

MS in Child Life (Advanced Standing)

The Advanced Standing option for the Master of Science in Child Life (<https://www.apu.edu/bas/programs/masters-in-child-life/>) program is available for Certified Child Life Specialists who have a BA or BS degree, as well as individuals who have successfully completed the 600 required child life internship hours. To pursue the Advanced Standing option, you must provide proof of a Child Life Certificate from the Child Life Certification Commission (part of the Association of Child Life Professionals), or complete the Child Life Clinical Experience Verification Form (PDF) (https://www.apu.edu/live_data/files/210/clinicalexperienceverificationform.pdf).

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
PCLS 511	Family Systems Theory and Applications	3
PCLS 520	Infants and Toddlers: Development and Interventions	3
PCLS 512	Theories and Practices of Grief and Loss	3
PCLS 523	Coping Strategies for Children Experiencing Stress and Trauma	3
PCLS 524	Adolescent Development and Interventions	3
PCLS 527	Supporting Children with Special Needs in the Healthcare System	3
PCLS 531	Ethics, Diversity and Professional Issues	3
PCLS 532	Child Life Administration and Leadership	3
PCLS 551	Research Methods and Statistical Analysis	3
PCLS 552	Thesis/Project Seminar	3

Optional Electives ¹

Total Units	30
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¹ These courses may serve as electives for the MS in Child Life program, or be used as substitutes for required courses by students who enter the program with previous completed coursework that meets the student learning outcomes for required courses. Departmental permission is required for such a substitution.

Admission

University graduate admission and program-specific requirements must be met before an application is complete (see Admission to the University (<http://catalog.apu.edu/admissions/>)). **Program-specific application requirements are available online (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>).**

International students should contact Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/apply/>) for application procedures.