

Forensic Speech-Language Pathology Curriculum Vitae

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Forensic • Neuro • Medical • Cognitive Disorders

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LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist

Arizona • California • Colorado • Florida • New Mexico • Pennsylvania • Washington • Virginia

- ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC-SLP)
- American Heart Association – BLS Certified Provider
- LSVT LOUD® Certified Clinician

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Speech-Language Pathologist with a decade of clinical practice under my belt, and 5+ years of experience conducting high-acuity medical, cognitive-linguistic, dysphagia, and communication-capacity evaluations across acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), long-term care, outpatient rehabilitation, and government-contracted settings.

Specialized in forensically relevant communication and cognitive assessments, including cases involving neurological injury, dementia, TBI, trauma, developmental disorders, and medically complex populations. Experienced in producing clear, defensible documentation supporting medical necessity, capacity considerations, communication access, and functional impact in court-adjacent and regulatory contexts.

CLINICAL & FORENSICALLY RELEVANT EXPERTISE

- Cognitive-linguistic assessment & differential diagnosis
- Forensic communication evaluations (neurological, TBI, trauma, developmental, medical)
- Dysphagia evaluation & management across high-acuity settings
- Modified Barium Swallow Study (MBSS) administration & interpretation
- Motor speech disorders, aphasia, language disorders

- AAC evaluation & communication-access analysis
- Capacity-adjacent communication analysis (comprehension, expression, reliability)
- High-stakes documentation and legally defensible reporting
- Record review, expert opinion, and interdisciplinary case consultation

SKILLED NURSING FACILITY (SNF) & POST-ACUTE CARE EXPERIENCE

- Extensive experience evaluating **medically complex adults** in SNF, subacute, LTAC, and post-acute rehabilitation settings
- Assessment of **dysphagia, cognitive-communication disorders, dementia, stroke, TBI, Parkinson's disease, and progressive neurological conditions**
- Functional communication analysis related to **decision-making, safety awareness, compliance, and care participation**
- Collaboration with **physicians, nursing, social work, case management, and rehabilitation teams**
- Documentation aligned with **medical necessity, regulatory standards, and interdisciplinary care planning**

FORENSIC & CONSULTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Forensic communication & cognitive evaluation – educational legal matter
- Record review & expert opinion – multi-state educational compliance case
- Government-contracted evaluations – classified, high-stakes, multi-state assessments
- Workplace disability case – communication accommodations consultation
- Forensic-adjacent neuro consults involving **TBI, stroke, cognitive decline, and capacity concerns**
- Specialized experience producing **defensible reports for legal, governmental, and administrative review**

TECHNICAL & DOCUMENTATION PROFICIENCY

- EMRs: Epic, Cerner, Rehab Optima, NetHealth, ChartLogic, OpenEMR
- Advanced diagnostic reasoning and longitudinal documentation
- Telepractice expertise for medical and school-based evaluations
- Secure handling of sensitive and classified clinical information

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Executive Leadership Board Member – Alzheimer's Association (2024–Present)
- Head to Speech Ambassador – Concussion Research Initiative (2024)
- Corporate consulting in accessibility, communication equity, and clinical technology

EDUCATION

Master of Science, Communication Sciences & Disorders

Emerson College – 2020

Bachelor of Science, Communication Sciences & Disorders

The Pennsylvania State University – 2014