

Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Self-Advocate

at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities

Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Mission

The Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Self-Advocate Leadership Training position allows for one student with an intellectual or developmental disability to participate in graduate-level training. The emphasis of the LEND experience is on improving health care for children with developmental disabilities and their families. The training program fosters growth in critical thinking, communication, leadership, professionalism, evidence-based practice, advocacy, policy, and research.

Program and Contact Information

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Tracks and Courses Offered

- The selected individual will engage in learning experiences with a class of interdisciplinary trainees including graduate students, faculty, community members, and parents of children with developmental disabilities to build skills and knowledge that prepares them to work in this area.
- Student will participate in the Maternal and Child Health Leadership Consortium throughout the year for leadership skill building.
- Participation in faculty-led projects.
- The LEND trainee will work with a faculty mentor to develop personal and professional skills

Course Eligibility

- Audit weekly course about developmental disabilities (2 hour credit or audit)
- UNC LEND program provides individualized accommodations for academic activities and supports the self-advocacy trainee with an educational coach.

Certificate Information	
N/A	

Employment and Practicum Options	
N/A	

Program Admission Requirements	
Eligibility	Graduated or exited from high school
Age	18 years of age

Application Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interested applications are encourage to email for additional information or to receive an application packet. Applicants must submit application, resume and 2 references, and meet for in-person interview 	

Availability	
Semesters	Fall and Spring
Summer	N/A
Total Number of Students	1 student per year

Additional Program Information	
Program Established:	2010
Average Student Enrollment per Academic Year:	1 Student
Number of Students who Complete:	3 out of 3
Employment upon Completion:	N/A
Average Time of Program Completion:	1 year

Financial Information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not eligible for financial aid LEND self-advocates are supported by yearlong stipend 	

Campus Participation, Housing Options, and Transportation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEND Self-advocate trainees participate in interdisciplinary leadership training with fellow graduate students throughout the year. No on-campus housing. Transportation assistance can be supported and funded through LEND program. UNC Chapel Hill is accessible through Chapel Hill Transit, free to public. UNC Chapel Hill is also accessible through Triangle Transit buses. 	