

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP/TRAINEESHIP
Vermont Interdisciplinary Leadership Education for Health Professionals Program
(VT-ILEHP PROGRAM)
(revised 11-6-08)

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased that you are interested in applying for advanced study in Interdisciplinary Leadership Education through the VT-ILEHP Program. The purpose of the program is to prepare culturally competent, family-centered and community-based leadership professionals to improve the health of infants, children and adolescents, with or at risk for, neurodevelopmental and related disabilities and their families. Advanced masters or doctoral students and community professionals who have completed the basic professional level of training in their discipline are encouraged to apply. We encourage those community professionals participating in regional Children's Integrated Services (CIS) teams who would like to expand their knowledge and skill in differential diagnosis and evidence-based intervention in autism spectrum disorders (ASD) to apply.

The following disciplines are eligible to apply for funding through our MCHB grant for 2009-2010: medicine/pediatrics; nursing, physical therapy; occupational therapy; speech-language pathology; audiology; social work; psychology; nutrition; special education; early intervention; and, family support. A stipend of \$6,275.00 and 6 tuition credits (for a 12 hour a week commitment) or a stipend of \$10,386.00 and 6 tuition credits (for a 20 hour a week commitment) is available for each of the fellowships/traineeships awarded through the VT-ILEHP Program. A different level of support is available for doctoral level, postdoctoral and post-residency fellows in pediatrics with additional requirements to be met.

Please read the requirements listed below carefully. Review of applications will begin **February 15, 2009**. Interested applicants are urged to apply early. Please send all application materials to:

Kerstin Hanson, Program Assistant
VT-ILEHP Program
University of Vermont
477 RE4 (UHC 4th Floor room 4318)
1 So. Prospect Street
Burlington, VT 05401

REQUIREMENTS:

1. To assure discipline specific clinical competence, each of the core faculty and their departments have identified minimum requirements for the selection of fellows/trainees in their discipline to participate in the VT-ILEHP Program. Please contact the core faculty member from your discipline before submitting an application:

Stephen Contompasis	Pediatrics & Program Director	656-3187
Jean Beatson	Nursing & Clinical Director	656-4291
Debbie O'Rourke	Physical Therapy	656-3252
Peggy Sands	Physical Therapy	656-0204

Marie-Christine Potvin	Occupational Therapy	656-1132
Patricia Prelock	Training Director	656-2529
Mary Alice Favro	Speech-Language	656-0200
Marty Dewees	Social Work	656-1343
Jim Calhoun	Psychology	888-6723
Dorigen Keeney	Nutrition	865-0255 (Ext. 113)
Susan Willis	Nutrition	656-0204
Julianne Nickerson	Family Support	764-5290

2. Submit 2 letters of recommendation from faculty or colleagues in your discipline that address the following criteria required for participation in the VT-ILEHP Program:

Your

- Discipline-specific expertise including your experience with individuals with a variety of neurodevelopmental disabilities
- Interest in maternal and child health issues & related programs or agencies
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Experience with diverse populations
- Leadership experience
- Versatility, adaptability & flexibility
- Interest in teaching and research
- Experience working with teams and families

3. Submit a letter from one of the following: a clinical supervisor, community professional, or a family member of a child with neurodevelopmental and related disabilities.

4. Submit a one to two page typed essay explaining your reasons for wanting to participate in the VT-ILEHP Program, including any clinical experience related to maternal and child health issues and/or infants, children and adolescents with neurodevelopmental disabilities. It would be important to highlight your career goals and how they are compatible with Maternal and Child Health issues. For those specifically interested in differential diagnosis and evidence-based interventions for young children with ASD, please indicate this in your essay, including previous experience with this population.

5. Submit a copy of your academic transcripts & highlight the professional courses you have completed in your discipline as well as any related courses in collaborative teaming, family issues, public health policy, children with developmental disabilities, cultural competence, or other maternal and child health issues.

7. Complete the attached application form.

The Management Team (Program, Training & Clinical Directors) and the VT-ILEHP Faculty Member in the applicant's discipline will request an interview. Please be sure to include an accurate daytime phone number as well as an e-mail address so that arrangements for an interview can be made.

APPLICATION FORM

Vermont Interdisciplinary Leadership Education for Health Professionals Program
Fellowships/Traineeships

NAME: _____

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

DISCIPLINE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ (daytime)
_____ (evening)

E-MAIL: _____

EDUCATION: (include all undergraduate & graduate degrees)

Major	Degree	Institution	Year
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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CURRENT POSITION: _____

Please describe your current responsibilities:

RELATED CLINICAL/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

REFERENCES:
1. Name: _____ Phone: _____
2. Name: _____ Phone: _____