

Children and Families within the Medical Setting

Child and Family Studies 4810

Fall Semester 2013

Beginning in the Fall of 2013, there will be a new course offered in the Child and Family Studies Department entitled *Children and Families Within the Medical Setting*. This is an upper division 3 credit hour course available to any student, but particularly those interested in the Child Life Specialist area. The course will be taught by Casey Davis, the director of the Child Life Specialist Program at McKay Dee Hospital.

Course Description:

The purpose of this course is to aid students in exploring or pursuing studies of children and family centered care in the medical setting. This course provides basic background and knowledge of Child Life practices. The content of this course is designed to create a foundation of knowledge, both academically and practically, in the required core competencies of the nationally recognized Child Life Certification which are:

- The ability to assess and meaningfully interact with infants, children, youth and families.
- The ability to provide a safe, therapeutic and healing environment for infants, children, youth and families.
- The ability to assist infants, children, youth and families in coping with potentially stressful events.
- The ability to provide teaching, specific to the population served, including psychological preparation for potentially stressful experiences, with infants, children, youth and families.
- The ability to continuously engage in self-reflective professional child life practice.
- The ability to function as a member of the services team.
- The ability to represent and communicate child life practice and psychosocial issues of infants, children, youth and families to others.
- The ability to supervise child life students and volunteers.
- The ability to develop and evaluate child life services.
- The ability to implement child life services within the structure and culture of the work environment.

For more details on a Child Life career visit: www.childlife.org

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