

LA LEND creates leaders through...

Interdisciplinary Training



Didactic Learning



Clinical Experiences



Leadership Training



Advocacy Skills Development



Relationship Building

HDC Mission

The HDC was established in 1974 as Louisiana's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), one of a network of 67 UCEDDs across the country.

Our mission is to strengthen and increase the capacity of local communities to support and include individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in all aspects of life in the community.

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Louisiana
Leadership Education in
Neurodevelopmental &
Related Disabilities

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What is LA LEND?

Louisiana Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental & Related Disabilities (LA LEND) is a 9-month interdisciplinary training program that incorporates both didactic and experiential learning in clinical and community-based settings. LA LEND prepares graduate students, self-advocates, family members, and practicing professionals to become future leaders in designing, implementing, and advocating for services and policies that address the needs and priorities of children with autism spectrum disorders, other neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families.

Focus of Training

- Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and Other Neurodevelopmental/Developmental Disabilities (NDD/DD)
- Social Determinants of Health
- Life Course Theory
- Interdisciplinary Thinking & Practice
- Family- & Person-Centered Care
- Leadership Skills

Training Components

- 300+ Training Hours
- Content-based and Leadership Development Curricula
- Clinical & Community-Based Experiences
- Family Mentoring Experience
- Research Activities
- Capstone Project
- Attendance at the Association for University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) Annual Conference

Who should apply?

Graduate Students* interested in becoming leaders in diverse fields such as:

Audiology, Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Public Health, Social Work, Speech Language Pathology, and Others

Practicing Professionals in fields related to health, healthcare, ASD/NDD/DD, or other related areas

Self-Advocates & Family Members interested in becoming better informed leaders and more effective advocates.

* Must be in at least second year of program