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EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

Clinical Doctorate in Audiology, Au.D.

May 2017

Masters in Audiology

May 2015

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.

Bachelor of Sciences in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Minor in Family Child Sciences)

May 2013

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSE

American Speech- Language- Hearing Association (ASHA)

- Certificate of Clinical Competence

Tennessee Board of Communication Disorders and Science

- Audiologist license to practice in the state of Tennessee (License# 1859)

CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Greater Knoxville Ear, Nose, and Throat

May 2016- June 2017

- Perform diagnostic hearing evaluations and collaborate with otolaryngologists to determine appropriate patient care and management
- Conduct and interpret vestibular and electrophysiological evaluations including auditory brainstem response (ABR), electrocochleography (EcochG), and videonystagmography (VNG) testing
- Repair, program, fit, and counsel patients on amplification devices and accessories (Unitron, Phonak, Signia, and Oticon)
- Developed a PONTO case study that included observing a PONTO implantation procedure
- Participate in training seminars for Phonak rechargeable products, Signia products, and PONTO devices

University of Tennessee Audiology Clinic

August 2013- June 2016

- Diagnostic evaluations, amplification services, and follow-up patient care for children and adults
- Pediatric Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) diagnostic testing and family counseling
- Cochlear Implant mapping and programming

Knoxville Veteran Affairs

January 2016- May 2016

- Diagnostic hearing evaluations and amplification services for U.S veterans

Bridgewater Balance and Hearing

August 2015- December 2015

- Knowledge in managing a private practice and ability to build interpersonal relationships with referring professionals
- Professionally dispense, program, fit, and orient patients on Oticon hearing aids

Greater Miami Audiology

May 2015- July 2015

- Summer externship position completing diagnostics and amplification fittings from several manufacturers such as Phonak, Oticon, Resound, Starkey, Widex, and Siemens
- Gained experience with alternative amplification options including cochlear implants, bone anchored hearing aids, CROS systems, and assistive listening devices
- Introduction to tinnitus rehabilitation therapy using Neuromonics
- Observed a BAHA implantation and a mastoidectomy procedure

University of Tennessee Child Hearing Services

January 2015- May 2015

- Executed aural rehabilitation treatment for children wearing hearing aids and cochlear implants

Knox County Public School System

August 2014- December 2014

- District wide hearing tests, re-evaluations, and documentation for children requiring additional services
- Knowledge in follow-up procedures, screening consent requirements, and services provided in the Tennessee school system
- Worked with child find program that is provided to children 2-4 years old who are preparing to transition into school and requesting public school services
- Participate in an interdisciplinary Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting to evaluate and provide appropriate individual needs and services for a student

CLINICAL SKILLS

Diagnostic

- Establish case history for all ages using supplementary materials such as the Early Language Milestone Scale screening (ELM-Scale), Client Orientated Scale Inventory (COSI), Abbreviated Profile of Hearing Aid Benefit (APHAB), and Tinnitus Handicap Inventory
- Identify type and degree of hearing loss by performing comprehensive diagnostic hearing evaluations which include routine otoscopic examinations, pure tone air and bone conduction testing, speech recognition thresholds, and word recognition scores
- Obtain impedance measurements using tympanometry, acoustic reflexes, and distortion product otoacoustic emissions (DPOAE)
- Assess the integrity of the auditory system by performing ABR and EcochG testing
- Evaluate vestibular function by performing VNG test battery including oculomotor testing, Dix Hall Pike maneuvers, positional testing, and caloric irrigation testing
- Counsel patients and families on diagnostic results and propose treatment or rehabilitation options

Amplification

- Pediatric, adult, and veteran hearing aid evaluation, candidacy, orientation, and fittings
- Behavioral hearing aid benefit verification using Pascoe's High Frequency Word List and Acceptable Noise Level (ANL) evaluation
- Hearing aid troubleshooting, in house repairs, and modifications
- Ear mold impression, selection, and modification
- Assistive listening devices, FM systems, and Bluetooth compatible accessories
- Familiar with NOAH Software
- Counsel patients on technology options, advantages and limitations of amplification, and realistic expectations

Aural Habilitation & Rehabilitation

- Individual aural rehabilitation therapy for children with cochlear implants and developmental delays
- Used total communication strategies and sign language

Cochlear Implant

- Conducted cochlear implant mapping and evaluations
- Experience with Advanced Bionics, Med-El, and Cochlear America

WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Disability Rights of Florida Internship August 2012- December 2012
- Progressive Pediatric Developmental Center August 2011- December 2011

ACTIVITIES

- Member of Student Academy of Audiology (SAA), University of Tennessee 2013-2015
- Member of SAA, Florida State University 2011-2013
- Member of National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA) 2011-2013
- Tom Davidson Memorial Conferences September 2013 & 2014