



# Child Life

**providing care for  
children and families**

Children and families are confronted with a wide array of stressful and traumatic life events, which require the aid of coping and healing. The Master of Arts in Child Life: Advanced Track seeks to train students with the necessary education to keep them at the forefront of the advancing field of Child Life.

The program provides a unique opportunity for training and conferences throughout the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Our affiliations with local and national hospitals enable our students to participate in practicum and internship experiences under the guidance of a Certified Child Life professional.

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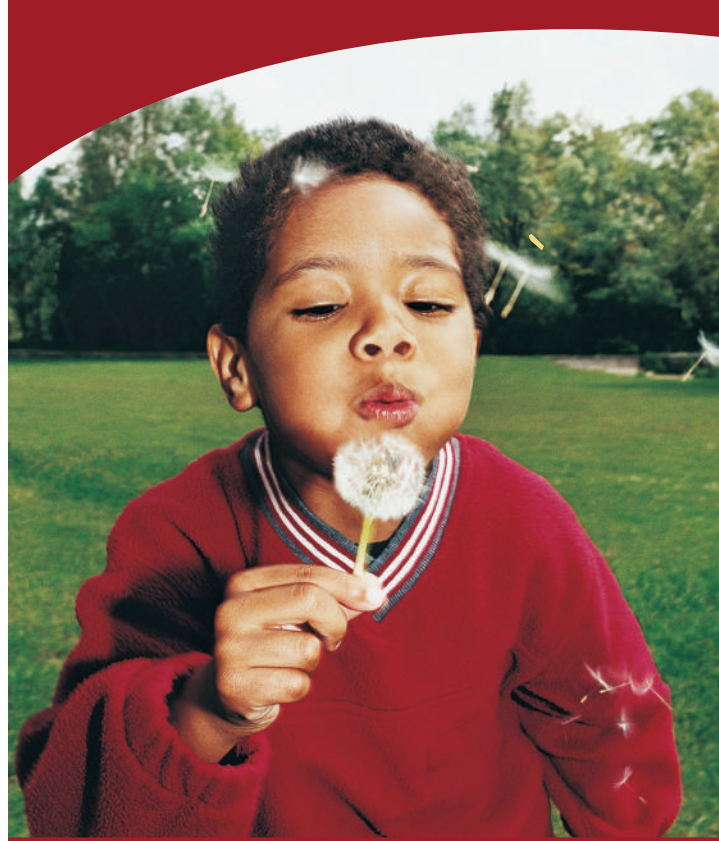
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**Fall Quarter 2020**

**Master of Arts**

**Child Life:  
Advanced Track**



**Children's Studies  
Eastern Washington University**

start something **big**

# the program:

building a strong education  
for a brighter future.

The Master of Arts in Child Life: Advanced Track degree provides students the necessary education to be competent *Certified Child Life Specialists* (CCLS).

This program is designed for those candidates certified or certification eligible through the Association of Child Life Professionals. In the Child Life field, students who obtain a master's degree will be more competitive for clinical practicum, internship, and in the job market. Additionally, this program will provide students with research skills unique to the Child Life field, in addition to supervisory and managerial skills for administrative level Child Life positions.

# practical education can create a big future



**Certified Child Life Specialists** are educated and clinically trained in the developmental impact of illness and injury; their role helps improve the experience of both patient and family care



## Admissions

Eastern Washington University (EWU) requires potential graduate students to submit an application through Eaglenet and pay a nonrefundable \$75 fee. The program has rolling admissions.

## Program Prerequisites

All applicants must have 50+ hours of volunteer experience in a Child Life program prior to application.

Prior to beginning the Master of Arts Child Life: Advanced Track program, students must complete the following: Bachelor of Arts in Children's Studies, Child Life & Health concentration, (*or an approved related field*) that includes all ten academic courses required for certification eligibility through the Association for Child Life Professionals (ACLP).

*Students currently certified through the Association of Child Life Professionals (CCLS) will have practicum and internship requirement waived.*

## Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Child Life: Advanced Track, students will be able to apply theory to the practical application of Child Life service, design a Child Life research study, and use evidence-based practices to support children and families.

## Program Availability

The Master of Arts in Child Life: Advanced Track will be available both at our *Cheney Campus* and *Online* beginning **Fall Quarter 2020**.

## Cost of Attendance

EWU has competitive and affordable tuition and fee rates compared to other institutions. The following *rates are per credit*, with students typically registering for **10-18 credits per term**. Additional fees may apply for on-campus students.

**On-Campus Graduate:** \$390.71

**Online Graduate:** \$382.00

## Program Curriculum

Due to the advanced track, the program can be completed in one-academic year following the completion of a Bachelor of Arts in Children's Studies for a total of **45-54 Credits** at the graduate-level.

## Required Courses (26-36 Credits):

Family Systems in Healthcare  
Child Life Research Methodologies  
Administration of Child Life Programs  
Thesis *or* Research Project

## Elective Courses (18-19 Credits):

International Child Life  
Trauma Informed Care  
Non-Traditional Child Life  
Grant Writing  
School Reintegration & Support  
Pediatric Palliative Care  
*\*Additional Electives Available with Approval*