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Mid-Tennessee Interdisciplinary Instruction in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities is a Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Program.

The MIND Training Program is accepting applications for masters, doctoral, and postdoctoral students to participate in advanced leadership and interdisciplinary clinical training designed to improve the health status of infants, children, and adolescents with or at risk for neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families.

MIND Program trainees represent the fields of:

- Audiology
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational Therapy
- Pediatrics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Physical Therapy
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Special Education
- Speech-Language Pathology

The competency-based curricula provide a knowledge and experience base that includes:

- Neurodevelopmental and related disabilities
- Family-centered, culturally competent care
- Advocacy
- Leadership skills

Educational experiences include:

- Course work
- Development of intradisciplinary and interdisciplinary skills
- A family mentorship experience
- Research
- Outreach to the community
- Technical assistance
- Continuing education
- Product development and dissemination

Trainees receive financial support totaling \$10,000 in the form of tuition payment or monthly stipend. In addition, trainees receive up to an additional \$1,800 for professional travel. Applications are due May 1 for the following school year.

MIND is part of a national network of Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) training programs funded by HRSA, Maternal and Child Health Bureau.



The program is administered through the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center and collaborates closely with the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics, Division of Developmental Medicine and Cognition; and the Vanderbilt Bill Wilkerson Center, Department of Hearing and Speech Sciences.

The MIND Training Program at Vanderbilt collaborates with the following colleges, universities, and community agencies:

- Belmont University (Occupational Therapy)
- Meharry Medical College (Pediatric Dentistry)
- Tennessee State University (Physical Therapy)
- Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities
- Tennessee Disability Coalition (Family Voices)
- University of Tennessee, Nashville (Social Work)

For questions and information on application requirements, please contact the LEND Program Coordinator, Pam Grau, at (615) 936-1104 or pam.grau@vanderbilt.edu

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