

Professional Training at Kennedy Krieger Institute

Who We Are

At Kennedy Krieger Institute, training is a core component of our mission. Our comprehensive training opportunities help turn the next generation of specialists in neurological and developmental disabilities into leaders who will make substantial contributions to their field.

Every year, a diverse group of more than 400 people come to Kennedy Krieger to take advantage of our training programs. The combination of in-depth, hands-on, clinical experience and innovative research supports trainees as they embark on pursuing careers that seek to promote the health of children and adolescents around the world.

Why Train Here

Kennedy Krieger training opportunities are designed to create expertise through exposure to the full spectrum of developmental disabilities. Training is interdisciplinary, with a family centered approach that takes into account the cultural and linguistic needs of our patients. Professionals who train at Kennedy Krieger go on to assume leadership positions across the United States.

The Institute's proximity to The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine—and the status of many Kennedy Krieger staff members as Johns Hopkins faculty—allows for partnerships with other training programs.

In addition to our affiliation with Johns Hopkins, the Institute maintains formal training agreements with 24 colleges, universities, and teaching hospitals in Maryland and Washington, D.C., along with 64 colleges, universities, and teaching hospitals in other states. Kennedy



Krieger Institute has established numerous informal affiliations that grant academic credit to students who train at the Institute.

Our Training Experiences

Training opportunities can range in length, from one semester to four years. Professionals from all academic levels come to train with renowned experts from a variety of pediatric disciplines including:

- Audiology
- Genetics
- Health administration
- Neurodevelopmental medicine
- Neurology
- Nursing
- Nutrition
- Occupational therapy

We are all born with great potential.
Shouldn't we all have the chance to achieve it?



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- Rehabilitation medicine
- Pediatrics
- Physical therapy
- Psychiatry
- Psychology (behavioral and neuropsychology)
- Social work
- Special education
- Speech language pathology
- Spinal cord injury

Because many of our clinicians are also researchers, they understand the need for new treatment models and therapies that swiftly translate to patient care. Qualified trainees receive mentorship in research techniques through Kennedy Krieger's Hugo Moser Research Laboratories and F.M. Kirby Center, along with our movement, genetics, and bioinformatics laboratories.

Opportunities Focused on Underrepresented Communities

An important part of our work is improving care and education for underrepresented communities. To that end, the Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities (LEND) program at Kennedy Krieger Institute prepares trainees from a wide variety of professional disciplines to assume leadership roles and to ensure high levels of interdisciplinary clinical competence in underrepresented minority groups.

LEND training is provided to those in disciplines that include audiology, behavioral psychology, genetic counseling, health administration, medicine, nursing, nutrition, occupational therapy, physical therapy, neuropsychology, social work, special education, and speech-language pathology. A distance learning course is being developed to enable parents of children with developmental disabilities to benefit from LEND training.

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