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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

**May 2007:** Master of Arts in Communicative Disorders and Sciences - University at Buffalo, State University of New York

**May 2004:** Graduate school preparatory year for entrance into Master's Program in Speech-Language Pathology - State University of New York, College at Fredonia

**Sept. 2001 - May 2003:** Part-time studies - University of Toronto & University of Waterloo

**June 2001:** Post-graduate certificate in Early Childhood Education: Advanced Studies in Special Needs - Humber College

**June 1999:** Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree - University of Guelph  
Major in psychology - Minor in family & child studies - Honours thesis in industrial-organizational psychology

**EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

**May 2007 – Present: S.L. Hunter Speechworks (formerly S.L. Hunter & Associates)**

Speech-Language Pathologist

- Provision of assessment, direct treatment, and consultative services to children and adults with communication delays or disorders including cognitive-communication, articulation, phonology, expressive/receptive language, motor speech, reading/writing, social skills, voice and/or swallowing/feeding difficulties
- Focused clinical experience with the acquired brain injured population and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Services implemented in clinical setting, as well as a variety of community settings (e.g. homes, child care centres, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, residential rehabilitation facilities)
- Health teaching and therapeutic counselling with clients, parents and family members
- Collaboration and consultation with a wide variety of professionals
- Communicative Disorders Assistant Manager
- Pediatric Coordinator

**May 2007 – Mar. 2012: Heaman Communication Services Inc.**

Speech-Language Pathologist

- Provision of diagnostics and treatment at the elementary school level (articulation, fluency, voice)

**Feb. 2007- May 2007: Acquired Brain Injury Outreach Network Inc.**

Rehabilitation Therapist

- Assistance with daily routines & community activities; cognitive, behavioural & emotional support; implementation of goals/ recommendations from other professionals

**Jan. 2001 – May 2007: Special Services at Home**

Contract Worker

- Respite care for school-aged child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (non-verbal with exceptionally high needs) involving cognitive skill development & behaviour management
- Physical therapy and speech exercises with a teenager with cerebral palsy

**Jan. 2005 – May 2007: Tutoring**

Private Tutor

- Focus on math, general problem solving & organizational skills

**Sept. 2004 – June 2005: Niagara Catholic District School Board**

Educative Assistant

- One-to-one support for children ranging from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 7 with autism & various other learning disabilities
- Short-term support to 'at-risk' high school students in an adult & continuing education program

**May 2001 – Aug 2003: Etobicoke-York Early Childhood Services: Community Living Toronto**

Resource Teacher

- Active caseload of 6-9 pre-school children with various types & degrees of special needs
- Observation & assessment of all developmental areas using non-standardized & standardized methods, and development of Individual Program Plans & Individual Teaching Plans
- Parent/teacher assistance in prioritizing & setting goals to promote skill development
- Frequent collaboration with a wide variety of professionals
- Implementation & modelling of recommendations, strategies & modifications in home & community settings
- Family referrals to community resources & supports
- Planning & transitioning of children into the elementary school setting
- Planning & implementation of social-communication/language groups
- Supervision of a student placement

**FIELD/PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE**

**Mar. 2007 – Apr. 2007: Heaman Communication Services Inc.**

- Diagnostics and individual speech-language therapy (articulation, fluency, voice) at the elementary school level

**Jan. 2007 – Mar. 2007: Speech Services Niagara**

- Screenings, assessments and individual therapy (articulation, language, voice) with pre-school children in clinical, child care and home settings

**Sept. 2006 – Dec. 2006: Williamsville School District**

- Language testing with elementary, middle and high school children

**Sept. 2005 – Aug. 2006: Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic, University at Buffalo**

- Individual & small-group therapy
  - Adult & school-age child with auditory processing disorder
  - Teenager with developmental language disorder & pragmatic needs
- Individual therapy
  - School-age child with autism
  - Adult with a high-tech communication device - Programming & organization of content, promotion of increased efficiency & familiarity with device, preparation for travel overseas
- Individual & large-group therapy
  - Adults with aphasia
- Diagnostics
  - Member of AAC team and speech-language teams for children & adults
  - Preschool & school-age hearing screenings

**Jan. 2004 – May 2004 – St. Hyacinth School, Dunkirk**

- Individual therapy in a school setting with school-age children with articulation difficulties

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems (WHMIS) Training – October 2004
- Lifetech Canada Emergency First Aid & Heart Saver Plus (B) CPR – June 2003
- A Language Approach to AAC Intervention
- Improving Memory Skills
- The Gut-Brain Connection Gastrointestinal & Dietary Affects; Feeding Issues
- Sensory Integration Seminars
- Introduction to Sign Language
- Power of Communication Workshop
- Advocacy; Working with the School System
- PDD & Autism Seminar; Communication Strategies with Children who have Autism
- Applied Behaviour Analysis Programs Workshop
- Cognitive-Communication Disorders: Level 1 & 2
- Motivational Interviewing I & II
- PROMPT (Prompts for Restructuring Oral Muscular Targets) Training: Level 1
- Can You Say That Again? Making Sense of Motor Speech
- Mind over Chatter: Practical Mindfulness & Meditation for Rehabilitation & Education I & II

## **VOLUNTEER WORK**

- Cri-Du-Chat Syndrome Conference – Child Care
- Night of Stars Gala (Fund raiser for Community Living Toronto) - Food service & gift sales
- Brain Injury Association of Niagara - Assisted client preparation of stories for Winds of Change book