systems Theory	3	Thursday 12-2:50pm
MFAM 644	Child Abuse and Family Violence	3	Thursday 3-5:50pm
Quarter Total		15	
Spring			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CHLS 609	Global Practice: Child Life Specialist	3	Tuesday 9-11:50am
CHLS 503	Preparation for Clinical Placement	3	Tuesday 1-3:50pm
RELR 568	Care of the Dying and Bereaved	3	Tuesdays 5-7:50pm
COUN 584	Advanced Child and Adolescent Development	3	Thursday 2-4:50pm
MFAM 501	Research Tools and Methodology: Quantitative	3	Thursday 6-8:50pm
Quarter Total		15	
First Year CLS Total Units		45	

Year 2			
Summer			
MFAM 568	Groups: Process & Practice (First week of summer quarter only)	3	M-F, 8am-3:50pm
MFAM 516	Play Therapy (Tuesdays only, end of June to end of July)	2	Tuesday 9am-12:50pm
CHLS 608	Child Life Practicum	1	Tuesdays 1:30-3:20pm
CHLS 700	Clinical Training (100-120 hours)	2*	TBA
Quarter Total		6	
Fall			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CHLS 607	Child Life Professional	3	Tuesdays 9-11:50am
CHLS 508	Grief and Loss	3	Tuesday 1-3:50pm
CHLS 507B	Aspects of Illness and Disease	3	Thursday 9-11:50am
MFAM 515	Crisis Intervention and Client-Centered Advocacy	3	Thursday 12:30-3:20pm
CHLS 507A	Aspects of Illness and Disease	3	Friday 9am-11:50am
Quarter Total		15	
Winter			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CHLS 604	Child Life Internship Seminar I	4	TBA
CHLS 701	Clinical Training (300 hours, 40 hours per week)	6*	TBA
Quarter Total		4	
Spring			
Course		Units	Day/Time
CHLS 605	Child Life Internship Seminar II	4	TBA
CHLS 702	Clinical Training (300 hours, 40 hours per week)	6*	TBA
Quarter Total		4	
Second Year CLS Total Units		29	
Total CLS Quarter Units		74	

*These are non-academic clinical training units. They do not count toward the 74-unit total and are charged at a significantly lower rate.