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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE:

- Speech-Language Pathologist – to prevent, assess and treat communication disorders across the lifespan.
- Kansas State University Speech and Hearing Center Director – to establish a learning environment for students to gain valuable clinical skills and provide clients with high quality clinical communication services.
- Kansas State University Speech and Hearing Center Clinical Associate Professor – to instruct and educate students in the areas of communication evaluation, intervention, professionalism, and clinical application.
- Kansas State University Speech and Hearing Center Clinical Supervisor – to support and mentor student clinicians during the clinical process.
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CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE:

- Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association. ASHA #09138185, 1999 - current
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment Speech Language Pathologist License #1769, 1998 – current
- LSVT Certified – July 2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

August 2007 – Current

Kansas State University Speech and Hearing Center Clinic Director, Clinical Associate Professor and Clinical Supervisor

- Supervise and guide student clinicians in the areas of clinical intervention, clinical assessment, professionalism and clinical writing and clinical communication skills.
- Assist clients and families who are impacted by communication disorders.
- Mentor students in all aspects of professional development.
- Support and evaluate Clinical Supervisors.
- Schedule and guide student review and grading committee meetings.
- Monitor student clinician clinic hours and clinical competencies.
- Oversee daily operations of clinic.
- Assign client's to student clinicians and supervisors for direct services at our clinic.
- Schedule externship experiences for graduate students.
- Establish and maintain affiliation agreements for off-site externship experiences.
- Communication Sciences and Disorders undergraduate academic advisor.
- Mentor CSD faculty in areas of clinical services, coursework, and student supervision
- 2022- Researched, reviewed, selected and implemented an Electronic Medical Records, EMR, system (ClinicNote) at the KSU Speech and Hearing Center.

- 2023 – Researched, reviewed and assisted with selection of clinic audio / video Digital Video Recording (DVR) system.

COURSES TAUGHT:

- CSD 549: Clinic Procedures in Communication Disorders – Instructor
- CCD 705: Practicum in Speech Language Pathology – Instructor
- CSD 847A: Externship in Speech Language Pathology Adult – Instructor
- CSD 847B: Externship in Speech Language Pathology Pediatric – Instructor
- CSD 443: Language Assessment and Intervention I – Previous Instructor and Previous Mentor

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE WORK:

- Chair of Communication Sciences and Disorders Grade Committee for CSD 705 and CSD 847A and CSD 847B
- Member of Communication Sciences and Disorders Search Committee for Assistant Professor position and Associate Professor Positions
- Member of Couple and Family Therapy Search Committee for Clinical Director (2023)
- Member of Department of Applied Human Sciences Curriculum Committee
- Member of Communication Sciences and Disorders Budget Committee

PUBLICATION and PRESENTATION:

- Gender-affirming voice therapy services presentation, December 2022, Counseling and Psychological Services, CAPS – Kansas State University
- KSHA Conference Co-Chair, September 2022, Manhattan, KS
- KSHA Continuing Education Webinar, December 2020: Clinical Supervision Essentials. A professional development webinar was created for clinical instructors and supervisors to meet the ASHA 2-hour continuing education requirement. Melanie Hilgers, Klaire Mann Brumbaugh and Jeridy Oetken
- USD 320 Special Education Inservice, November 2019: Central Auditory Processing Disorders. A professional development in-service was created and presented to school speech-language pathologist, school psychologist and special education directors to provide background on Central Auditor Processing Disorders, intervention techniques and environmental modification and supports. Melanie Hilgers and Robert Garcia.
- American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology (AJSLP). Vol 27, 536-552, May 2018: Treatment of Phonological Disorder: A Feasibility Study with Focus on Outcome Measures, Ann Bosma Smit, Klaire Mann Brumbaugh, Barbra Weltsch, and Melanie Hilgers

USD #383 Manhattan-Ogden School District, Manhattan, KS

August 2005 – July 2007

Speech-Language Pathologist for Head Start, Early Childhood Lab and KSU Speech Group Administrative Representative.

- Provided speech and language services for children 3 – 5 years of age in a variety of settings.
- Supervised Kansas State University Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Student Clinicians.
- Mentored first year Speech Language Pathologist's during their Clinical Fellowship Year.
- Conducted early childhood screenings in the areas of speech, language, social, swallowing, fluency, voice, and hearing.
- Consulted and collaborated with families and other service delivery providers regarding client's health, development, education performance.
- Completed comprehensive communication evaluations.

USD #475 Geary County School District, Fort Riley, KS

August 1999 – May 2000

Speech-Language Pathologist for Ware Elementary School.

- Provided speech and language services for children age 5 – 11 years of age in a large elementary school setting.
- Supervised and mentored Kansas State University Speech-Language Pathology Graduate Students.

- Team Leader for Kindergarten and First Grade Teachers
- Coordinated Student Improvement Team (SIT) Meetings
- Served as Administrative Representative during Special Education Team Meetings
- Provided therapy in all areas of communication disorders to a large caseload of students
- Provided therapy across a variety of service delivery models; inclusive, self-contained, resource and indirect.
- Manage and mentored Speech Therapy Assistances (SLPA's)

McPherson Special Education Cooperative, McPherson, KS

August 1998 – May 1999

Speech-Language Pathologist for McPherson High School and Galva Elementary.

- Provided speech and language services for children age 3 – 21 years of age.
- Provided therapy in a variety of models; inclusive, self-contained, resource and indirect services.
- Completed my Clinical Fellowship Year – earning my Certificate of Clinical Competence

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- Completed multiple self-study continuing education courses to enhance clinical knowledge and skills for professional growth and to develop student mentoring skills.
Topics included, but are not limited to:
 - Ethics in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Professionals and Personal Achievement
 - Diversity and Inclusion
 - Clinical mentoring
 - Clinical standards
- Attended annual Kansas Speech and Hearing Association (KSHA) Conference, Manhattan, KS – September 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

- American Speech-Language Hearing Association - ASHA
- ASHA Special Interest Group #11, Administration and Supervision
- Kansas Speech-Language Hearing Association

EDUCATION:

Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

August 1996 – May

1998

- Master of Science, Speech Language Pathology, May 1998
- Graduate Assistant
- Graduated Cum Laude
- Kansas Student Speech-Language Hearing Association (KSSLHA) Member

Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS

August 1992 – May

1996

- Bachelor of Science, Speech Language Pathology, May 1996

September 2023