



Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities



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MNLEND Overview

- MNLEND stands for the Minnesota Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities.
- The program's mission is to develop the next generation of knowledgeable, interdisciplinary leaders in the neurodevelopmental disabilities (NDD) field.
- MNLEND is an interdisciplinary leadership training program in policy advocacy, research, and practice. Community fellows complete 320 hours of training, project work during the 10 month program.
- Funded by the U.S. Maternal & Child Health Bureau and housed at the Institute on Community Integration at the University of Minnesota.

MNLEND Components

- Weekly sessions on Thursdays (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) during the University academic year
- Two-day orientation in August
- Clinical site observations
- Individual leadership learning plan and a project developed with the support of MNLEND faculty mentors
- Online and experiential supplemental learning opportunities, conferences
- Present at Hill Day and/or Disability Day at the Capital
- Opportunities to learn from self advocates and families

Who are the fellows?

- University of Minnesota Graduate students, post doctorate students and **outside community professionals, family members, self-advocates**, and others who can demonstrate leadership potential and direct experience in NDD.
- **People from underrepresented and/or underserved communities are strongly encouraged to apply.**
- [This year's fellows](#)

Over 16 disciplines represented:

- Audiology
- Dentistry
- Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics
- Doctorate Nurse Practitioner
- Genetic Counseling
- Neuro/Child Psychology
- Nutrition, Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physical Therapy
- Policy Advocacy
- Public Health
- Self and Family Advocacy
- Social Work
- Special Education
- Speech Language Pathology

MNLEND Benefits

- National networking opportunities - Association of University Centers on Disability
- Lifelong interdisciplinary connections
- Interdisciplinary leadership development
- Experience with policy change
- Optional Disability Policy and Services Graduate Certificate
- Stipend

How to Apply

Applications Dates:

- Opens Oct. 15, 2022
- Closes March 1, 2023

Early Admission Deadline: January 6, 2023

General Admission Deadline: March 1, 2023

More information and to apply: lend.umn.edu

MNLEND Program **CALL FOR APPLICANTS**



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What is MNLEND?
A 10-month interdisciplinary leadership training program in policy advocacy and evidence-based research and practices to develop new leaders to be skilled in systems-thinking, effective in interventions and practices, and able to improve quality of life outcomes for children and youth with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities. Funded by the U.S. Maternal & Child Health Bureau.

Who should apply?
UMN-Twin Cities graduate students, post doctorates, outside community professionals, family members, self-advocates, and others who can demonstrate leadership potential and direct experience in NDD.

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Over 16 disciplines represented, including:
Audiology, Dentistry, Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics (DBP), Doctorate-Nurse Practitioner (DNP), Genetic Counseling, Neuro/Child Psychology, Nutrition, Occupational Therapy, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, Policy Advocacy, Public Health, Self- and Family-Advocacy, Social Work, Special Education, Speech Language Pathology, and other related fields.

Optional Disability Policy and Services Graduate Certificate
MNLEND fellows have the option to enroll in the tuition-based Disability Policy and Services Graduate Certificate. More about this option: z.umn.edu/disability-certificate

Benefits
Generous stipend
National networking opportunities
Lifelong interdisciplinary connections
Interdisciplinary leadership development

More Information and Apply
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MNLEND 2023-24 cohort training runs from late August 2023 until mid-May 2024.

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Questions

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