



JOIN a nationally-recognized group of trainees and gain valuable experience in the disabilities field through **Utah Regional Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (URLEND)** program.

We are looking for **graduate students** from a variety of health-related disciplines who would like to increase their knowledge and skills in providing services and supports to children with neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families.

Core elements of this project include

- ◆ Interdisciplinary leadership/research project
- ◆ Clinical practicums through Primary Children's, UT; Children's Hospital, CO; and University of Wyoming ECHO
- ◆ Ongoing mentorship with family of a child with special healthcare needs

Benefits of Participation as a Trainee

- ◆ An in-depth look at the legal, social, economic, and cultural factors which influence the provision of services to people with disabilities.
- ◆ An understanding of principles such as inclusion, self-determination, independence, cultural competency, family-centered care, and the medical home model.
- ◆ Opportunities to enhance skills in providing assessments, intervention, and evaluations of services for persons with disabilities and their families; be a member of a research team; assist in disseminating research findings.
- ◆ A fellowship that is nationally recognized by providers for children and youth with special healthcare needs.

Commitments and Expectations

URLEND trainees participate in the interdisciplinary training program on Friday afternoons, via Zoom technology or in-person at the College of Health Sciences over two semesters during the academic year. A stipend or 1/2 time GA is provided, dependent upon discipline.



"The URLEND program has afforded a valuable opportunity to develop leadership skills and to connect with professionals in many different disciplines. The faculty, family mentors, and fellow participants have been instrumental in deepening my knowledge and understanding of the challenges faced and overcome by families with children with special healthcare needs. I am a better public administrator and citizen because of the URLEND program."

Apply for Fall 2021

For more information and application materials for Fall 2021, please contact:

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The following materials will need to be submitted as part of your application:

1. Current CV
2. Two letters of support from supervisors or colleagues that address the URLEND criteria with an emphasis on both the applicant's experience and potential leadership abilities in the field of ND/ASD.
3. Copies of your transcripts (unofficial copies are fine)
4. Letter of application (limited to 2 pages) that includes information on the following:
 - a. Leadership in professional roles, academics, community, etc.
 - b. Examples of initiative in academic, clinical, or research work;
 - c. Discussion of previous experience in the field of Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities / Autism Spectrum Disorders (ND/ASD) and/or current interest in this field;
 - d. Discussion of system needs related to youth and families with disabilities and areas for improvement;
 - e. Leadership goals in the field of ND/ASD and public health.
 - f. A description of how the trainee will complete approximately 100 clinical/community engagement hours with estimated times available each semester.
5. Applicants to the URLEND GA/Trainee position should keep in mind that special permission for externship/ community placement supervisors will be required, and extended time in externship placements may be required.

Final applications are due March 26, 2021 and will need to be submitted directly to our lead admission faculty Gretchen Peacock as noted on the website: <http://www.urlend.org/admission/>.