



Child Life Therapist - Allied Health (Our Ref: 1352)

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Our Journey

Child Life Therapy aims to reduce the stress and anxiety for children, young people and their families that can be associated with hospitalisation. Child life therapists use specialist knowledge and skills in child development to provide support and distraction during procedures, opportunities for play to support wellbeing within the hospital and facilitate medical play to teach children new coping strategies. The Child Life Therapy service in at Monash Children's Hospital in the Children's Program also provides regular training and support to other health professionals around procedural support and distraction preparing children for medical procedures and strategies to support children's wellbeing in the healthcare environment.

A Day in the Life

We are seeking an enthusiastic, patient centred Child Life Therapist to work in a Grade 4 capacity. This role is part time ongoing, 0.8 EFT. The Monash Health Children's program Child health profession lead is responsible for leading the Child Life Therapy team within Monash Children's Allied Health.

They will ensure provision of best practice patient care, leading quality, research and clinical teaching activities, achieving maximal operational effectiveness, developing organisational competencies, and creating strong partnerships within and outside Monash Health.

Child life therapist will be based at Monash Children's Hospital however travel to any of the Monash Health sites will be required. The incumbent will be required to work in any clinical area at any or all campuses of Monash Health as and when required. Such a requirement may be a temporary arrangement, on an ad hoc basis, or a permanent change.

In this role you will:

- Be a dynamic professional who is passionate about making a positive contribution to the health of your patients.
- Be described as enthusiastic and motivated to perform at your best every day
- Demonstrate excellent communication and interpersonal skills.

About You

What You Bring:

- Your dedication to safe best practice and quality
- Enthusiasm and a positive attitude to your work, compassion and the ability to work collaboratively and effectively in a team
- Motivation and accountability for the management of specific portfolios in our relentless pursuit of excellence
- Strong leadership skills in people management, conflict resolution and building and motivating teams
- Demonstrated experience in the leadership, evaluation and implementation of quality improvement or research activities
- Excellent interpersonal skills, a strong team focus and an innovative approach

What you need:

- Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood or Primary Teaching (4 years full time) or equivalent postgraduate qualification if either undergraduate or postgraduate qualification includes at least 2 years study of child development
- Eligibility for full professional membership of the Association of Child Life Therapists Australia

In return we will provide,

- A supportive and cohesive team of paediatric clinicians within a larger multidisciplinary setting
- Genuine career progression and professional development
- Continual opportunities to use your drive for innovation to develop services to meet the changing landscape within the broader healthcare system

For a confidential discussion and to explore the opportunity further, please call Heather Davey on (03) 9594 1300.

We recognise the value of equal employment opportunity. We are committed to patient safety, promoting fairness, equity and diversity in the workplace and to Child Safe Standards. At Monash Health we are relentless in our pursuit of excellence and work to our six guiding principles and our five ICare values.

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How to Apply

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