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- An Interdepartmental Program of the Departments of Pediatrics and Psychiatry of the University of Colorado Denver, School of Medicine.

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Sample graduate outcomes include:

- A successful proposal to create a Special Care Clinic as a primary care and consultative clinic for the community and state;
- Co-development and coordination of a school district's intensive needs programs;
- Appointment as director of an online nursing program;
- Election as officers of state chapters of national professional organizations (psychology and pediatric nursing);
- Expansion of assistive technology skills & development of best practices guidelines for the assessment of autism and Asperger's Syndrome in adults;
- Successful coordination of a community effort to establish a local early childhood council; and
- Awareness of leadership styles...and how that impacts system change.

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An Interdisciplinary Training Program



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LEND training at JFK Partners, University of Colorado Denver, prepares multi-disciplinary professionals for leadership roles serving children and youth with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities, including Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Training options include:

- Fellowships for those who have completed the terminal degree in their discipline, or
- Traineeships for predoctoral students.

Program focus

JFK LEND training emphasizes acquisition of population expertise; policy, systems, advocacy and research knowledge; and interdisciplinary skills for leadership roles.

Trainees and fellows take interdisciplinary coursework in leadership, key concepts in disability, screening, assessment, and treatment or interventions for core symptoms and co-morbid conditions.

Extensive practical experiences foster development of skills, including cultural competence and family-centered approaches.

An active research program affords ample opportunities to advance the developmental disabilities evidence base.

Eligible applicants

U.S. citizens seeking careers serving the maternal and child health population, particularly children and youth with developmental disabilities and their families, who are graduate or post-graduate students or practicing professionals in the following areas may apply:

- Audiology
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Parents
- Pediatrics
- Physical Therapy
- Psychiatry
- Psychology
- Public Health
- Social Work
- Special Education
- Speech & Language Pathology

For application instructions or more information, please contact:

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Frequently Asked Questions ...

When are applications accepted?

Although applications are accepted year round, official recruitment announcements and decisions about fellowship placements are made in the spring.

How long will it take to complete training?

LEND training is a 12 month program that generally follows an academic year. Fellows commit 40 hours weekly (excluding holidays and semester breaks). Trainees may be full- or part-time, but commit at least 500 hours to LEND, while completing other graduate studies in their disciplines.

Is there a clinical requirement?

Yes, however, professionals in non-clinical areas, who wish to specialize in related areas may engage in individualized plans of study that emphasize research, teaching and policy experiences in lieu of clinical placements.

Must I come to Colorado?

Interaction with other leadership trainees and fellows and multi-disciplinary faculty and mentors is key to the development of advanced interdisciplinary skills. Much of the LEND program is conducted live on the Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, CO., surrounding metro Denver communities, and other sites throughout the state.

Additional questions can be directed to Dina Johnson, Training Coordinator at 303-724-7673 or dina.johnson@ucdenver.edu.