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

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

VT LEND Trainees and Fellows (T/Fs) 2017-18
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 at the state house

Disability Policy Seminar: 3.5 days in Washington DC
   Trainings on policy and legislative issues
   Meetings with legislators on Capitol Hill

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 might be:
   - VT I-Team
   - Pediatric Medical Homes
   - Children’s Integrated Services (CIS) teams
   - UVM Medical Center
   - Policy internships
   - Community organizations
Program Details

- One academic year: September – May
- 300 hour program
  - 10 half-day meetings in person or on Adobe Connect web conferencing
  - 1 full day at VT Statehouse or other legislative activity
  - 3.5 days training in Washington DC
- 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 for Self-Advocates

VT-LEND Interdisciplinary Faculty and Staff

To apply, visit our website
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Questions???
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