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EDUCATION

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, 2023-2025
M.Sc. Speech-Language Pathology

McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, 2019 - 2023
B.Sc. Honours Biology & Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour

HONOURS & CERTIFICATIONS

2025 McMaster Speech-Language Pathology Dean's Excellence Award
2025 Speech-Language and Audiology Canada (SAC) Gordon Leslie Memorial Scholarship
2024 McMaster Speech-Language Pathology Dean's Excellence Award
2024 Modified Barium Swallow Impairment Profile (MBSImP) Training - Student
2023 First Aid and CPR-C Certification

WORK & PLACEMENT EXPERIENCE

S.L. Hunter Speechworks, Burlington, ON

Speech-Language Assistant (March 2025 – Present)

- Working under the supervision of a Speech-Language Pathologist to provide speech-language assessment to preschool and school-age children in the areas of articulation, phonology, social communication and language.

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, Hamilton, ON

Speech-Language Pathology Student Clinician (May 2025 – June 2025)

- 8-week full time clinical placement covering a variety of acute care units (internal medicine, nephrology, mental health)
- Conducted clinical bedside swallowing assessments, providing appropriate diet texture recommendations and strategies to optimize swallow safety
- Conducted over 20 video fluoroscopic swallow studies and analyzed using MBSImP protocol
- Developed ability to work in a fast-paced environment, collaborate with other healthcare professionals, and strengthened dysphagia assessment skills

The Speech Clinic, Barrie, ON

Speech-Language Pathology Student Clinician (January 2025 – March 2025)

- 6-week full time clinical placement on the augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) device prescription team servicing Simcoe County school boards
- Carried out device assessments and training to children, parents and stakeholders including choosing appropriate program, adding vocabulary and training stakeholders how to model language using the device

- Developed knowledge on alternative communication methods, best practices for introducing AAC, and strengthened ability to collaborate with other professionals (CDAs, OTs, teachers)

Oxford Speech Plus, Tillsonburg, ON

Speech-Language Pathology Student Clinician (September 2024 – October 2024)

- 6-week full time clinical placement at a pediatric private speech and language clinic, focusing on school-aged children with ASD, apraxia of speech, and other speech and language difficulties
- Carried out both assessment and treatment sessions with a variety of clinical populations and documented appropriately in SOAP form format
- Collaborated with CDAs, OTs and parents to support clients with speech and language goals
- Developed ability to manage behaviours in session, report writing skills, and strengthened communication skills by reporting client progress to parents

S.L. Hunter Speechworks, Burlington, ON

Speech-Language Pathology Student Clinician (March 2024 – May 2024)

- 6-week full time clinical placement in private practice focussing on the adult brain injury population
- Prepared and carried out assessments of cognitive-communication skills (memory, attention, executive function), including assessment interpretation and reporting
- Performed treatment for variety of different goals/clinical populations, including cognitive-communication, aphasia, AAC, and motor speech disorders
- Developed assessment & treatment planning skills, thorough and succinct notetaking skills, and strengthened clinical decision making

Turkstra Lab, Hamilton, ON

Paid Research Assistant (February 2024 – March 2024)

- Helped facilitate focus group conversations regarding creating a communication board for end-of-life conversations in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU)
- Facilitated conversations by probing alternative & augmentative communication (AAC) users engagement in discussions, and taking notes from participants responses
- Developed understanding of AAC users and devices, ability to probe for engagement, and strengthened notetaking skills

Interim Research Coordinator (April 2023 – May 2023)

- Coordinated research participants for intake assessments, final assessments, and therapy sessions with clinicians
- Responded to emails, coordinated weekly team meetings, and resolved administrative problems
- Developed organization, communications and administrative skills, as well as strengthened ability to manage clinical trial emails and correspondence

Paid (part-time contract) Research Assistant (May 2022 – April 2023)

- Working on US Department of Defense study with veterans with traumatic brain injury
- Conducting fidelity checks on clinicians' therapy sessions
- Developing critical thinking skills, gaining knowledge on survivors with traumatic brain injury, and strengthening document management skills

Senior Thesis Student Investigator (September 2022 – Present)

- Conducting an interview-based study investigating what influences referral to Speech-Language Pathology rehabilitation services for pediatric inpatients with acquired brain injury

- Developing research methods skills, descriptive qualitative analysis skills and learning how to conduct professional interviews

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

McMaster BioPsych Society, Hamilton, ON

NeuroXChange Conference Co-chair (September 2021 – Present)

- Lead weekly meetings with a team of students to organize events, socials, and program initiatives for the Biology & Psychology, Neuroscience and Behaviour (PNB) community
- Organize keynote speakers, Q&A panelists, poster and oral presenters, and attendees as part of the planning committee for the annual NeuroXChange neuroscience and mental health undergraduate research conference

Lead Thru Sport, North York, ON

Youth Advisory Board Member (May 2021 – June 2022)

- Attended monthly board meetings to discuss current issues, help with organizing promotions, future events and how to improve outreach
- Developing teamwork skills, and learning more about promotion and marketing strategies from a business perspective