



Occupational Therapy Traineeship 2021-22

JFK Partners, Colorado's University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service (UCEDD) and Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Program is offering an Occupational Therapy Traineeship **to begin July 1, 2021.**

The training emphasizes an interdisciplinary approach to research, assessment, and intervention, family support, service coordination, and community integration to meet the needs of persons with developmental disabilities. The goals of the training program include development of disciplinary and interdisciplinary expertise, leadership and consultation skills, research skills and clinical growth. It is a training that is focused on the pediatric population.

The Occupational Therapy trainee participates in interdisciplinary evaluations, interventions and consultation with children with a wide range of developmental disabilities including individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder. These clinical duties are conducted in a hospital outpatient clinical setting (Developmental Pediatrics at Children's Colorado Hospital) and also in early intervention (ENRICH at University of Colorado). The trainee also attends courses offered by JFK Partners and is expected to pursue a scholarly project in developmental disabilities.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have completed a master's or doctoral degree in Occupational Therapy.
- It is preferred that the applicant have a NBCOT registered OT license in Colorado at the time of the traineeship start date; however, this is not required. A passing score on the NBCOT is required.
- Candidates will be considered who are licensed or eligible to become licensed in the state of Colorado.
- Candidates who have a strong interest in Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or early intervention are encouraged to apply.
- Candidates must also have a state-issued driver's license, car insurance and reliable car transportation to complete some clinical early intervention duties.
- Only candidates with US citizenship can be considered.

JFK Partners is committed to the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty, staff and trainees to enrich the training environment and better prepare professionals and advocates to promote health equity, wellness, and reduced disparities. We have had challenges recruiting trainees that match the racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity of Colorado. It is a priority to JFK Partners to increase representation of the workforce so it reflects the community we serve. Bilingual Spanish-speaking applicants, in addition to those with racial, ethnic and cultural diversity are encouraged to apply.

Program Description: The Occupational Therapy trainee typically completes 25% of their time in coursework and 75% in specialized clinical training (assessment, treatment, consultation) for individuals with Developmental Disabilities, with an emphasis on Autism Spectrum Disorder. The traineeship includes clinical duties as a licensed occupational therapist on a supportive transdisciplinary early intervention team.

Support: A stipend for this master's level position is \$3,000-3,500/month with health care benefits. Mileage reimbursement for early intervention services is reimbursed. Tuition for course credit is not provided above the stipend amount.

This position and funding are contingent upon JFK Partners receiving grant funding. JFK Partners is applying for a competing renewal in 2021, so letters of offer cannot be made until the award is received.

Application: Our application requires the submission of the following documents:

1. Cover Letter/Statement of Interest - Please include answers to the following questions:
 - Describe why training at JFK Partners interests you.
 - Have you had any experience elsewhere with Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) training?
 - Describe past experiences related to working with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder or other neurodevelopmental disabilities.
 - Describe your interest in working with this population.
 - How does advanced training in neurodevelopmental disabilities fit with your future professional plans?
2. Graduate School transcript
3. Resume or CV
4. Three (3) letters of recommendation from faculty or supervisors familiar with your interests and work relevant to this training

The deadline for receipt of materials is **Apr 1, 2021**. Please send materials to: Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, at Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu.

Please contact Please contact Melissa Argenti, MOTR/L Discipline Director or Christine Cook with any questions.

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