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EDUCATION

Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions

Doctorate of Speech-Language Pathology, Provo, Utah

Anticipated Graduation: May 2025

Capstone: The Effect of PROMPT Techniques on Articulation in Young Children

Jackson State University

Master of Science in Communication Disorders, Jackson, Mississippi

Graduation: May 2015

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

- ASHA Certification of Clinical Competency
- Active GA state license
- CPR certification
- Hanen Certified- More than words
- PECS Level 1 Certified
- PROMPT Level 1- Training
- PROMPT Practicum
- Hippotherapy Level 1- Training
- DIR Floortime Level-1 Training
- SOS Feeding
- Talk Tools
- Michelle Garcia Winner's Social Thinking Methodology
- Clinical Fellow Supervisor
- Graduate Student Mentor

RESEARCH INTRESTS

- Motor Speech Disorders
- Childhood Apraxia of Speech
- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Down Syndrome
- Pediatric Dysphagia

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Candidate, *Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions, Provo, UT.*

August 2022-Present

- Capstone: The Effect of PROMPT Techniques on Articulation in Young Children

Research Assistant, *Emory University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Atlanta, GA.*

August 2007 – March 2009

- Project: Improving Pediatric Asthma Management for Urban Families (Project ASPIRE)
- Project: Preventing Suicidal Behavior in Abused Black Women (The NIA Project)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Clinical Coordinator, Department of Communicative Disorders

Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

October 2024 – Present

- Places graduate students in diverse clinical settings (schools, hospitals, private practices, rehabilitation centers).
- Builds and maintains relationships with external clinical sites and supervisors.
- Monitors student clinical progress and ensures completion of required hours.
- Provides mentorship to students throughout clinical experiences.

Speech-Language Pathologist (CEO)

Exceptional Speech Therapy, Decatur, GA

June 2022 – Present

- Provides clinic-based services for children birth-3 with receptive/expressive language deficits and phonological disorders.
- Provides interdisciplinary support to ABA technicians, early interventionists, and occupational therapists.

School-Based Speech-Language Pathologist

Comprehensive Therapy Consultants, Fayetteville, GA

October 2023 – October 2024

- Developed and implement individualized therapy plans for fluency, articulation disorders, expressive language delays, and social pragmatic delays.
- Provided interventions for students with autism, Down syndrome, and speech-language impairments (SLI).
- Adapted therapy for non-verbal students using augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) methods.
- Collaborated with teachers, parents, and other professionals to integrate therapy goals into educational plans.

Speech-Language Pathologist

Village Pathways, Lawrenceville, GA

June 2022 – October 2024

- Provided clinic-based remediation of receptive/expressive language deficits, social communication impairments, and phonological disorders in children birth-3.
- Provided parent and family mentoring in language stimulation techniques.
- Collaborated with physical therapists, ABA technicians, and occupational therapists.
- Provided intervention for children with feeding deficits associated with behavioral and physical impairments.

Speech-Language Pathologist

Ideal Therapy, LLC, Riverdale, GA

August 2021 – June 2022

- Delivered tele-therapy services to patients ranging from birth to adulthood.
- Addressed a full range of communication disorders, including articulation, fluency, voice, cognitive, and swallowing issues.
- Collaborated with physical and occupational therapists, as well as ABA professionals, to create treatment programs tailored to individual patient needs.

Contract Speech-Language Pathologist

360 Degree Customer, Inc., San Jose, CA

April 2019 – July 2021

- Provided speech-language services to Pre-K through middle school students, including those with autism.

- Managed a broad range of communication disorders, including articulation, fluency, voice, and swallowing disorders.
- Participated in and conducted IEP meetings and assessments to determine student needs.
- Collaborated with multidisciplinary teams, including teachers, OTs, school psychologists, and audiologists, to design and implement treatment programs.

Per Diem Speech-Language Pathologist

San Jose Healthcare & Wellness Center, San Jose, CA

February 2017 – July 2021

- Delivered skilled speech therapy services in a skilled nursing facility.
- Conducted assessments, interventions, and caregiver education for dysphagia, aphasia, apraxia, dysarthria, and cognitive deficits.
- Collaborated with an interdisciplinary team approach consisting of physicians, nurses, rehabilitation staff, and social services to ensure comprehensive patient care and safe discharge planning.

Speech-Language Pathologist

A is for Apple, Inc., San Jose, CA

August 2015 – May 2018

- Provided clinic-based remediation for children birth-3 with receptive/expressive language deficits, social communication impairments, and phonological disorders.
- Mentored parents and families on language stimulation techniques.
- Worked collaboratively with applied behavior analysis technicians, early interventionists, and occupational therapists.

GRADUATE CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Clinician

Tara Therapy at Lakeland Nursing and Rehabilitation, Jackson, MS

January 2015 – April 2015

- Treated adult patients with language, articulation, cognitive, and swallowing deficits.
- Educated nursing staff on feeding procedures and provided consultations for family and caregivers.
- Prepared long-term and short-term goals for patients.

Graduate Student Clinician

Baptist Adult Daycare, Clinton, MS

May 2014 – July 2014

- Treated patients with cognitive, language, voice, and swallowing deficits.
- Developed and implemented low-tech AAC devices.
- Provided communication strategy education to staff and caregivers.

Graduate Student Clinician

Beyond Therapy Pediatric Group, Ridgeland, MS

January 2014 – April 2014

- Evaluated and treated infants and toddlers with congenital disorders and various communication impairments (articulation, fluency, swallowing, etc.).
- Gained experience in treating children with disorders such as Trisomy 21, Trisomy 18, autism, and Pallister-Killian Syndrome.

Graduate Student Clinician

Central Mississippi Speech Language and Hearing Clinic, Jackson, MS

August 2013 – July 2014

- Treated children aged 4-10 with fluency, language, cognitive, and articulation disorders.
- Evaluated children using standardized tests and developed diagnostic reports.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Secretary, National Coalition of Black 100 Women (NCBW), Inc., Lithonia, GA.

September 2024 – Present

- Provide administrative support for the organization, managing communications, meeting minutes, and scheduling.
- Assists in planning and organizing events promoting leadership development and gender equity for Black women and girls.
- Advocates for initiatives focused on health, education, and economic empowerment in underserved communities.

Volunteer, ImPower Church, Community Service, Atlanta, GA.

August 2022 – Present

- Collects and donates clothes for adults and children.
- Prepares and serves food for community members.
- Provides community resources for disenfranchised individuals.

Volunteer, Autism Speaks, Atlanta, GA.

August 2021-Present

- in yearly Autism Walks to raise awareness in the community.
- Fundraise and collects money.

Member, National Coalition of Negro Women (NCNW), Inc., San Jose, CA.

May 2019-Present

- Assists with developing educational projects for the community.
- Volunteers in virtual conferences and meetings.

Member, National Black Association of Speech-Language and Hearing (NBASLH)

May 2015 – Present

- Mentor students.
- Attends and volunteers in national conventions.

Member, American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA)

August 2015-Present

- Current Certificate of Clinical Competence holder
- Member of ASHA's Special Interest Groups

Student Representative, National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing (NBASLH)

August 2013 – August 2015

- Provided mentorship to prospective and current graduate students.
- Attended national conferences.
- Conducted student and mentor luncheons and forums during conferences.

President, *National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA)*, Jackson, MS.

August 2013 – August 2014

- Participated in community service activities
- Collaborated with other students and professionals in the field.