Do your long-term goals include pediatrics, early childhood education, language and linguistics, museum studies, or science communication? This unique course provides fun and practical training at Children’s Museum Tucson. It meets the new engagement policy, and it can help you build a résumé.

Regular activities include on-campus classes (lunch provided), reading about the topics to the left, and journaling with Google Docs on what you learn from the readings and our museum-based activities (streetcar tickets provided). A central requirement is 35 hours of guiding children in playful learning at the museum while doing research on child and parent engagement.

We’ll tour the museum early in the semester and learn about its training for employees and volunteers. We’ll practice our activities in class and at the museum before working with children. In each of seven weeks after that, pairs of students will work as special interns at the museum. Our last class meetings will be for interpreting our research data and producing reports for our sponsors — Children’s Museum Tucson and the UA’s Office of Digital Learning and Student Engagement.

Practice, peer mentoring, and supervision are essential when working with children. So enrollment is limited! Professor McKee needs some information about you before you can enroll. Click here to apply and ask questions. The museum will also require an internship application once you’re enrolled.