



VT LEND

Preparing leaders across health professions

<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 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

Family members	Self-Advocates
Early Childhood Special Educators	Physical Therapists
Education/Teacher	Policymakers/ Lawyers
Nurses	Psychologists
Nutritionist/Dietician	Social Workers
Occupational Therapists	Special Education Teachers
Doctors/ Pediatricians	Speech/Language Pathologists
Public Health Prof.	



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.



[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)

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 Adobe Connect web conferencing
 - 1 full day at VT Statehouse or other legislative activity
 - 3.5 days training in Washington DC
 - Additional time to complete internship activities
- 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



To apply

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- Click on “Applying”

Questions???

- Email our Program Coordinator, Naw-Esther Doh at ndoh@uvm.edu

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