



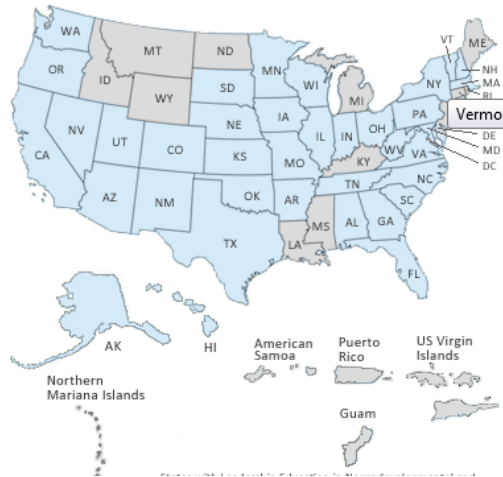
# VT LEND

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](http://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 of person with disability	Public Health Professionals
Self-Advocates	Physical Therapists
Teachers	Lawyers
Medical Doctors	Psychologists
Nurses	Social Workers
Nutritionists or Dieticians	Special Education Teachers
Occupational Therapists	Speech/Language Pathologists
Audiologist	Geneticists
ABA Therapists	Disability Specialist



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.



[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 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](http://www.med.uvm.edu/vtlend)

Questions???

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