

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING AND LEARNING
 Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
 Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania

CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST (CLS) CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Child Life Specialist Certificate Program provides students with a comprehensive foundation of course work related to the growth and development of healthy and hospitalized children and adolescents. These varied courses provide a solid foundation required to support hospitalized children and their families. Students must earn at least a C in each course of this certificate program and must receive advisement from the Department of Teaching and Learning in regard to course selection. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) have prerequisites and courses marked with (+) are offered online.

Course #	Required Courses	Cr.	Grade	Year/Semester
PROFSTUD 340+	Children and Families in Medical Settings	3		
PROFSTUD 341+	Death, Dying, & Loss: Child & Family Perspectives	3		
PROFSTUD 342+	Applied Research Methods	3		
PROFSTUD 347*+	Play & Expressive Arts for the Developing Child	3		
PROFSTUD 414+	Child, Family, & Community Engagement	3		
PSYCH 211*	Early Childhood Development	3		
PSYCH 212*	Adolescent Development	3		
Choose any (3) COMSTUD 324* COUNSEL 400/500 COUNSEL 420/520 PHIL 290 PSYCH 210*	Health Communication – 3 credits Introduction to the Helping Professions – 3 credits Human Development – 3 credits Medical Ethics – 3 credits Life Span Psychology – 3 credits	9		

Total 30

- ✓ Upon successful completion of the required courses, students will receive a certificate of program completion from Bloomsburg University.
- ✓ Upon successful completion of the multidisciplinary curriculum, students are eligible to apply for a 600-hour child life clinical internship at an approved children's hospital under the direction of a Certified Child Life Specialist.
- ✓ Upon successful completion of the internship, students are eligible to sit for the Child Life Professional Certification Exam.
- ✓ Upon receiving a passing score on the Child Life Professional Certification Examination, students become certified by the Association of Child Life Professionals (ACLP) for a five-year period, after which time they must recertify.