



Vermont Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities

What does VT LEND do?

VT LEND is part a national Association of University Centers on Disabilities ([AUCD](#)) which includes 60 LEND programs.

VT LEND trains professionals, Self-Advocates and family members to become leaders and systems change agents in the areas of leadership, disabilities, interprofessional practice, cultural competence & systems change.

VT LEND Training Activities

- Successful completion of 2 UVM graduate classes (tuition paid for by VT LEND)
- Participation in Leadership Discussions
- Participation in Mentorship Meetings
- Create a Leadership Goal Plan
- Complete Policy & Family Connection Activities
- Required Internship Experience (30 hours)

Program Eligibility

- Since VT LEND is a federal grant, trainees and fellows must be US citizens or legal permanent residents, as determined by federal funders.
- If you are receiving a different federal stipend, graduate student stipend or SSI, please contact VT LEND as the LEND stipend could impact other benefits.

Program Details

- 300-hour program that lasts one academic year (September-May).
- Includes 30 hours of a required internship experience.
- Completion of 2 graduate online & asynchronous courses/6 credits (tuition paid for by VT LEND, trainees/fellows responsible for student fee).
- Participation in monthly virtual & asynchronous sessions (~ 12-15 hours each semester)

Program Stipend

All VT LEND trainees & fellows receive a small monthly stipend* for the duration of the program.

*Stipend could be impacted by other income sources.

Questions?

Please email our Program Specialist, Ivania Mangas, at ivania-belen.ruiz-mangas@med.uvm.edu

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