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		Online Application Portal Upload the document. Please 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.	Online Application Portal Reference forms must be provided directly from the referees. Please note that McMaster University uses the Electronic Referencing System. By entering the work email address of your *academic* referees through the online application, the system will automatically send an e-Reference request to these *academic* references on your behalf.
Experiential Reference (Professional)	One confidential reference form from a supervisor familiar with your work or volunteer experience (child life experience included) with children. The purpose of this reference is to evaluate your ability to successfully complete this graduate program (academic and clinical education components)	Online Application Portal Reference forms must be provided directly from the referees. Please note that McMaster University uses the Electronic Referencing System. By entering the work email address of your professional referees through the online application, the system will automatically send an e-Reference request to these professional references on your behalf.
Program Specific Questions (to answer directly within your online application)	(Maximum 250 words per question) 1. What knowledge skills and abilities do you hope to gain through this graduate program. 2. Discuss how a child life specialist contributes to the healthcare experience of a child and family. 3. What are your professional aspirations and how will this program help you attain them?	Online Application Portal Include your answers directly within the online application portal where indicated.

	4. In Year 1 of the program each course requires 8-10 hour per week plus assignments (and there are often 3 courses per term). In Year 2 there are 30+ hours per week of clinical placement (fall and winter terms) combined with course work. Please describe specific strategies you will use to meet the time demands of the program.	
100+ Hours of Volunteer Work	A volunteer hours form(available on our website) to demonstrate the volunteer hours completed in a child life setting. All applicants need to upload a form with the application to show what hours have been completed to date, or what plans have been made to complete them.	Online Application Portal Upload the document through the online application portal. Please label your file as: **LastnameFirstname_VolunteerWorkHours**
Child Development Coursework (prerequisite)	The child development course review 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 to childlife@mcmaster.ca	Completed and/or previously reviewed forms should be submitted with your application. Upload the document through the Online Application Portal. Please label your file as **LastnameFirstInitial_CDCoursework**
Official Transcripts	Official Transcripts are not required for application review. Unofficial transcripts can be submitted in the online portal. Please note, transcript(s) of academic work completed to date at **ALL** post-secondary institutions attended, must be included. Any official transcripts must be sent directly from the issuing institution(s). If the final transcript does not show	Online Application Portal Please upload an unofficial copy of your transcript(s) direct in the online application portal.

	that a completed degree has been conferred, it must show that all degree requirements have been met. Please note, non-English transcripts must be translated and notarized.	
TOEFL or IELTS score (is applicable)	English Proficiency score requirements for this program can be found here	Please follow instructions in the Online Application Portal 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.