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**LA LEND Application Packet**

**Due April 13, 2018**

What is LEND?

The LA Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) is a nine-month 300 + hours interdisciplinary training program that incorporates both classroom teaching and learning by experience.It encourages people from many backgrounds to learn to work together. This is a leadership program that prepares future leaders to support and work with children with disabilities (with a focus on autism) and their families*.* A faculty mentor is assigned to support trainees to complete and master components of the LA LEND program.

Individuals with disabilities (self-advocate) and family members of an individual with an autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other neurodevelopmental disabilities (NDD) are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be able to fully participate in the LEND curriculum and activities, but accommodations and modifications can be provided.

Training Components

* An **Orientation to LEND** will be held at HDC in July (exact date TBD)

The curriculum includes:

* Three Core Courses with embedded clinical/community experiences and on-line and “live” assignments designed to provide opportunities for application and reflection
  + **MCH Foundations** 
    - Five and a half-days session (the week before the fall semester starts; August 6th - 11th )
  + **Topics in ASD/NDD** 
    - Trainees learn **best practices** related to ASD/NDD and **experience a variety of clinic- and community-based** activities
    - Class meets weekly during fall **and** spring semesters (Monday 5:00-7:00PM)
  + **Interdisciplinary Leadership Seminar**
    - Meets one Friday afternoon per month fall and spring semesters (12:30-4:30PM)
* Family Mentoring Experience (FME)
  + Trainees are paired with a family for a year-long experience
  + Trainees meet their families in a variety of settings at least 6 times per year
* MCH-related Work Rotation
* Research activities
* A capstone project
* Trainees will attend the AUCD Conference November 11th-14th in Washington, D.C.

LA LEND Training Program Requirements

Attend mandatory LEND Orientation in July

Attend and participate fully in mandatory week long Foundations (August 6th -11th)

Attend Topics in ASD/NDD class (Monday evenings 5:00-7:00PM fall and spring semester).

Interdisciplinary Leadership Seminar on Friday afternoons (Schedule To Be Determined).

Schedule, complete and document results of monthly meetings with your faculty mentor to plan and review learning objectives and activities in your personal portfolio.

Complete additional activities (e.g., reflections, self-assessments, personal statements, etc.)

Develop and maintain a LA LEND Portfolio

Complete clinic- and community-based experiences outside of class time

Complete FME curriculum (outside of class time) and assignments and present to LA LEND faculty and peers

Complete research activities

Complete and present Capstone Leadership project to LA LEND faculty and peers

Trainees will attend the AUCD Conference (November 11th -14th) in Washington, D.C.

Respond to LEND Follow-up Survey at 1 year, 5 years, 10 years post-training

**I have read and understand the requirements as listed on this application.**

**Applicant Signature Date** Click here to enter a date.

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**LA LEND Application Checklist**

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Complete the attached cover page.

Attach the following: (a) narrative responses to the below application questions (may be handwritten, typed, video or audio recorded), and (b) current curriculum vitae or resume.

Submit two letters of recommendation. Family and Self-advocate applicants may choose to submit letters from teachers, employers and other community leaders with whom you are associated, or have been associated with in the past. Letters of recommendation can be emailed to Brittney Wright Peters at [bwrig1@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:bwrig1@lsuhsc.edu)

Submit the application materials to Brittney Wright Peters at [bwrig1@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:bwrig1@lsuhsc.edu)

For further information about the LEND please visit our webpage at <http://www.hdc.lsuhsc.edu/hdcit/index.html> or contact

Brittney Wright Peters, LEND Coordinator, at 504-556-7589 or email [bwrig1@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:bwrig1@lsuhsc.edu)

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**LA LEND Application Cover Page**

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**CONTACT INFORMATION** Date Click here to enter text.

Name Click here to enter text.

Are you legally eligible for employment in the U.S.? Click here to enter text.

Languages Spoken (including ASL) Click here to enter text.

Address Click here to enter text.

Cell Phone Click here to enter text. Alternate Phone Click here to enter text.

E-Mail Click here to enter text. Alternate E-mail Click here to enter text.

Discipline Click here to enter text. Self-Advocate (person with a disability)  Family Member

Gender Choose an item.

Race Choose an item. Other Click here to enter text.

Are you currently a LSU HSC employee? Choose an item.

Are you currently enrolled in a degree program? Choose an item.

If so, which program? Click here to enter text. What University? Click here to enter text.

Are you in the last year of your degree program? Choose an item.

# Please list any accommodations/modifications you need to participate in the program Click here to enter text.

# EDUCATION

Name of College/UniversityClick here to enter text.

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**LA LEND Family Member/Self-Advocate Application**

**Due April 13, 2018**

# DIRECTIONS

Please answer each question with as much detail as you can (limit 5 pages total). Type in your responses and attach to the application packet.

The LA LEND program focuses on **providing family-centered culturally effective** supports and services to children with ASD/NDD and other developmental disabilities and their families.

1. What experiences have you had with **service providers (health care, education, therapies)** and were they family centered and culturally effective?

Click here to enter text.

2. The LA LEND program is designed to support the development of leadership skills that will assist participants in becoming effectively **engaged in positive social change** for people with disabilities and families. **What leadership skills do you hope to develop through this experience and why?**

Click here to enter text.

3. What are your **goals** for participation in the LA LEND program?

Click here to enter text.

4. What should we know about you that is not included in this application packet?

Click here to enter text.

Thank you for your application!