

NAME: CRISTINA CERDA

DISCIPLINE: PHYSICAL THERAPY

Past/current experiences working in the field of disabilities:

I have had minimal experiences in working in the field of disabilities. I recently had the opportunity to have my first clinical at Luries Children's Hospital where I was able to work with a few children with ASD and Down's Syndrome. I do have personal experience with neurodevelopmental disabilities, having one myself which drives me to want to help these communities.

Goals for your LEND training experience:

My goal is to learn more about the programs that are available for minorities and families with disabilities to give them the resources for a high quality of life. I hope to learn more about family centered care to give patients the best possible care and to be able to educate the family on the importance of what we do.

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

I hope to constantly be an advocate for minorities, especially those who are first generation and may not know of all the resources available. I hope to bring equity to these populations in the health field to give them the treatment they need including translation services.