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SUMMARY

Senior Speech-Language Therapist with almost 30 years of speech-language experience with numerous populations. California State University, Fullerton graduate with a B.A. degree in Speech Communication Science in 1976, I went on to obtain my PhD in Health Administration in 2006 and a Juris Doctor in 1988. I have served on the executive board of the Virginia Speech Language Therapy Association, and have won numerous awards and accolades for my work in the field.

PERSONAL CERTIFICATION AND LICENSE

- Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapist Association Validation August 2007 to present
- American Speech-Language and Hearing Association – Certificate of Clinical Competence
 - Member #00538033
- Virginia License to practice Speech-Language Pathology
 - License #VA2202003540

SKILLS

- **PhD Health Administration**
- **Hippotherapy Graduate Certificate**
 - Started numerous hippotherapy programs
- **Juris Doctor**
- **Strong evaluation skills**
- **Management skills**
 - Maintain caseload of students receiving speech and language services
 - Advise special and general education teachers on enhancing classroom environment for students with speech and language disorders
- **Interaction skills, verbal / non-verbal**
 - Maintains good rapport with students, caregivers, teachers and administration
 - Excellent communicator including writing skills
- **Full, clean drivers license**

EDUCATION

| Degree | Institution | Year | Major |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|---------------------------|
| <u>Executive Juris Doctor (EJD)</u> | Concord Univ. of Law, CA. | 2007 | Health Care |
| <u>PhD</u> | Kennedy Western University, WY. | 2006 | Health Administration |
| <u>Graduate Certificate</u> | Western Michigan Univ. | 2002 | Hippotherapy |
| <u>Juris Doctor (JD)</u> | Western State University of Law | 1988 | Law |
| <u>Master of Science</u> | Southern Methodist University | 1977 | Speech Language Pathology |
| <u>Bachelor of Arts</u> | California State University | 1976 | Speech Communication Sci. |

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CAREER HISTORY

Release Communication Intervention

Dublin, Ireland

September 2007 - present

Director of Research

The Release program has been working in a caregiver empowering groups speech therapy approach successfully since January 2005. I came across the Release program's work in June 2007, as I was about to accept a tenure position in an American University. Upon researching the program, speaking to Jennifer Wetter, Director of Speech and Language Therapy and Tara Cunningham, Managing Director; and reading caregiver case studies, I decided to move to Ireland to get involved researching and participating in what I strongly feel is the answer to speech and language therapy delivery.

I am tasked with quantitative research in both the Early Intervention and school's based models with a goal to submit in the Call for Papers and present at the ASHA Convention 2009.

Sunbelt Staffing, Inc.

Northampton County School District, Machipongo, VA

August 2006-June 2007

Speech and Language Pathologist

Supervise/provide direct speech therapy services (PK-High School).

Center for Paediatric Therapies

Danville, VA

Spring 2006

Director of Hippotherapy

Direct/supervise/train SLPs, OTs, PTs in using the horse as a therapy tool

National College

Lynchburg and Salem, VA

December 2005- August 2006

Professor

Teach "Healthcare Law & Ethics, "Medical Terminology" and "Anatomy & Physiology". Teleconference course to three campuses

Heritage Healthcare

Summit Health & Rehab Ctr, Lynchburg, VA

May 2005-October 2005

Supervisor

Supervise/direct rehab services

Medical Facilities of America

Summit Health & Rehab Ctr, Lynchburg, VA

December 2004-May 2005

Rehab Manager- Raleigh Court Rehab Ctr.

Supervise/direct rehab services at skilled nursing facility

Roanoke City Public Schools

Roanoke, VA

August 2003-December 2004

Speech Language Pathologist

Provide speech therapy services-preschool through 5th grade

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Rehab Works

Roanoke, VA
June 2002-December 2003
Director of Facility Operations
Supervise, Coordinate treatments, monthly billing, inservice staff

Center for Rehabilitation & Development

Bedford, VA
January 2000 – February 2003
Director of Hippotherapy
Develop & manage two Hippotherapy Programs (using horse), supervise therapists, inservice staff

Western Michigan University

Kalamzaoo, MD
2003
Adjunct Professor for Distance Education
Teach Speech Therapy Techniques for Hippotherapy. Develop training video for Distance Education Graduate Certificate Program

HCR Manor Care

Salem, VA
June 2002 to March 2003
Speech and Language Pathologist
Provide direct speech therapy services to pediatric/geriatric clients

Abbeville School District

Abbeville, South Caroline
October 1996 to December 1999
Speech and Language Pathologist
Supervise USC SLP students/provide speech therapy to PK-5th graders

Nova Care Rehab Company

Edgefield County Hospital, South Carolina
August 1995 to October 1996
Speech and Language Pathologist
Provide speech therapy services to patients in hospital, skilled nursing facility, and home health.

Garden Grove Unified School District

Garden Grove, California
October 1994 to June 1995
Speech and Language Pathologist
Provide speech therapy services

Long Beach Memorial Medical Centre

Long Beach, California
January 1994 to October 1994
Speech and Language Pathologist – Paediatric Rehab Department
Provide speech therapy to English, Chinese, and Spanish speaking children and adolescents

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Rehab Connection, LTD

Tustin, California

August 1993 to January 1994

Speech and Language Pathologist

Perform videofluoroscopies, speech therapy to adults in Garden Grove Hospital, home health, and skilled nursing facilities

Provide speech therapy to English, Chinese, and Spanish speaking children and adolescents

Easter Seals

Los Angeles and Orange Counties, California

Part-time July 1994 to June 1995

Speech and Language Pathologist

Evaluate/provide speech services to clients with developmental delay

Lexington County School District

Batesburg / Leesville, South Carolina

August 1992 to June 1993

Speech and Language Pathologist

Provide speech services to elementary and middle school students

Lexington Medical Center

Lexington, South Carolina

May 1992 to June 1993

Speech and Language Pathologist

Perform videofluoroscopies, speech therapy to paediatric and adult clients

Easter Seals

Los Angeles and Orange Counties, California

Part-time November 1984 to October 1991

Speech and Language Pathologist

Evaluate/provide speech services to clients with developmental delay

Beaumont Unified School District

Beaumont, California

December 1982 to June 1984

Speech and Language Pathologist

Supervise/provide speech services to elementary and high school students

Marina professional Services

Long Beach, California

January 1982 to November 1984 (PT)

Speech and Language Pathologist

Provide speech services to clients in Board & Care Facilities, home health and nursing facilities

Child Youth and Family Services

Los Angeles, California

November 1982 to November 1984 (PT)

Speech and Language Pathologist

Consultation with parents/teachers at Head Start facilities

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California Hawaii Elks Major Project (CHEMP)

San Bernardino & Riverside Counties, California

March 1980 to December 1981

Speech and Language Pathologist

Provided speech services to clients, birth to 21 years of age in home

Lanterman State Hospital & Developmental Center

Pomona, California

December 1978 to August 1980

Speech and Language Pathologist

Supervise/provide speech services to clients with developmental delay, Ages 14-80

Valley Vocational Center

Los Angeles, California

1980

Instructor

Taught "Communication Disorders of the Developmentally Disabled"

Richardson Independent School District

Richardson, TX

January 1978 to June 1978

Speech and Language Pathologist

Provide speech services to children in Elementary school

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND OFFICES

- Member of American Speech & Hearing Association since 1977
- President of Upper Savannah Speech Consortium for South Carolina, 1999
- Vice President of Speech Language Pathology for Speech Hearing Asso. of Virginia (2002-2004)
- American Hippotherapy Association member
- North American Riding for the Handicapped Association member
- American Healthcare Lawyers Asso. member

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

- Dissertation topic: Understanding the Growing Impact of Alzheimer's Disease in Our Society
- Speaker for the Annual American Speech Hearing Association Conference in San Diego, CA. in November 2005. Topic: Dementia Management: The Law and Its Practical Implications for Treatment
- Speaker for the Speech Hearing Asso. of Virginia (SHAV) in 2002, 2003, 2005. Topics: Hippotherapy, Dementia Management.
- Dinner & Dialogue Seminar Presentation in Roanoke, VA in May, 2004. Topic: Dementia Management.
- Guest Lecturer for Longwood University in Farmville, VA in December 2003 and May 2007. Topics: Hippotherapy, Functional Voice Disorders.
- Speaker for the South Carolina Upper Savannah Speech Consortium, 1999. Topic: Sensory Processing Disorders: Practical Applications for the Speech Clinician.

HONORS AND AWARDS

American Speech & Hearing Association-Award for Continuing Education (ACE), 1993, 1996, 2003

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Volunteer for Therapeutic Riding in Bedford, VA