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EDUCATION

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| Indiana University Bloomington, IN M.A. Speech-Language Pathology Bilingual Track (STEPS) | June 2023 |
| Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) Cleveland, OH B.A. Communication Sciences and Psychology Minors: Spanish Communication for Health Professionals Business Management | May 2021 |

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Local Council of Women (LCW) and the Bloomington Health Foundation (BHF) Award Fall 2022
- ASHA Students Preparing for Academic-Research Careers (SPARC) Award Summer 2022
- Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences Diane C. Games Award Spring 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Master's Thesis | Bloomington, IN January 2022 – July 2023
Graduate Clinical Researcher

- Designed and administrated a qualitative research study regarding Hispanic/Latine parents' perceptions, understanding, and satisfaction with their children's school-based speech-language pathology services
- Recruited, consented, and interviewed 7 parent participants
- Analyzed parent interviews and surveys utilizing thematic analysis

Language Experience and Multilingualism Research (LEMuR) Laboratory | Bloomington, IN January 2022 – December 2022
Graduate Research Assistant

- Translated Institutional Review Board (IRB) documents and research materials from English to Spanish
- Contributed to the development of an online research study on Gorilla Experiment Builder focused on word learning for bilingual children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

Speech and Auditory Research (SpAR) Laboratory | Cleveland, OH January 2018 – June 2021
Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Administered over 100 hearing screenings for research purposes
- Led data collection for a five-person team and analyzed speech perception reports
- Recruited, consented, and tested 150+ research participants for speech and auditory studies

PROFESSIONAL AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education (SWCCCASE) | Chicago, IL August 2023 – July 2025
Clinical Fellow in Speech-Language Pathology + Special Education Co-Teacher

- Conducted speech and language evaluations for students in grades 3rd through 5th
- Collaborated daily with co-teacher and social worker on academic and functional teaching plans
- Developed and implemented speech and language therapy goals for students diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Emotional Disturbance (ED), Hearing Impairment (HI), and Other Health Impairments (OHI)

Northwestern Medicine Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital | Wheaton, IL March 2023 – June 2023
Graduate Extern in Speech-Language Pathology: Stroke Unit

- Facilitated individual and group meal training sessions focused on swallowing strategies and recommendations
- Implemented treatment plans for adult patients (ages 26 to 98) directed by supervising speech-language pathologist
- Conducted, documented, and reported on speech, language, cognitive, and swallowing evaluations for monolingual and bilingual adult patients

Naperville Community Unit School District 203 | Chicago, IL January 2023 – March 2023
Graduate Extern in Speech-Language Pathology

- Conducted and documented monolingual and bilingual speech and language evaluations
- Reported speech and language assessment and performance data during Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings
- Implemented treatment plans for students in Pre-K through 5th grade across 4 schools as directed by speech-language pathologists

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

National Student Speech Language Hearing Association CWRU Chapter | Cleveland, OH January 2021 – May 2021
Diversity and Inclusion Chair

- Planned and executed monthly professional and academic workshops for chapter members
- Contributed to national recognition as a Gold Chapter for maintaining 30% national student membership
- Maximized organization funding to plan Communication Sciences and Disorders student advocacy events

President May 2018 – May 2020

- Raised awareness about the field of Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Coordinated fundraisers to raise money for children and adults with communication disorders
- Transitioned the chapter from the Undergraduate Student Government to the Undergraduate Diversity Collaborative

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages

- Fluent in English and Spanish

Research Ethics

- CITI Program Certification Training