



Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Traineeship Application 2022-2023

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis beginning in December. Interviews for eligible candidates will be scheduled beginning in late January ***upon receipt of a complete application packet.***

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES INCLUDE:

1. **Graduate students** in early childhood special education, family studies, nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, pediatrics, physical therapy, psychology, public health, social work, speech language pathology, or other related disciplines.
2. **Professionals** working in the community supporting children and youth (birth to 21 yrs) with neurodevelopmental disabilities and/or special health care needs and their families (i.e., early support and service providers, school administrators, general & special educators, related service professionals, and health care providers).
3. **Advocates** including family members of a person with a disability and/or complex health care needs and persons who experience disability.

*Long-term traineeships require a minimum commitment of **300 hours** over a 9-month period. Applicants must have earned a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree.*

Competitive scholarships are available to qualified applicants with funding provided by the Maternal and Child Health Bureau.

Trainees are eligible to apply for the Graduate Certificate for Leadership in Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities from the University of New Hampshire (separate application process through the UNH Graduate School) and additional coursework.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICANTS:

1. Complete the attached application including typed, narrative responses to application questions.
2. Attach:
 - Current Resume or CV
 - A writing sample, such as an opinion letter, academic paper, or publication
3. Request letters of reference from **three** people who can attest to your professional, interpersonal, and leadership skills.
****Please note:** Letters can be uploaded via your online application; emailed to kelly.foster@unh.edu; or sent via US mail to the mailing address below.
4. Request official transcripts of your *current program of study* **OR** *undergraduate program*.
Send to:
Stacy Driscoll, Training Director
NH-ME LEND Program
University of New Hampshire
55 College Road
Pettee Hall 103
Durham, NH 03824
5. When your application packet is complete, you will receive an email from the LEND office (kelly.foster@unh.edu).

NH-ME LEND TRAINEESHIP APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Todays Date: _____

Local Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Permanent Email (gmail, yahoo, etc): _____

What is the best way to contact you? Home Phone Cell Phone Email

Do you have a Bachelor's degree? Yes No

Major: _____

QUESTIONS

Directions: Please answer each question in 2-3 paragraphs. Please type your responses and attach to the application packet.

1. The NH-ME LEND Traineeship recruits applicants with a variety of experiences, backgrounds, and perspectives. With that in mind, tell us a bit about yourself. What experiences have you had with individuals with disabilities or chronic health conditions? With families? What interests you about the program?
2. The NH-ME LEND Traineeship supports the development of leadership skills that will engage participants in positive systems change for people with disabilities. What do you believe are the characteristics of an effective leader? Describe any opportunities you have had to be a leader and the skills used in these situations. What have you experienced as barriers to effective leadership?
3. What is your vision regarding your future leadership role/s in the field of disability?

IMPORTANT: *Please do not share confidential information or protected health information in this application.*