



JFK Partners

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## Occupational Therapy Fellowship

2024-25

**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 a full-time, 12-month Occupational Therapy Traineeship **to begin July 1, 2024.**

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.

### Occupational Therapy Fellows will:

- acquire an understanding of the roles of various disciplines that serve individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
- understand the perspectives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families
- explore community resources
- learn about disability legislation and systems
- complete and share a scholarly project related to their career goals

### 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.
- Only candidates with U.S. citizenship may be considered, based on funding agency requirement.

All courses and clinical/community observations will be in-person to gain the most from the interdisciplinary cohort, however it may be required to complete certain classes or observations online. For this reason, applicants need to have access to a computer and a reliable internet connection. Please notify us in your application if this is a barrier to your participation.

**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.

**Fellowship experiences include:**

- Weekly mentorship
- Coursework in Leadership (daily Aug 5-9 and Aug 12-16, 2024 from 1:00-4:00 pm)
- Coursework in Key Concepts in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (Tues 8:15-10:15 AM Sept-Apr)
- Coursework in Policy/Advocacy (Five Tues didactic sessions 10:30-12:30 Jan-Mar and IDD Awareness Day at Colorado Capitol)
- Coursework in Screening & Assessment of Children/Youth with ASD/DD (Tues 1:10-3:30 PM Sep-Dec)
- Coursework in Intervention for Children/Youth with ASD/DD (Tues 1:10-3:30 PM Jan-Apr)
- Attendance at the Annual JFK Partners Autism Conference (Oct)

**Support:** A stipend of **\$4,125/mo** for this full-time, master's level position **plus** health care benefits is available. Mileage for early intervention services is reimbursed.

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 # 90DDUC0106-01-00, July 1, 2022-June 30, 2027.

**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.
  - 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

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.

The deadline for receipt of materials is **March 15, 2024**. 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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