

NAME: HANNA SHEKARI

DISCIPLINE: PHYSICAL THERAPY

Past/current experiences working in the field of disabilities:

While I haven't had a lot of experience in working in the field of disabilities, I did have the opportunity to interact with patients during my tenure as an aide in an outpatient orthopedic clinic. Although my exposure was limited, it sparked my interest to seek out this field and expand my knowledge in this area.

Goals for your LEND training experience:

A goal that I have is to cultivate a comprehensive understanding of the complex challenges that individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities and their families face, and to contribute effectively to their well-being and inclusivity within our communities. Another goal of mine is to engage with a multidisciplinary team and collaborate with professionals from diverse backgrounds to enhance my knowledge and skills.

What you wish to contribute, in the future, as an advocate/professional/family member in the field:

Once I become a licensed physical therapist in the near future and having gained extensive knowledge and experience from the IL LEND program, my dedication will lie in promoting inclusivity, advocating for accessible healthcare, and ultimately enhancing the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and their families.