



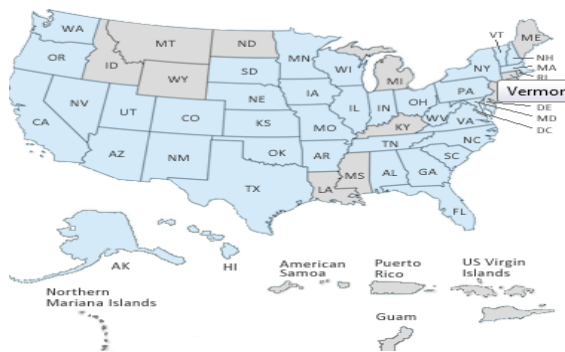
VT LEND

Preparing leaders across health professions

To apply: <http://www.uvm.edu/medicine/vtlend/>

What is VT LEND?

- **Vermont Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND)** program
- Part of a national network of 60 LEND programs throughout the country.
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



VT LEND Trainees and Fellows (T/Fs) 2021-2022

Who is in the program?

Family members, self-advocates, professionals & university students

Family members of person with disability	Public Health Professionals	Self-Advocates
Physical Therapists	Teachers	Lawyers
Medical Doctors	Psychologists	Nurses
Nutritionists or Dieticians	Special Education Teachers	Occupational Therapists
Audiologists	Geneticists	ABA Therapists
Speech/Language Pathologists	Disability Specialists	Social Workers

How long is the program?

9 months– September - May

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: 3-4 days virtual or in Washington DC

Trainings on range of disability topics. Meetings with US Congress members or staff.



[VT-LEND Interdisciplinary Faculty and Staff](#)

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)

Some examples of internships:

- Special education consultation team
- Medical Center
- Developmental service agency
- Pediatric medical home
- Early intervention team
- Policy internship
- Community organization

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
 - 3-4 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
- VT LEND is a federally funded grant. If the grant funding is stopped, there will not be a program for you.



Eligibility: (1) The person receiving a stipend must be a citizen or a non-citizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence by the start of the training grant fellowship or traineeship. Documents like a current valid Permanent Resident Card [USCIS Form I-551] or other legal verification of this status will be needed. (2) A person cannot be a trainee/fellow in two LEND programs at the same time. If accepted into another LEND program, contact VT LEND. (3) If you are receiving a stipend from a federal grant OR a graduate student stipend, contact VT LEND. (4) If a person receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI), contact VT LEND. The stipend could impact SSI benefits.

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Questions???

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