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EDUCATION

- 2002- 2004 M.S., Communication Science and Disorders
Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.
- 2000 – 2001 Post-Graduate Study in Communication Science and Disorders
Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
- 1995 – 1999 B.A., in English Literature
John Carroll University, University Heights, OH

CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE

- 2005 – present American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Certificate of Clinical Competence #12067826
- 2012 – present State of Michigan Board of Speech-Language Pathology
License #L470460

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 to present Language and Literacy Clinician at Literacy, Language, and
Learning Institute (3LI)
Language and Literacy Clinician
Provide diagnostic and therapeutic intervention of literacy and
language-based learning disabilities, including dyslexia.
- 2013 to 2015 Summit Academy Schools, Romulus, MI
Speech-Language Pathologist
Evaluated and treated speech and language disorders for children
ranging from kindergarten to high school. Participated and trained
in Instructional Consultation Team approach to intervention.

- 2005 to 2012 University of Michigan Center for the Development of Language and Literacy (UCLL), Ann Arbor, MI
Speech-Language Pathologist
Evaluated adult and children with communication disorders including, aphasia, apraxia of speech, dysarthria, TBI, dyslexia, and language-literacy disorders. Developed and implemented treatment programs for adults and children with communication disorders. Documented findings in reports, participated in client staffings/family conferences, and educated families regarding communication development. Created a Caregiver's Handbook for family and friends who live with or know someone with aphasia. Supervised undergraduate students in the area of speech-language pathology.
- 2009 to 2012 University of Michigan DyslexiaHelp Website
www.dyslexiahelp.umich.edu
Worked on this project since conception; demonstrated software programs to the donor which helped solidify a \$300,000 gift for the development of the website. Assisted with content development and responded to inquiries that came into the website.
- 2004 to 2005 University of Michigan Center for the Development of Language and Literacy, Ann Arbor, MI
Clinical Fellow
Provided diagnostic assessments and treatment to adults and children with various communication disorders including, aphasia, apraxia, dysarthria and language-literacy disorders. Prepared and disseminated reports for family members and professionals, as well as participated in client staffings and family conferences.
- Winter 2004 Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center
Washington, D.C.
Intern
Acted as a spoken language facilitator in the Nursery classroom and worked with children who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing to increase expressive and receptive spoken language skills using sign language support as needed.
- Spring 2004 Canterbury Woods Elementary School
Annadale, VA
Intern

Evaluated and treated students with articulation disorders/delays, language disorders/delays, fluency disorders and apraxia. Worked with Deaf and Hard of Hearing children ages 2-11 using the cued speech method.

Fall 2003

Providence Hospital
Washington, D.C

Intern

Performed assessments and provided treatment to adult patients (acute, sub acute, and outpatient) throughout the hospital (stroke, nursing home, swallowing, and aural rehabilitation). Collaborated with Nurses, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Case Managers, and Nutritionists.

Summer 2003

University of Michigan Residential Aphasia Program
Ann Arbor, MI

Intern

Worked with adults with aphasia or TBI in individual therapy sessions that focused on speaking, listening, reading and writing deficits. Conducted individualized computer training that was also used to meet the needs of each client.

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

Pierson, J.M. & Wasco, K.A. (2013, February). DyslexiaHelp: A free, web-based curriculum and resource center. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Dearborn MI.

Pierson, J.M. & Wasco, K.A. (2013, February). Dyslexia help. Dyslexia hope. Paper presented at the Annual International Meeting of the Learning Disabilities Association, San Antonio, TX.

Wasco, K.A. (2012, January). How to Achieve Student Success. Presented at the Downtown Ann Arbor Public Library, Ann Arbor, MI.

Pierson, J.M. & Wasco, K.A. (2010, October). DyslexiaHelp: A resource for speech-language pathologists. Presented at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, MI.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETING

2011 International Dyslexia Association Conference, Chicago, IL (2011).

Represented DyslexiaHelp at this national meeting. Disseminated information about UM's state-of-the-art website, www.dyslexiahelp.umich.edu, to professionals, parents, and dyslexics.

2007 Exhibitor – International Stroke Conference – San Francisco CA
Informed and described the University of Michigan Aphasia Program and the benefits of intensive therapy. Discussed research outcomes and spoke with professionals, caregivers, and aphasics.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2001 to present
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 2005 to present
International Dyslexia Association, 2015 to present