

## **Professional Experience**

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Certified Speech-Language Pathologist with Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and licensed by the Mississippi State Board of Health. Extensive work with individuals presenting with communication disorders, such as mixed receptive-expressive language disorders, aphasia, neuromotor speech problems, and dysphagia. Accomplished speech-language pathologist familiar with aspects of managing screening, evaluation, and treatment activities, in addition to supervising. Extensive knowledge involving processing and production of oral, gestured, and written language, articulation, voice, fluency, swallowing, hearing, and cognitive-based communication behaviors related to both older adults and children. Experienced management professional supervising multiple therapy disciplines in a variety of settings, in addition to collaborating with other professionals on a consistent basis. Organized problem solver who handles changing caseloads, management, and other therapy-related duties involved in the field of speech-language pathology.

## **Certifications and Licenses**

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- Certification in VitalStim Dysphagia Therapy, March 2014-present
- Certification in eSWALLOW Therapy, Advanced Neuromuscular Electrical Stimulation (NMES) for dysphagia, 2012-present
- Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), 2009-present
- Licensure by the Mississippi State Board of Health, 2008-present
- American Red Cross Adult, Child, and Infant CPR, 2006-present

## **Skill Highlights**

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- Time management proficiency
- Team training, supervision, advising, and management
- Establishment of appropriate assessment and intervention strategies
- Medicaid/Medicare billing competency
- Gentle and skilled with therapy procedures
- Counseling with patient, family, caregivers, and allied personnel regarding communication needs
- Maintenance of appropriate documentation regarding services
- Discharge planning

## **Professional Experience**

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**Clinical Speech-Language Pathologist/Instructor/Supervisor**, The University of Mississippi, August 2014-present

- Clinical Supervisor for Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) Master's level graduate students at the University of Mississippi Speech and Hearing Center (UMSHC)
- Co-director of the Hearing Impaired Language and Literacy Preschool Laboratory (HILL class), which provides intensive language intervention services to preschool age children with moderate to severe language impairments
- Instructor of CSD 211: Introduction to Phonology

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## **Program Director/Speech-Language Pathologist**

January 2014 to August 2014

### **Summit Health and Rehab, Inc. – Mississippi State Veteran's Home – Oxford, MS**

Facilitates and develops relationships/coordination between the rehabilitation company, the facility, and the patient. Ensures that the patients receive quality rehabilitation through the development of the rehab team and the maintenance of effective communications with the facility. Manages patient care processes relating to practice patterns, financial indicators, care planning, interdisciplinary treatment and development of new rehabilitation programs at the facility level. Manages facility rehabilitation team. Supervises therapists and utilizes support staff effectively. Consults, evaluates and diagnoses communication and cognitive-communication deficits and dysphagia. Establishes measurable and attainable goals to promote restoration of functional abilities. Provides the highest quality of care to patients and their families. Plans for discharges and communicates findings and progress in detailed reports. Performs other duties and special projects as required.

- Graduate Student Supervisor, Fall 2011-present, through the University of Mississippi, Communication Sciences and Disorders Department

## **Speech-Language Pathologist**

July 2010 to January 2014

### **Therapy Management Corporation- Graceland Care Center – Oxford, MS**

Consulted, evaluated and diagnosed communication and cognitive-communication deficits, dysphagia, and other speech-related disorders. Reviewed physician referrals and patient medical records to formulate an accurate diagnosis and best course of treatment. Assessed each patient to establish measurable goals to promote restoration of functional abilities. Regularly evaluated effects of treatment and adjusted to achieve maximum benefit. Maintained up-to-date knowledge of Medicare and other reimbursement regulations. Provided the highest quality of care to patients and their families. Planned for discharges and communicated findings and progress in detailed reports. Maintained organized documentation and patient files. Integral part of inter-disciplinary team targeting patient's strengths and weaknesses to maximize results and obtain each patient's highest quality of life.

- Clinical Fellowship Supervisor, 2010-2011

## **Speech-Language Pathologist**

July 2009 to June 2010

### **Progressive Rehab, Inc. – Graceland Care Center – Oxford, MS**

Consulted, evaluated and diagnosed communication and cognitive-communication deficits, dysphagia, and other speech-related disorders. Reviewed physician referrals and patient medical records to formulate an accurate diagnosis and best course of treatment. Assessed each patient to establish measurable goals to promote restoration of functional abilities. Regularly evaluated effects of treatment and adjusted to achieve maximum benefit. Maintained up-to-date knowledge of Medicare and other reimbursement regulations. Provided the highest quality of care to patients and their families. Planned for discharges and communicated findings and progress in detailed reports. Maintained organized documentation and patient files. Integral part of inter-disciplinary team targeting patient's strengths and weaknesses to maximize results and obtain each patient's highest quality of life.

## **Speech-Language Pathologist**

July 2008 to June 2009

### **Select Medical Rehabilitation Services – Briarcrest Extended Care – Ashland, MS**

Consulted, evaluated and diagnosed communication and cognitive-communication deficits,

dysphagia, and other speech-related disorders. Reviewed physician referrals and patient medical records to formulate an accurate diagnosis and best course of treatment. Assessed each patient to establish measurable goals to promote restoration of functional abilities. Regularly evaluated effects of treatment and adjusted to achieve maximum benefit. Maintained up-to-date knowledge of Medicare and other reimbursement regulations. Provided the highest quality of care to patients and their families. Planned for discharges and communicated findings and progress in detailed reports. Maintained organized documentation and patient files. Integral part of inter-disciplinary team targeting patient's strengths and weaknesses to maximize results and obtain each patient's highest quality of life.

## **Education and Training**

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**Master of Science: Communication Sciences and Disorders, May 2008**

**The University of Mississippi – Oxford, MS**

- Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA) Conference Presenter, March 2015, Jackson, MS
- Autism Conference featuring Dr. Temple Grandin, Harding University, October 2014, Searcy, Arkansas
- Graduate Assistantship, 2006-2008
- Beginning Level NICU Training, Spring 2008, Germantown, TN
- Autism Conference, Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center, Spring 2008, Memphis, TN
- Methodist Hospital, Spring 2008 Externship, Germantown, TN
- Methodist Le Bonheur Germantown Hospital, Pediatric Outpatient Rehab
- Methodist Le Bonheur Germantown Hospital, Adult Acute Care
- Child Development Center, Fall 2007 Externship, Batesville, MS
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Conference Presenter, Fall 2007, Boston, MA
- ASHA Paper: A Comparison Between Age of Cochlear Implantation and Language Development, Boston, MA, Accepted, 2007
- Hermitage Gardens of Oxford, Spring 2007 Externship, Oxford, MS
- National Stuttering Conference Attendee, Summer 2007, Atlanta, GA
- Intensive Training through CSD Early Intervention Grant, Summer 2007
- AAC Evaluation Project, 25 hours, Spring 2007

**Bachelor of Science: General Science, 2004**

**Mississippi State University – Starkville, MS**

**Minor: Psychology, 2004**

**Mississippi State University – Starkville, MS**

## **Community Service**

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- Small Group Program Leader, Oxford-University United Methodist Church (OUUMC), Oxford, MS
- Leap Frog Program, OUUMC, Oxford, MS
- MANNA Feeding Ministries, Oxford, MS
- Operation Christmas Child, OUUMC, Oxford, MS

**Professional Affiliations**

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Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA), member, 2006-2008, January 2015-present

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), member, 2006-present

National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA), member, 2006-2008

- NSSLHA Historian
- NSSLHA Fall Institute (SCERTS)
- NSSLHA Fall Institute Silent Auction Committee, Chairman
- NSSLHA Applied Sciences Career Fair
- NSSLHA Loves Foundation
- NSSLHA Fall Festival

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Travel Committee, Chairman, 2006-2007

Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders Graduate Banquet Committee, Chairman, 2007