Education

Master of Science	May 2012
Speech-Language Pathology University of South Alabama	
Bachelor of Arts Dece	mber 2004
Psychology	
University of South Alabama	
Academic Achievements	
USA Department of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Outstanding Masters Student: Speech Language Pathology	2012
Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions Honor Society of Alpha Eta	2012
University of South Alabama Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology Graduate Assistantship	2010-2012
Marjorie Faircloth Award for Outstanding Clinical Performance in Speech-Language Pathology	2011

Professional Experience

Instructor of Speech Pathology, University of South Alabama May 2018 – Present

Full-time faculty member in outpatient Speech and Hearing Clinic providing supervision and instruction of students who are completing clinical practicum requirements for a Master of Science degree.

Supervise and instruct graduate students during off-campus screenings at Head Start centers.

Serve on departmental committees.

Providing diagnosis and treatment of swallowing disorders for outpatients.

Speech-Language Pathologist, Robertsdale Rehab and Healthcare Center Sept 2014 – May 2018

Complete bedside evaluations, plan, and implement therapy for cognition, memory, aphasia, apraxia, dysarthria, voice, and dysphagia.

Evaluate and treat patients with a tracheostomy and using a ventilator, including Passy-Muir speaking and swallowing valve placement. Work closely with respiratory therapists throughout treatment.

Identify when instrumental swallow assessments are needed and work closely with SLP conducting fiberoptic endoscopic examination of swallowing.

Supervised and provided training to graduate students during their final clinical externships.

Work closely with other therapists, doctors, nursing staff, and social services to ensure open channels of communication to maximize patient safety, patient satisfaction, and effectiveness of therapy.

Create and conduct dysphagia in-services for nursing and dietary departments.

Speech-Language Pathologist, Life Care Center of Pensacola June 2012 – September 2014

Evaluated and treated adult clients in a large, short-term focused care setting.

Conducted annual in-service regarding patient positioning and dysphagia safety training for all therapy and nursing staff.

Attended modified barium swallow studies (MBSS) with patients and worked with hospital SLP during MBSS.

Supervised and provided training to multiple graduate students during their clinical externships.

VitalStim Clinical Skill Building program, December 2013 through April 2014.

Life Care Center of Pensacola Whatever It Takes And Then Some award, December 2012.

Teaching Experience

Off Campus Clinical Supervisor

University of South Alabama: Aug – Dec 2013, March – May 2015, March – May 2017 University of Central Florida: May 2014 – Aug 2014

Provide education and training in the evaluation and treatment of cognition, memory, aphasia, apraxia, dysarthria, voice, and dysphagia in busy rehab settings.

Identify areas for skill improvement and identify strategies to achieve improved diagnostic and treatment practices with adult patients, practical administration of standardized assessments within busy medical settings, and effective and thorough documentation within time constraints due to busy caseloads.

Provide constructive feedback and guidance regarding establishing rapport with patients and using appropriate terminology with patients and family members.

Provide insight regarding maintaining healthy working relationships with nursing staff while maintaining high standards for patients.

Educate and guide students in cross discipline treatment strategies with physical therapy and occupational therapy.

Assist students in the appropriate selection of patients for instrumental swallow assessments and provide training in the effective use of FEES.

Graduate Studies Experience

Graduate Student Clinician, Mobile Bay Rehabilitation Hospital March 2012 – May 2012

Evaluated and treated adult clients in a multidisciplinary sub-acute rehabilitation setting.

Assessed and monitored patient progress using functional independence measures (FIMs).

Assisted with administration of FEES.

Graduate Assistant, University of South Alabama

Researched traumatic brain injury (TBI) and social interactions in adults with Dr. Kelli Evans. Recruited and selected participants, administered pre- and post-assessments, and recruited and trained actresses for the experiment.

Created and edited lecture materials and evaluated graduate and undergraduate student assessments for Dr. Kelli Evans and Dr. Ishara Ramkissoon.

Created and organized patient files, assisted with patient check in and billing, and provided general clerical work for the office staff at the University of South Alabama Speech and Hearing Center.

Graduate Student Clinician, Baldwin County Public Schools September 2011 - December 2011

Treated numerous communication disorders for preschool and elementary school age children, including Autism Spectrum Disorder alongside the school based Speech-Language Pathologist.

Planned for and utilized small groups to provide speech-language therapy for elementary school aged children.

August 2010 – May 2012

August 2013 – May 2017

Administered the Assessment of Basic Language & Learning Skills (ABLLS-R) to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Observed eligibility meetings and Individualized Education Plan meetings.

Graduate Student Clinician, University of South Alabama

August 2010 - August 2011

Treated speech and language disorders in both pediatric and adult clients. Therapy included childhood apraxia of speech, early language development, aural rehabilitation with a cochlear implant, school-age articulation and phonology, child and adolescent fluency, adult accent reduction, and adult apraxia and aphasia.

Evaluated speech and language, and performed hearing screenings for both pediatric and adult clients.

Consistently and successfully incorporated feedback from supervisors into my therapeutic and diagnostic practices.

Professional Licensure and Certification

Speech Pathology Licenses

Alabama Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	2014 – Present 2012 – Present
Certificate of Clinical Competence	
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	2013 – Present
Additional Certifications	
Lee Silverman Voice Treatment LOUD Certified Crisis Prevention Institute's <i>Dementia Capable Care</i> Blue Card Certified VitalStim Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation ASHA National Outcomes Measurement System (NOMS)	Oct 2017 – Present Feb 2014, Jan 2017 March 2013 – Present June 2013