VT LEND
Preparing leaders across health professions

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What is VT LEND?
- Vermont Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) program
- Part of a national network of 52 LEND programs in 44 states called AUCD-Association of University Centers on Disabilities (www.aucd.org)

What does it do?
- Trains professionals, self-advocates and family members to become leaders and change systems
- Teaches about
  - Leadership
  - Disabilities
  - Working on teams
  - How to work better with and for people from different cultures
  - Making systems work better for all

How long is the program?
- 9 month training program – September - May
Who is in the program? Family members, self-advocates, professionals & university students

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VT LEND Trainees and Fellows (T/Fs) 2020-2021

VT LEND Training Activities (230-240 hours)

2 UVM Graduate ONLINE classes- Tuition paid by VT LEND
One class in the fall and one in the spring

Leadership Discussions: All faculty and trainees discuss clinical, leadership, or policy & systems issues

Mentorship meetings: Weekly meetings with one faculty to talk about your leadership skills and goals

Leadership Goal Plan: Design a plan to meet your leadership goals

Legislative & Policy Training: Learn about legislative process, policy & advocacy; and spend a day in a legislative activity

AUCD conference: 4.5 days virtual or in Washington DC
Trainings on range of disability topics. Meetings with legislators.
Required Internship Experience (50-60 hours)

Family Connection: Meeting with a family with child with disability to learn about their experience
Technical Assistance: Faculty and trainees provide ideas on a challenging leadership or clinical issue.

Internship Opportunities (30-40 hours)
Places to complete internships could be:
- VT I-Team
- Pediatric Medical Homes
- UVM Medical Center
- Policy internships
- Children’s Integrated Services (CIS) teams
- Community organizations

Program Details

- One academic year: September – May
- 300 hour program
  - 10 half-day meetings in person or on Zoom web conferencing
  - 1 full day at VT Statehouse or other legislative activity
  - 4.5 days at AUCD conference
- One graduate course (3 credits) per semester
  - Tuition paid by program
  - Student fee must be paid by participant
- Stipend paid to each participant
- Educational Coaching provided

To apply, visit our website: www.med.uvm.edu/vtlend

Questions???
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