Valdosta State University CV/Vita

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MED, Communication Disorders, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA. (2005).

BSED, Communication Disorders, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, GA. (2003).

License Activities Certificate of Clinical Competency, 4/27/2006 – present

Georgia State Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, 6/13/2005 – present

Professional Interests

Research:

Executive function deficits related to school-aged children and young adults after TBI, chronic TBI, concussion in sports or work-related accidents.

Teaching:

Cognitive deficits and dementia in the geriatric population, CVA, aphasia, dysphagia, and cognitive deficits in school-aged population.

Teaching Courses

Beginning Practicum - CSD 5050 - 2022/2023

Intermediate Practicum - CSD 5100 - 2022/2023

Advanced Practicum - CSD 5140 - 2022/2023

Applied Practicum Pub Sch - CSD 5190 - 2022/2023

Externship Communications Diso - CSD 5210 - 2022/2023

Service Activities

University:

Graduate Programs Committee member (November 2020 - 2023). CSD representative for graduate programs committee with the goal of improving admissions, branding and marketing for the graduate programs. Each committee member was tasked with making a list of our department/major's value proposition, reasons why students select other programs and recommendations and ideas to improve the admissions process and branding.

Faculty Marshal Graduate School Commencement Fall 2020 (December 14, 2020) and Spring 2021 (May 8, 2021). Assisted graduates with commencement proceedings, seating, and information.

College:

COEHS Open House and Freshman Orientation- faculty volunteer (2019-present) attend at least one Saturday per semester, answer questions by prospective or declared students and family members about the CSD program, give tours, and informational materials.

Department:

Clinic Scheduling Committee- responsibilities include assigning students with clients for Clinical Practicum each semester by assisting the Clinical Director with management of clinical practicum beginning, intermediate, and advanced cohorts' schedules, room assignments and matching client to student level and need.

Crossroads Baptist School off-campus site manager- take clinical practicum students for school-based SLP experience, typically beginning clinicians as schedule allows, manage and schedule caseload, communicate with principle, secretaries, and teachers regarding referrals and recommendations, prepare paperwork for parents and teachers, and conduct informational group meetings at the beginning of the semester with students assigned to CBS.

Advising- Graduate cohort advising for Fall 2019 and Spring 2022. Provide planning and support with plan of study, graduation applications, comprehensive exams, and KASA forms.

Knowledge and Skills Committee Meeting (October 2020 - Present). Committee formed to bridge possible gaps in academic courses and clinical practicum experience. Developed skills and knowledge outlines for use as a checklist to increase student outcomes at each level of the program and better prepare them for clinical practicum experience off campus.

9th Annual Dr. Robert A. Hull, Jr. Memorial Lecture Series planning committee (April 2022- present)-Responsibilities associated are assisting committee with planning and organizing guest speaker, lodging, and event catering, set-up, distribution of materials and information, and communication with department faculty. 9th Annual Dr. George "Russ" Deavours Lecture Series planning committee (October 2022-present)-Responsibilities associated are assisting committee with planning and organizing guest speaker, lodging, and event catering, set-up, distribution of materials and information, and communication with department faculty.

Department Chair Search Committee (April-June 2023)- served with teaching and clinical faculty, as well as interim department chair and COEHS representative in collecting and analyzing candidate resumes, contacting references, attending meetings, conducting interviews virtually and face to face, and offering strengths and weaknesses of both candidates to the dean and provost.

Other Department Service:

Medical SLP and Grand Rounds Seminar: Advanced cohort clinical seminar for preparation and training of medical SLP environment including case studies, discussion, skills and knowledge related to adult neurogenics, aphasia, and cognitive disorders in acute care, inpatient rehab, and long-term care facilities. 2021-present

Laryngeal Videostroboscopy- provide voice evaluations for local ENT referrals, including instrumental examinations, write reports with pictures and videos, make appropriate referrals based on ASHA scope of practice for voice therapy, and provide hands-on training and education with clinical practicum students.

Literacy Screenings: Provided supervision for clinicians performing community literacy screenings in local K5 through the Scottish Rite grant Literacy Screenings. 2019-present

Dysphagia Simulation Lab: Provided hands-on training for use with Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing on dysphagia mannequin, including verbal, written, video, and one to one demonstration. 2021- present

Guest lecturer: CSD 4110 (Diagnostics in Communication Disorders) Provided lecture of course material for Chapter 8 for Aphasia and other Adult Language Disorders to undergraduate CSD students, including virtual PowerPoint. 2019- present

Guest lecturer: CSD 4120 (Consultation in Communication Disorders) Provided lecture of concepts for counseling and patient and caregiver education and training related to individuals with diagnosis of dementia. Discussion and PowerPoint, as well as other functional resources, such as videos and demonstrations used during lecture.

Community:

Community Philanthropic Educational Organization (April 2014 - Present). Georgia Chapter Y President Philanthropic Educational Organization. Provide state, national and international scholarships for women. Promotes undergraduate and post graduate education for women around the world. P.E.O. owns and operates an all-women's college in Nevada, MO called Cottey College.

Girls on the Run 5K event volunteer: an organization that provides evidence-based programs that inspire girl empowerment by building confidence, kindness, and decision-making skills. This event with the culmination of the year's training. Volunteer duties including registration table and thank-you card writing prior to the race.

Professional Organization Memberships:

Georgia Speech Language and Hearing Association, 6/01/2017 – present, attended GSHA State Convention 2022 and 2023.

American Speech Language and Hearing Association, 4/27/2006 - present