Child Life Specialist

A Child Life Specialist is an unregulated health professional who is specially trained to help children and their families understand and manage challenging life events and stressful healthcare experiences. Child Life Specialists are skilled in providing developmental educational and therapeutic interventions for children and their families under stress. They support growth and development while recognizing family strength and individuality and respecting different methods of coping unique to each child and their family.

STAFF/FACULTY AT THUNDER BAY REGIONAL HEALTH SCIENCES CENTRE (TBRHSC)

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre has 1 full time staff working in Women and Children's Health.

TYPE OF LEARNER PLACEMENTS OFFERED AT TBRHSC

We accept learners from Child Life Specialist Internship program, Early Childhood Education, Recreation & Leadership programs.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PLACMENT AT TBRHSC

Clinical placement requests should be made through your home College or University.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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AFFILIATED COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES

Confederation College Lambton College McMaster University

Affiliation agreements are required between academic institutions and TBRHSC before placements will be approved. If you are interested in a placement and attend an institution not listed above, please have your program coordinator contact Karen Anderson in Academic Affairs at 807-684-6416 or by email to anderska@tbh.net

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- ✓ Child Life Council <u>www.childlife.org</u>
- ✓ Canadian Association of Child Life Leaders (CACLL) www.cacll.org
- ✓ Confederation College http://www.confederationcollege.com/ece/faculty
- ✓ Lambton College
 http://www.lambton.on.ca/custom/LambtonApps/Programs/Full-Time.aspx?id=2147503821
- ✓ McMaster University http://academiccalendars.romcmaster.ca/preview_program.php?catoid=7&poid=4060&returnto=563