

Stream 1 Application Checklist

The following items are required in support of your application. Please note that all materials sent to support an application cannot be returned. Unless otherwise indicated, application items will be uploaded through the online application. Please ensure your name is included within each application document as well as in the saved file name.

Application Item	Details	Submission Instructions
Current Resume/CV		Mosaic (online application) Upload the document as a separate attachment in MOSAIC. Must label your file as: LastnameFirstname_CV
Academic References (x2)	Two confidential academic reference forms from an instructor most familiar with your academic work. The purpose of these reference forms is to evaluate your ability to successfully complete this graduate program.	Mosaic (online application) Reference forms must be provided directly from the referees. Please note that McMaster University uses the Electronic Referencing System. By entering the email address of your <i>academic</i> referees through the online application, the system will automatically send an e-Reference request to these <i>academic</i> references on your behalf.
Experiential Reference (Professional)	One confidential reference form from a supervisor familiar with your work or volunteer experience with children. The purpose of this reference is to evaluate your ability to successfully complete this graduate program (academic and clinical education components) http://childlife.mcmaster.ca/docs/default-source/Documents-and-Files/professionalreference.pdf?sfvrsn=0	These referees should complete and email this confidential form directly to childlife@mcmaster.ca
Personal Statement	A written personal statement (maximum 750 words) of intent that explains; a. ways in which the work of a child life specialist contributes to the health care experience of a child and family b. what prior knowledge, skills and experience you will bring to the program	Mosaic (online application) Upload the document as a separate attachment in MOSAIC. Must label your file as: LastnameFirstname_Personal Statement

	c. what is desired from this degree	
100 Hours of Volunteer Work	A volunteer hours form (available on our website – see link below) to demonstrate the volunteer hours completed in a child life setting http://childlife.mcmaster.ca/docs/default-source/Documents-and-Files/volunteer-hours-form.pdf?sfvrsn=0	Mosaic (online application) Upload the document as a separate attachment in MOSAIC. Must label your file as: LastnameFirstname_Volunteer Work Hours
Child Development Coursework	A form (available on our website) to identify the courses taken to meet this admissions eligibility criteria. Together, these courses should address development (physical, cognitive, social and emotional development) from birth through 18yrs. of age. Courses that include lifespan development will not meet this criteria. Applicants can submit this completed form prior to applying for a course work review. Form can be found here: http://childlife.mcmaster.ca/prospective-students/entry-to-child-life-practice	Completed and/or previously reviewed forms should be submitted with your application. Upload the document as a separate attachment in Mosaic. Must label your file as: LastnameFirstInitial_Supplemental Material
Official Transcripts	An official transcript(s) of academic work completed to date at ALL post-secondary institutions attended, sent directly from the issuing institution(s). If the final transcript does not show that a completed degree has been conferred, an official copy of your diploma will also be required. Please note, non-English transcripts must be translated and notarized. However,	Mosaic (online application) Please upload an unofficial copy of your transcript (s) to your file as a separate attachment in MOSAIC so your application is not incomplete by the deadline. For official transcript (s), please provide the issuing institution with our mailing address; ensure our room number is included. MSc Child Life and Pediatric Psychosocial Care Program McMaster University, Faculty of Health Sciences 1280 Main Street West Office HSC 3H46C Hamilton, ON L8S 4K1
English Proficiency	Refer to the following link http://gs.mcmaster.ca/how-apply under <i>language requirements</i> for more specific details on evidence of English proficiency.	Please follow instruction in MOSAIC for language requirements.

Please note that all completed applications will be examined. Those that meet the general requirements of the program will be assessed by our Admissions Committee. If the program's Admissions Committee approves your application, you will be invited to our multiple-mini interviews. Interviewed applicants are ranked on a combination of their application and interview scores to determine the final ranking for offers of admission. A recommendation will be submitted by the Admissions Committee to the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies for admissions approval. Successful candidates will receive a letter of offer from the McMaster University School of Graduate Studies. Applicants who cannot be placed will receive notification from the program's Admissions Committee. Admission is competitive. Meeting the eligibility criteria does not guarantee admission to the program.