



## MISSION:

To create leaders in the field of Autism Spectrum and other Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (ASD/ND) through a year-long interdisciplinary training program focusing on leadership development, cultural competence and evidence-based practice

## ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES:

- Currently enrolled graduate students at an accredited institution of higher education at the Master's or Doctorate level
- Professionals employed part or full time whose focus of profession is within one of the Core Disciplines (see box).
- Parents and siblings of individuals with developmental disabilities
- Adults with a diagnosed developmental disability



## CURRICULUM:

- **Didactic Seminars:** presented by experts in the area of ASD representing the 14 Core and Additional Disciplines.
- **Clinical Practica:** Observation and participation in all aspects of care for children with ASD/ND at sites in the greater Houston area.
- **Research:** Individual research project supervised by LEND faculty, resulting in poster presentation at annual LEND conference and potential manuscript preparation.
- **Additional:** Leadership development workshops and team project, conference attendance, interdisciplinary interactions, and a family mentorship experience.



## LEND Core Disciplines:

- Audiology
- Family
- Genetic Counseling
- Health Care Administration
- Medicine (Genetics, Child Neurology & Psychiatry, Developmental Pediatrics, Medical Home)
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology: Assessment and Intervention
- Social Work and Bioethics
- Speech-Language Pathology
- Special Education

## Additional Disciplines:

Advocacy, Bioethics, Cultural Diversity & Competence, Disability Law, Leadership, Public Health, Texas State Service Agencies, Transition to Adulthood

## POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS:

Full-time Post-Graduate Fellowships are available for MD's and certain post-PhD disciplines. Stipends are commensurate with PGY level. Please contact us prior to applying for a Post-Graduate Fellowship.

## TIME:

A one-year program, from July 2016 through June 2017, leading to a certificate upon successful completion. LEND Fellows commit to approximately 20 hours per week.

## STIPEND:

Varies

# SAMPLE CLINICAL PRACTICUM SITES:

## UTHealth Affiliated Clinics

Autism Center at the Children's Learning Institute  
CHOSEN (Chronic Health Oriented Services for Niños)  
Dan L. Duncan Children's Neurodevelopmental Clinic  
Medical Genetics Clinic  
Prenatal Clinic  
UTHealth Pediatric Dental Clinic  
Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic  
CLASS Clinic (Changing Lives through Autism Spectrum Services)  
Developmental Neuropsychology Clinic

## Texas Woman's University

Occupational Therapy Clinics  
Physical Therapy Clinics

## University of Houston Clear Lake

Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities  
Severe Behavior Disorders Clinic  
Verbal Behavior Clinic  
ABA-SKIP Program (joint program with MHMRA)

## Center for Hearing and Speech

Melinda Webb School  
Audiology Clinic  
Speech and Language Clinic

**Plus,** Independent School Districts, Private Schools, Hospital Sites, Sites Focusing on Family, MHMRA of Harris County, Community Clinics, Advocacy Training, and Public Policy



## LEND CORE FACULTY

- Pauline A. Filipek MD, Director, *Child Neurology*
- Michael Assel PhD, *Psychology: Assessment*
- Patricia Bowyer PhD OTR, *Occupational Therapy*
- Eileen Giardino PhD RN FNP, *Nursing*
- Angelo Giardino, MD, PhD, *Health Care Administration*
- Michelle Ivey PhD CCC-SLP, *Speech Language Pathology*
- Dorothea Lerman PhD, *Psychology: Intervention*
- Deborah Pearson PhD, *Child Psychiatry*
- Jose Ramirez MSW LCSW, *Social Work*
- Thomas Schanding PhD, *School Psychology/ Special Education*
- Claire Singletary MS CGC, *Genetic Counseling*
- Cache Steinberg PhD LCSW, *Program Evaluation*
- Loukia Tsami MA, *Family*
- Jennifer Wickesberg AuD, *Audiology*
- Amy Wood Pharm.D. BCOP, *Family*

## LEND INSTRUCTIONAL FACULTY

- Bhavini Acharya BDS MPH, *Pediatric Dentistry*
- Diane Anderson PhD, RD *Nutrition*
- Michelle S. Barratt MD MPH, *Pediatrics, Medical Home*
- Ian Butler MD, *Child Neurology*
- Jonathan Castillo MD MPH FAAP, *Developmental Pediatrics*
- Jack M. Fletcher PhD, *Psychology*
- Jennifer Fritz PhD BCBA-D, *Psychology: Intervention*
- Gerald Goodman MAS MSHA DPH, *Program Evaluation*
- Cathy Guttentag PhD, *Psychology*
- Mary Kay Koenig MD, *Mitochondrial Medicine/ Child Neurology*
- Sarah A. Lechago PhD BCBA-D, *Psychology*
- Venita Lovelace-Chandler PhD RPT, *Physical Therapy*
- Katherine Loveland PhD, *Psychology*
- Pedro Mancias MD, *Child Neurology*
- Hope Northrup MD, *Medical Genetics*
- Maria Quintero PhD, *MHMRA of Harris County*
- Jessica Roberts JD, *Disability Law*
- Sherry Sellers Vinson MD, *Developmental Pediatrics*
- Gretchen Von Allmen MD, *Child Epileptologist*
- Cathryn White EdD, *Special Education*
- Danny Williamson MD, *DB Pediatrics*

**For additional information visit:**

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