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WORK EXPERIENCE:

August 2024-Present

Associate Professor of Practice

Dallas, TX

- Plan, teach, and assess students in the undergraduate and graduate programs in the department of Speech, Language, and Hearing at The University of Texas as Dallas
- Supervise on-campus and off-campus practicum placements for graduate students seeking clinical experience with the adult medical population
- Advise graduate students clinically and academically

May 2022-August 2024

Part-Time Lecturer

Dallas, TX

- Planned, lectured, and assessed undergraduate and graduate students in the department of Speech, Language, and Hearing at The University of Texas at Dallas
- Courses taught included: Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Hearing, Multicultural Aspects of Communication Disorders, and Normal Language Development

February 2019-Present

Speech-Language Pathologist

Dallas, TX

- Assess and treat speech, language, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders at Baylor University Medical Center, a 1025 bed hospital
- Hospital representative for system-wide transition to International Dysphagia Diet Standardization Initiative (IDDSI)
- Co-teach course for nurses for further understanding of patients with tracheostomy and laryngectomy
- Guest lecturer at University of Texas at Dallas on Advanced Dysphagia
- Guest lecturer at Texas A&M Dental School on Velopharyngeal Function
- Former Graduate student coordinator for speech department
- Former member of LEAN process improvement team

June 2015-February 2019

Speech-Language Pathologist

Nashville, TN and Dallas, TX

- Assessed and treated speech, language, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders at Healthcare Corporation of America Hospitals
- Proposed and led monthly journal club to promote evidence-based practice within department
- Managed and prioritized a caseload of up to 100 patients at a time for the department
- Organized and scheduled full-time, PRN, and shared staffing employees to balance acute care and outpatient staffing with current caseload needs
- Completed competency assessments for all SLPs on staff annually
- Wrote and implemented measurable objectives and guide for students' clinical placements
- Coordinated clinical student placements for graduate students from Vanderbilt University and University of Texas at Dallas
- Proposed, planned, and wrote policy for Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of swallowing program at TriStar Centennial Medical Center
- Collaborated with neurologists to establish a protocol for normal pressure hydrocephalus patient evaluations
- Proposed and implemented a patient-centered dysphagia dining group in a freestanding psychiatric hospital, Parthenon Pavilion

January 2013-May 2015

Bilingual Language Research Assistant

Dallas, TX

- Transcribed language samples in UTD Bilingual Research Laboratory
- Performed language sampling and analysis using SALT software for a longitudinal bilingual language development study at a local Spanish immersion school
- Proposed and presented study at UTD's annual Promotion of Academic and Clinical Excellence

August 2010 – May 2012

Teach for America

Houston, TX

- Taught bilingual Pre-Kindergarten in Houston charter school system

- Planned and implemented Individualized Education Programs in collaboration with school speech-language pathologists and other team members
- Conducted Admission Review Dismissal meetings with team members and parents

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

- “El desarrollo del lenguaje: años 0-5” Spanish World School Professional Development Week. Dallas, TX. August 2024.
- “Integrating Cultural Responsiveness into Clinical Practice” Texas Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention. Fort Worth, TX. February 2024.
- Klimkowski, H. “Dysphagia and Dementia: What Evidence Tells Us About This At-Risk Population.” *Communicologist*. April 2020, pp. 7-14.
- “It Is FEESible! Steps to Starting a Program at Your Facility” Texas Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention. Houston, TX. February 2020.

EDUCATION:

The University of Texas at Dallas

- M.S. in Communication Disorders, 2015

Middlebury College

- M.A. in Spanish Linguistics, 2014

University of Kentucky

- B.A. in Spanish and English, 2010

SPECIALIZED TRAINING/SKILLS:

- Fluent in Spanish
- Experienced in Epic, Allscripts, and Meditech EMR systems
- Over 10 years of experience in communication with education and healthcare professionals, including crucial conversations involving end-of-life decision-making, service recovery, and explanations of complex medical concepts