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RESUME

Education

Communicative Disorders Assistant (CDA), September 2018 –August 2019
Ontario College Graduate Certificate
Georgian College, Barrie, ON

Honours Bachelor of Arts in Speech Language Sciences, September 2014 –April 2018
Applied Linguistics
Brock University, St. Catharines, ON

Relevant Employment and Volunteer Experience

Communicative Disorders Assistant September 2022- Current
SL Hunter Speechworks

- Provide direct 1:1, small group and virtual therapy sessions at various clinic locations under the supervision of Speech-Language pathologists (SLPs). Formulate accurate clinical documentation, collaborate, and consult with supervising SLPs and other relevant team members in the client’s circle of care. Create and develop therapy materials. Provide families with resources, information, and home programs. Assist with parent and client workshops.
- Travel to First Nation communities to provide speech and language services.
- Volunteer coordinator and social medial coordinator.

Communicative Disorders Assistant March 2021-Current
Aim to Communicate, Mississauga, ON

- Work under the supervision of a Speech-Language Therapist.
- Material preparation, lesson plan and direct 1:1 therapy with children of all ages at their homes, day cares, schools, as well as virtual.

Communicative Disorders Assistant August 2021- August 2022
Halton District School Board

- Implement individual, small group and whole class speech, language, group readiness, play skill development and early literacy programs.
- Observe and document student progress toward meeting established goals and report this information to the Speech-Language Pathologist.
- Use student-specific knowledge related to communication, literacy and speech-language best practices, to assist students to transition between specialized programs e.g., Structured Learning Classes (SLC) or to return to a regular class placement.

Communicative Disorders Assistant August 2019- February 2020
Union Hearing Aid Center, Toronto, ON

- Work under supervision of Hearing Instrument Specialists and Audiologists.
- Assist in all clinical tasks such as hearing screenings, programming and verification of hearing aids, troubleshooting of walk in patient concerns as well as performing

administrative tasks such as processing of new orders and repairs. Verification of repairs once back from manufacturer repair. Assist with Ear Scanning technology. Also worked in administrative duties with general telephone inquiries, hearing aid repairs, hearing aid related purchases in person, on the phone or by email.

Communicative Disorders Assistant Clinical Placement May 2019- August 2019
Harmonize for Speech, Hearing and Language Clinic
Georgian College, Barrie, ON

- Direct client 1:1 therapy under the supervision of an SLP for preschool and school aged children. Worked on material preparation, lesson plans for therapy and maintained documentation up to date.

Communicative Disorders Assistant Practicum 2 March 2019-April 2019
Monarch House, Oakville, ON

- Assisting with material preparations, lesson plans and therapy screenings under the supervision of a mentor CDA and certified SLP. Direct client 1:1 therapy with school aged children. Aphasia group preparation and lead as well as work on AAC low tech devices. Collaborated with inter-professional team to educate clients and family members about aphasia.

Communicative Disorders Assistant Practicum 1 January 2019-February 2019
Bridgepoint Hospital, Toronto, ON

- Work under multiple units. Assisting with material preparations and lesson plans. Direct patient 1:1 therapy with ABI patients as well as some neurodegenerative. Supporting and running an Aphasia group. Helping with Dementia and neurodegenerative units. Providing hearing aid rounds to patients throughout the hospital. Collaborated with inter-professional teams to meet the needs of patients.

Communicative Disorders Assistant Clinical Placement October 2018-December 2018
Harmonize for Speech, Hearing and Language Clinic,
Georgian College, Barrie, ON

- Perform Audiological screenings under the supervision of an Audiologist, preparation of materials, gathering patient background information and documentation.

Professional Development

Communicative Disorders Assistant Association of Canada (CDAAC) February 2022
CDAAC Membership ID number: 19-046

Speech-Language and Audiology Canada (SAC) March 2022
SAC Membership ID number: 20504

Special Skills

Speak/read/write fluently in English and Spanish