



Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Traineeship Application 2019-2020

Applications 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. **Family members** of a child or youth with a disability and/or special health care needs.

Applicants must have earned a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree.

*Long-term traineeships require a minimum commitment of **300 hours** over a 9-month period.*

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 or sent via US mail to the address below.

4. Request official transcripts of your current program of study and undergraduate program.

Send to:

NH-ME LEND Program
University of New Hampshire
55 College Road
Petee Hall 103
Durham, NH 03824

5. When your application packet is complete, you will received an email from the LEND office (kelly.foster@unh.edu).

NH-ME LEND TRAINEESHIP APPLICATION

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Date: _____

Local Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Permanent Email: _____

What is the best way to contact you?

Home Phone Cell Phone Email

Do you have a Bachelors 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 program chooses participants 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?

2. The NH-ME LEND program is designed to support the development of leadership skills that will assist participants to be effectively engaged in positive social 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 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.*