Vermont LEND at a Glance!

Twelve Important Things to Know about VT LEND

1. It is a 9-month college program
2. It is okay if you never went to college. You can still apply.
3. You do the program remotely (on your computer)
4. The class is small. There are only 12 students each year.
5. There is a staff person called an Education Coach. They can work with you to help with understanding.
6. There is homework each week. We give out a short summary of everything you need to read.
7. There are no tests. You will need to write comments about what you read. You will write some papers and do a group project.
8. The class meets together 10 times during the year. You will meet with your faculty mentor twice each month.
9. There is an opportunity to go to a National Conference (AUCD Conference). Some years we travel and sometimes it is online.
10. VT LEND does not cost any money.
11. You will earn a stipend.
12. We really want self-advocates to do the VT LEND program!
VT LEND may be right for you if:

- You want to **make systems work better** for people with **disabilities** and their **families**.
- You want to be more **culturally responsive** and **person/family centered** in your work and community.
- You want to **learn how to speak up** for change.
- You are interested in **learning more about neurodevelopmental disabilities** including autism.
- You want to be a **leader**.
- You are a **graduate student, community professional, self-advocate** and/or **family member** of a child with a disability.

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