

# LAUREN SOMERS

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## Education

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**McMaster University, Hamilton, ON** 2017-2019  
Master of Science, Speech-Language Pathology

**Brock University, St. Catharines, ON** 2012-2016  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Speech and Language Sciences

## Career History

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**Speech-Language Pathologist** **Feb 2021-Present**

S.L. Hunter SpeechWorks, Burlington, ON

- Provide assessment, treatment, and consultation to preschool and school-aged children with speech, language and/or social communication disorders or delays
- Co-coordinator for Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) services creating processes, caseload management, referral and discharge management, and clinical and administrative support.
- Support health and safety policies and procedures

**Speech-Language Pathologist** **Oct 2020-Jan 2022**

Anderson Therapy Services, Dundas, ON

- Provide assessment, treatment and consultation to preschool, school-aged and adult clients with a range of speech, language, feeding and swallowing delays or disorders in remote First Nations communities
- Worked collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team of Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Speech-Language Pathologists, Rehabilitation Assistants, Behaviour Therapists, and Art Therapists

**Speech-Language Pathologist** **Sept 2019-Oct 2020**

Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority, Sioux Lookout, ON

- Provided speech, language, and swallowing assessment and treatment services to pediatric, school-aged and adult clients in remote First Nations communities
- Provided training, prevention education, and counselling to clients, families, schools and communities regarding communication, swallowing and hearing health
- Worked collaboratively with community-based service providers and other external organizations to meet identified needs and enhance delivery of care for First Nations communities

**Student Clinician** **May 2019-Aug 2019**

Alexandra Marine & General Hospital, Goderich, ON

- Provided speech and language assessment and intervention for preschool children with speech, language and communication disorders
- Provided communication and swallowing assessment and intervention for inpatient and outpatient adults
- Prepared videofluoroscopy swallowing studies (VFSS) and interpreted results

## **Student Clinician**

**Jan 2019-Feb 2019**

Jurivinski Hospital, Hamilton Health Sciences, Hamilton, ON

- Provided assessment and treatment/management of dysphagia and communication disorders to patients in the Medicine, Oncology, ICU, Hematology, Rehabilitation, ER, and Surgery units
- Prepared VFSS assessments and interpreted results
- Collaborated with healthcare professionals to implement goals of care for inpatients

## **Professional Development and Certifications**

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- Infant Eating, Feeding and Swallowing: Theory and Clinical Application **2023**
- Indigenous Canada, University of Alberta **2021**
- AAC Individual Authorizer, ADP-CEPP **2020**
- Stages of Development in AAC Competence **2020**
- Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for SLPs **2020**
- Mental Health First Aid **2019**
- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) **2019**
- Intervening with Selective Mutism **2019**
- McMaster Interprofessional Palliative Care Seminar Series **2019**
- Practical Strategies for Building Social Communication Skills in Children with ASD **2019**
- Pediatric Dysphagia: Guiding Clinical Practice **2019**
- First Nations, Inuit, and Metis Culture, Colonization and Determinants of Health **2019**
- The Need for Cultural Competence in Healthcare **2019**
- Aboriginal Community Health Services **2019**
- Modified Barium Swallow Impairment Profile (MBSImp), Student Training **2018**
- HANEN: Supporting Parents of Preschoolers with ASD **2018**
- HANEN: Pathways to Promoting Self-Regulation in Young Children **2018**

## **Professional Affiliations**

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- College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario **2019-Present**
- Speech-Audiology Canada **2021-Present**
- Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists **2017-2021**