



JFK Partners

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO  
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## Occupational Therapy Traineeship

2022-23

**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, 2022 and end June 30, 2023.**

The purpose of the LEND program is to improve the health and well-being of individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities by preparing an interdisciplinary cadre of professionals to take leadership roles in providing services, improving systems of care, and building inclusive communities for these individuals and their families.

### 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 must be licensed or eligible to become licensed in the state of Colorado.
- Candidates who have a strong interest in autism and other developmental disabilities 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.
- The trainee receiving a stipend must be a citizen or a non-citizen national of the United States or have been lawfully admitted for permanent residence, as evidenced by a currently valid Permanent Resident Card [USCIS Form I-551] or other legal verification of such status, by the start of the training grant. A non-citizen national is a person who, although not a citizen of the United States, owes permanent allegiance to the United States.

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, social equality, and reduced disparities. While we have had challenges recruiting trainees that match Colorado's racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity, it is a priority for JFK Partners to increase workforce representation to reflect the community we serve. Bilingual Spanish-speaking applicants, in addition to those with historically underrepresented racial, ethnic, and cultural identities are encouraged to apply.

**Program Description:** The Occupational Therapy trainee typically completes 20% of their time in coursework and 80% in specialized clinical training (assessment, treatment, consultation) for a wide range of persons with developmental disabilities with an emphasis on working with individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. These clinical duties are conducted in a hospital outpatient clinical setting (Developmental Pediatrics at Children's Hospital Colorado) and in early intervention (ENRICH Early Intervention Team in homes and other community settings). The trainee also attends courses offered by JFK Partners and is expected to complete a scholarly project in developmental disabilities.

Due to the COVID pandemic, many of these clinical and course duties are conducted remotely, depending on COVID rates, patient's health, etc. However, on-site duties are also required, thus it's necessary for the trainee

to live within the Denver/Aurora metro area. Flexibility to deliver hybrid clinical duties (in person and remote) is now considered a skill set and will be encouraged. Mentorship will also be provided.

**Courses:**

- CLSC 6661 – Leadership Dialogues 1 (Summer)
- CLSC 6662 – Leadership Dialogues 2: Policy & Advocacy (Spring)
- CLSC 6653/6654 – Key Concepts in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (Fall/Spring)
- CLSC 6668 – Screening & Assessment of Children/Youth with ASD/DD (Fall)
- CLSC 6663 – Intervention for Children/Youth with ASD/DD (Spring)

**Support:** A stipend of \$3,750/mo for this full-time, master’s level position plus health care benefits is available. Mileage for early intervention services is reimbursed. Courses completed during the training are eligible to be considered as electives for the [MPH in Maternal and Child Health](#). Tuition for course credit is not provided above the stipend amount. Trainees who wish to receive credit need to apply to be a Non-Degree Seeking Graduate Student with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, register, and pay for the courses.

This position and funding are contingent upon JFK Partners receiving grant funding. This position is funded by a grant from the Administration for Community Living, University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), Award # 90DDUC0014-05-00, July 1, 2017-June 30, 2022. JFK Partners is applying for a competing renewal in 2022 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 with Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) training? If so, which program?
  - Describe past experiences related to working with individuals with autism or other developmental disabilities (ASD/DD) and your interest in working with this population.
  - Describe why early intervention interests you.
  - Are you a family member of an individual with ASD/DD? (Disclose to your comfort.)
  - Describe any coursework and/or professional or volunteer experiences with policy or advocacy.
  - How does advanced training in neurodevelopmental disabilities fit with your future professional plans?
2. Graduate School transcript (Unofficial)
3. Resume or Curriculum Vita (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 **May 1, 2022**. Please send materials to: Christine Cook, Training Coordinator, at [Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu](mailto:Christine.Cook@cuanschutz.edu).

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