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Dynamic Speech-Language Pathologist and Professor of Practice with comprehensive experience in clinical care, education, and program leadership. Demonstrated excellence in dysphagia management, neurological rehabilitation, and AAC. Experienced in mentorship, student supervision, and interdisciplinary collaboration across healthcare and academic environments. Dedicated to promoting professional growth, advancing clinical competence, and integrating current research into both classroom and clinical environments.

## EDUCATION

### **Master of Science – Speech-Language Pathology**

*Faulkner University | AL | April 2020*

### **Bachelor of Science – Communication Science and Disorders**

*Alabama A&M University | AL | December 2014*

## LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

- Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC-SLP) – American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)
- Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist – State of Texas
- Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist – State of Georgia
- CPR Certified

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Professor of Practice / Clinical Educator**

University of Houston | *Houston, TX | September 2025– Present*

- Design and deliver graduate-level coursework in Speech-Language Pathology, emphasizing clinical application and evidence-based practice.
- Supervise and mentor graduate students during clinical rotations, fostering competency in assessment, intervention, and documentation.
- Develop clinical education frameworks aligned with ASHA standards and accreditation requirements.
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary faculty to integrate innovative teaching strategies and simulation-based learning.
- Support research, student assessment, and program evaluation to promote continuous improvement in clinical education.

### **Lead Speech-Language Pathologist**

*Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital | Cypress, TX | June 2024 – September 2025*

- Conduct comprehensive speech, language, and swallowing evaluations and develop individualized treatment plans.
- Lead multidisciplinary team meetings and supervise full-time and PRN therapy staff.

- Mentor and supervise graduate students and clinical fellows.
- Conduct CVA education classes for stroke patients and provide continuing education for hospital staff.
- Implement NMES and dysphagia dining programs to enhance swallow efficiency and patient outcomes.

### **Speech-Language Pathologist**

*Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital | Pearland, TX | Jan 2023 – June 2024*

- Delivered speech, language, cognitive, and swallowing therapy to adult rehabilitation patients.
- Collaborated with medical and dietary teams to optimize patient care and diet recommendations.
- Developed individualized treatment plans and maintained thorough clinical documentation.

### **Speech-Language Pathologist (Pediatrics)**

*Aveanna Healthcare | Pearland, TX | Jan 2023 – Present*

- Provide in-home pediatric speech and feeding therapy for children with language impairments and motor speech disorders.
- Educate families and caregivers to promote carryover and long-term success.
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to ensure holistic patient care.

### **Speech-Language Pathologist (Contract)**

*InGenesis Healthcare / MD Anderson | June 2023*

- Conducted assessments and interventions for adult oncology and neurological populations.
- Provided swallowing and communication therapy within a hospital setting.

### **Speech-Language Pathologist**

*The Colonnades at Reflection Bay | Pearland, TX | April 2023*

- Evaluated and treated adults with communication and swallowing disorders.
- Developed and implemented treatment plans in collaboration with physicians and nursing staff.

### **Speech-Language Pathologist**

*Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital | Cumming, GA | Jan 2022*

- Managed caseload of acute and inpatient rehabilitation patients with diverse neurological and swallowing disorders.

### **Speech-Language Pathologist**

*DeKalb County Schools | Decatur, GA | Oct 2021 – Jan 2022*

- Designed and implemented IEP-based speech and language interventions.
- Conducted comprehensive assessments and collaborated with educators and families to support student success.

### **Speech-Language Pathologist**

*Gwinnett County Public Schools | Lawrenceville, GA | July 2020 – May 2021*

- Conducted evaluations, developed IEP goals, and provided targeted therapy for students with communication disorders.

### **Speech-Language Pathology Internships**

- **Eastside Medical Center** | Snellville, GA – Adult Acute & Inpatient Rehabilitation (Jan–May 2020)
- **Communicare Therapy Private Clinic** | Peachtree City, GA – Pediatric Outpatient (Aug–Dec 2019)
- **Chattahoochee Hills Charter School** | Fairburn, GA – Pediatric Educational (Aug–Dec 2019)

## **RESEARCH**

**“Current SLP Practice Trends in Treating Childhood Apraxia of Speech”** – Independent research project examining treatment methodologies and outcomes in CAS interventions.