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ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- 2003 **MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE - Speech-Language Pathology**
University of Toronto (2001-2003)
- 2001 **BACHELOR OF ARTS** (Honours Degree) with First Class Honours
Linguistics – Communication Disorders
Brock University, St. Catharine's, Ontario (1998-2001)

CAREER HISTORY

October 2008-present **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST – Full time**

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR BUSINESS GROWTH AND SYSTEMS INNOVATION

2025 - present

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR –2015 to 2025

S. L. Hunter SpeechWorks (formerly S. L. Hunter & Associates)

- Provide assessment, treatment, and consultative services to adolescents and adults with varying disorders of communication (e.g., language, apraxia, aphasia, dysarthria, voice, reading/writing, cognitive- communication) and swallowing. A predominant clinical focus has been with the acquired brain injury. population. A multidisciplinary team approach to rehabilitation is utilized. Emphasis on preparation for, or facilitation of successes within the school setting; return to academic and/or work settings.
- Provide assessment and treatment to those of all ages with a wide range of developmental and acquired disorders of communication and swallowing disorders within Northern Ontario, serving a largely Indigenous population.
- Clinical co-mentor for initial practice registrants for professional College (CASLPO) registration.
- Supervision of Speech-Language Pathology and Communicative Disorders Assistant students; supervision of Communicative Disorders Assistants
- Guest Lecturer at University of Toronto and McMaster University School of Speech-Language Pathology
- Founded link between S.L. Hunter SpeechWorks and the Ontario Telemedicine Network to enable service to remote populations via telepractice (~2012).
- Support development and implementation of IT systems for health records management and streamlining efficiencies
- Strategically plan and participate in business development activities
- Developed plan, proposal and implementation process for partnership with Sioux Lookout Health Authority
- Work as a Communication Intermediary in hospital and legal settings (2013 to present)

October 2007-
September 2008

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST – Full-time one-year long contract

Halton Health Care: Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital; Milton District Hospital; and Georgetown Hospital

- Provided diagnostic, treatment, and consultative services to adults with

disorders of communication and swallowing on inpatient and outpatient basis, within a multidisciplinary team. Clinical emphasis in the areas of swallowing, neurogenic communication (acquired brain injury, stroke, neurodegenerative diseases), and voice disorders.

- Coverage of medical, neurological, intensive care, complex continuing care, and slow-stream rehabilitation.
- Management caseloads across multiple hospitals within the acute care network.
- Supervision of Speech-Language Pathology students.

September 2003-
October 2007

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST – Full Time

Bridgepoint Health: Bridgepoint Hospital

- Provide assessment, treatment, and consultative services to adults with varying disorders of communication (language, apraxia, aphasia, dysarthria, voice, resonance, fluency, reading/writing, cognitive communication) and swallowing. A predominant clinical focus was with the acquired brain injury population. A multidisciplinary team approach to development and rehabilitation.
- Provision of in-service education to staff, families regarding a variety of communication and swallowing disorders.
- Coordinator of the Mealtime Assistance Program (MAP).
- Supervision of Communication Disorders Assistants (CDAs).
- Extensive use of interpreters for assessment, treatment and consultation.
- Supervision of Speech-Language Pathology students; facilitation of Master's level teaching clinics (University of Toronto).

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Medical Speech Pathology Essentials for Dysphagia Practice Managing Complex Adult Patients with Pulmonary, Digestive and Airway Disorders Northern Speech Services Course January – June 2025
- Towards Account Action on Equity, Allyship, and Peacemaking in Healthcare Webinars
 - Part 2: Alternatives to “Power-Over” Mindset April 28, 2025
 - Part 1: Coin Model of Privilege and Critical Allyship March 31, 2025
- Primitive Reflexes Group Learning July 3, 2024
- Train the Trainer 1:1 Refresher Training Aphasia Institute May 2024
- Addressing Islamophobia in Healthcare Webinar March 13, 2024
- Supporting Survivors: Innovative and Emerging Pathways to Healing Conference November 29, 2023
- Traumatic Brain Injury in Marginalized and Homeless Individuals Webinar September 28, 2023
- Health Advocates Conference: What You're Missing: Practical Tips and Strategies from Industry Professionals June 29, 2022
- The SLPs Role in Conversion Disorder (On Demand Webinar) June 2, 2022
- Trauma-Informed Practice with Children & Families Hospital for Sick Children Webinar November 23, 2021
- Skills System E-learning Program July 2020
- Health & Indigenous Elders Webinar, 14 January 2019
- Mind Over Chatter: Practical Mindfulness and Meditation for Rehabilitation and Education-2 June 2017
- Medical Marijuana: What Health Care Professionals Need to Know February 2017
- Mind Over Chatter: Practical Mindfulness and Meditation for Rehabilitation and Education-1 June 2016
- CDAC Legal Information Webinar Series (1-3) May 2016
 - Legal Rights for People with Communication Disabilities
 - Consent for Treatment
 - Substitute Decision Making
- June 1st – The Dawn of a New Day: Understanding the “Catastrophic” Impact of the coming SABS Changes, PIA Law, May 2016

- Consent and Capacity for Healthcare Providers Conference, PIA Law – October 2015
- PIA Practical Strategies for Experts: The Shifting Landscape Conference – October 2014
- Communication Intermediary Training, Communication Intermediary Series Webinars 1-4 hosted by CDAC, October-November 2013
- Critical Success Factors in the Auto Insurance Industry and Cognitive Communication Disorders Secondary to Pain, Depression and Anxiety – What SLPs Need to Know – OSLA April 2013
- Motivational Interviewing Workshop Level 2 – September 2012
- Motivational Interviewing Workshop Level 1 – June 2012
- Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Challenges and Controversies in Diagnosis – February 2012
- Word Finding for Adults: Deep Assessment and Comprehensive Intervention – Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Dr. Diane German, May 2011
- OBIA – Children and Youth with ABI Level One, November 2010
 - Recognizing and Treating Cognitive-Communication Behaviours That Affect Learning – Dr. Roberta DePompei
- CASLPO-OSLA Conference 2010 – Energized by Excellence, October 2010
 - Current Clinical Practice in Intervention for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury – Dr. Lyn Turkstra
- Post Graduate Course–Cognitive Communication Disorders – Level I, Sheila MacDonald, October 2008
- Post Graduate Course on Cognitive Communication Disorders -- Level II, Sheila MacDonald, February 2009
- Principles of Physiologic Voice Therapy – Dr. Joseph Stemple, Ph.D. – September 2005
- CASLPA 2007 Conference
 - Dysphagia Assessment and Management Techniques for All Clinicians
 - Emerging from the “Locked-In” Syndrome
 - Cranial Nerves: Implications for Speech and Swallowing
 - Medication Effects on Speech and Swallowing
 - The Irritable Larynx Syndrome
- Management of Acquired Apraxia of Speech – Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, April 2005
 - Incorporating Concepts of Motor Learning – J.L. Wambaugh
 - Principles of Motor Learning – Heather M. Clark
- Dysphagia... It's More Than Just a Swallow – Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, May, 2005
- Best Practices in Videofluoroscopic Assessment and Rehabilitation Intervention for Acquired Neurogenic Oropharyngeal Dysphagia: an Advanced Course for Speech-Language Pathologists, Catriona Steele, November 2007
- Clinical Educator Workshop, University of Toronto, November 2006
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, October 2006
- Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia: Train the Trainer, 2006
- 7th Annual Stroke Rehab Symposium – Destination Restoration: New Routes to Client Skill and Goal Attainment, December 2006
- Breathing Life into Practice: Interprofessional Rehabilitation of Patients with Tracheostomy, November 2006
- New Motor Vehicle Regulation, May 2006
- 4th Annual Stroke Rehabilitation Symposium, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute - Getting to the Stem of the Matter: The Latest on Brain Stem Stroke – December, 2003

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists of Ontario (CASLPO)-Member
- Ontario Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (OSLA)-Member
- Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists (CASLPA)-Member 2003-2015

HONORS

- SLP Clinical Instructor of the Year Award from the SRS at McMaster University (2025)
- McMaster University School of Rehabilitation Sciences Contributions to the School Award (2021)

- McMaster University School of Rehabilitation Sciences Unsung Hero Award (2021)
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship Recipient 2002, 2003
- American Women's Club Scholarship Recipient (2003)

RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Guest Speaker, Health Advocates Conference: What You're Missing: Practical Tips and Strategies from Industry Professionals June 29, 2022, "Adding Voice to your Client's Testimony: Courts are Starting to Understand..."
- Guest Lecturer, McMaster University Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Skills Lab "Working as a Communication Intermediary" 2021 to present
- Guest Lecturer, McMaster University Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Skills Lab "Working with Interpreters", 2019 to present
- Guest Lecturer, University of Toronto S-LP graduating classes "Treating an Adult with TBI" (revised for 2016 onward), 2015-present
- Co-Presenter, It's a Neuro Diverse Universe "Social Thinking", November 2017, 2018, 2019
- Co-Presenter, Jr. Job Club "Social Thinking", February 2016
- Co-Presenter, Autism Job Club "Social Thinking", January 2016
- Presenter S.L. Hunter & Associates Clinical Retreat, Supported Conversation for Adults with Aphasia (SCA), May 2010
- Presenter (Panel-Discussion), Discharge & Beyond 2009, Spinal Cord & Neurotrauma Conference, September 2009
- Poster Presentation, 2007 College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists (CASLPA) Conference – Moncton, New Brunswick, "Breaking Bread Together: Building Volunteer Mealtime Assistance Programs"
- Presenter, "Speech & Swallowing Characteristics in Huntington's Disease", September 2007
- Presenter, "Swallowing Management in Tracheostomized Patients", 2006
- Co-Presenter, Therapeutic Recreation Ontario Conference "Talking Mats", 2006
- Presenter, Toronto Area Swallowing Rounds "Quality of Life Feeding", 2005
- Presenter, South Riverdale Community Health Center, "Swallowing Disorders in the Elderly", 2005
- Presenter, Bridgepoint Hospital Clinical Day "Ethical Issues in Quality-of-Life Feeding", 2004
- Presenter, South Riverdale Community Health Centre "Communication Disorders in the Elderly", 2004

REFERENCES

Available upon request