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Education:

Master of Arts in Communication Sciences and Disorders September 2021 – May 2023
University of Maine, Orono, Maine

- Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Part-Time Continuing Student June 2020 – December 2020
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Honours Bachelor of Applied Science in Human Behaviour September 2016 – June 2020
McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

- Dean's Honour List

Research Experience:

University of Maine – Master's Thesis October 2021 – May 2023

- Investigated the relationship between social cognition and social behaviour in young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder – Level 1.
- Implemented the UCLA PEERS® for Young Adults social skill program as intervention.
- Administered and scored written social cognition assessments and conversational role plays at pre-intervention, post-intervention, and maintenance timepoints.
- Supervised by Dr. Jane Puhlman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, and Dr. Sarah Howorth, Ph.D., BCBA-D

University of Maine – Research Assistant June 2022 – September 2022

- Read and coded research articles for a scoping review project on verbal narrative production in deaf and hard of hearing children.
- Supervised by Dr. Jane Puhlman, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Clinical Experience:

Speech Language Pathologist September 2023 – Present
Burlington, Ontario

S.L. Hunter SpeechWorks

- Provide speech-language assessment and treatment services to preschool and school-age children in the areas of articulation, phonology, social communication, language, literacy, and AAC.
- Provide cognitive communication treatment services to adults with acquired brain injury.

- Experience working with individuals with complex diagnoses including Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and Down Syndrome.
- Work collaboratively with families and other service providers to ensure culturally appropriate and client/family-centered practice.
- Supervision of Communicative Disorders Assistants.

Speech Language Pathology Assistant

June 2023 – September 2023

Burlington, Ontario

S.L. Hunter SpeechWorks

- Provide speech-language assessment and treatment services to preschool and school-age children in the areas of articulation, phonology, social communication, language, and literacy under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist.

Graduate Student Clinician

March 2023 – May 2023

Bangor, Maine

Stillwater HealthCare

- Provided speech-language and cognitive communication treatment and assessment services to adult patients.
- Provided dysphagia treatment services to adults with oral dysphagia, oropharyngeal dysphagia, and pharyngeal dysphagia.
- Gained experience working with individuals with traumatic brain injury, stroke, Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, and Multiple Sclerosis.

Graduate Student Clinician

September 2021 – May 2023

University of Maine

Conley Speech Language & Hearing Center

- Provided speech-language and cognitive-linguistic treatment services to a caseload of eight clients including preschool-age, school-age, adolescent, and adult clients.
- Provided speech-language, cognitive-linguistic, and voice assessment services to preschool age, school-age, adolescent, and adult clients.
- Provided speech-language and hearing screening services to preschool-age and school-age children in local schools.
- Gained experience working with individuals with language delays, articulation delays, phonological disorders, fluency disorders, literacy disorders, cognitive impairment, and dysphonia.
- Gained experience providing gender affirming assessment services.
- Observed audiologic assessment and treatment in pediatric and adult populations with hearing loss with a certified Audiologist.

Graduate Student Clinician

September 2022 – December 2022

Dixmont, Maine & Nokomis, Maine

Etna-Dixmont Elementary School & Nokomis Regional High School

- Provided speech-language treatment services to a caseload of 31 students including preschool-age, school-age, and adolescent students.
- Provided speech-language treatment services within a Response to Intervention (RTI) framework.
- Gained experience with expressive language delays, receptive language delays, articulation delays, phonological disorders, fluency disorders, alternative and augmentative communication (AAC).
- Gained experience working with individuals with ASD, Down Syndrome, Prader Willi Syndrome, Spinocerebellar Degeneration, and Hurler Syndrome in special education life skills classrooms.
- Discussed student evaluations, strengths, needs, treatment goals, and treatment progress in Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings.

Graduate Student Clinician

June 2022 – July 2022

Waterville, Maine

MaineGeneral Health Outpatient Rehabilitation

- Provided speech-language and cognitive-linguistic treatment services to adults with aphasia, dysarthria, and cognitive communication impairments.
- Provided voice treatment services to adults with dysphonia, vocal cord dysfunction, vocal cord paralysis, chronic cough and throat clearing.
- Provided dysphagia treatment services to adults with oral dysphagia, oropharyngeal dysphagia, and pharyngeal dysphagia.
- Provided cognitive-linguistic treatment services to one school-aged child with a cerebellar brain tumor.
- Gained experience working with individuals with head/neck cancer, traumatic brain injury, stroke, Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis.
- Observed two videostroboscopy assessments.

Related Work Experience:

Graduate Assistant

September 2022 – May 2023

Orono, Maine

Maine Access to Inclusive Educational Resources

- Coordinated professional development webinars and created professional development toolkits.
- Coordinated communities of practice and family/community outreach activities.
- Updated social media platforms, website, and resource hubs.

Instructor Therapist

September 2020 – August 2021

Hamilton, Ontario

Behaviour Innovations

- Provided one-on-one intensive behaviour intervention to children with ASD
- Implemented therapeutic tasks and programs based on applied behavioural analysis principles.
- Conducted behaviour management according to client-specific protocols.

Professional Development:

- Parkinson Voice Project SPEAK OUT! & LOUD Crowd 2022
- Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relational Skills (PEERS®): Young Adults 2022

Licenses and Memberships:

- College of Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists of Ontario (CASLPO) 2023
 - Initial Registrant #8511
- Speech-Language and Audiology Canada (SAC) 2023
 - Member