

Cynthia Simonetti, M.A., CCC-SLP

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EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
*9/88-12/89: M.A. in Speech-Language Pathology
*9/83-6/87: B.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

CERTIFICATION

*Certificate of Clinical Competence awarded by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association
*New Mexico State Licensure

AWARDS

*Named the 2010 Con Alma Health Foundation “New Mexico Hero of Health”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

8/2012 to present: University of New Mexico, Speech & Hearing Sciences Department, Albuquerque, NM

Clinical Instructor: Responsible for instruction, supervision and management of graduate students in speech-language pathology during their clinical practicum. Provided direct and indirect supervision of intervention and diagnostic sessions per ASHA regulations. Caseload included adults with neurogenic communication disorders, as well as clients with voice, fluency, swallowing and accent modification issues.

Taught SHS 458-Preclinical Training, a 3-credit undergraduate course preparing students for their first clinical experience, during Spring 2013, 2014, 2015. The course is designed to have students apply their knowledge to clinical case studies with emphasis on planning for assessment and intervention sessions, writing behavioral objectives, data collection and documentation across the lifespan.

Taught SHS 517-Dysphagia, a 3-credit graduate course during Fall 2015. The course encompassed assessment and intervention of swallowing disorders across the lifespan while providing students the opportunity to apply their knowledge of anatomy and physiology to dysphagia cases.

May, 2014 traveled to Comunidad Crecer in Mexico City with select graduate students. Worked with students at Comunidad Crecer, a school for the severely handicapped, on their functional swallowing and communication skills; focusing on low and high-tech augmentative and alternative communication systems. Provided in-service education to the staff on swallowing and compensatory feeding strategies.

Faculty advisor for the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association chapter at the University of New Mexico for the academic years over 2013-2016.

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

*American Speech, Language and Hearing Association

*SIG 13, Swallowing and Swallowing Disorders, membership

*New Mexico State Speech, Language and Hearing Association

*Academy of Neurologic Communication Disorders and Sciences

REFERENCES

*Available upon request

4/2010 to 7/2012: Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center, Santa Fe, NM

Outpatient Sports Medicine Clinic: Responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of adults with swallowing, speech, language, cognitive and voice disorders on an outpatient basis. Included use of specialized treatment techniques, including VitalStim, Lee Silverman Voice Treatment, Myofascial Release for Dysphagia. Responsible for recommending materials and equipment for the opening of the new outpatient clinic. Created documentation tools and a procedure manual.

1/1993 to 4/2010: Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center, Santa Fe, NM

Responsible for the diagnosis and treatment of adults with swallowing, speech, language, voice and cognitive disorders on the acute care floors of the hospital, the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit and conducted Modified Barium Swallow Studies on an inpatient and outpatient basis. Achieved the highest level in the Clinical Advancement Program's clinical ladder.

Intensive participation in the hospital's dysphagia program through in-service education, development of new documentation and protocols, and bi-monthly presentations during the hospital's orientation program.

Motivated member of hospital-wide committees included participation in the Rehabilitation Operations Team, CARF preparation committees, Critical Care Rounds, taught courses on the Functional Independence Measure resulting in certification, and as a representative from the rehabilitation department to assist with the transition to an electronic medical record.

2/1990 to 12/1992: Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, IL

Responsible for acute, inpatient and outpatient evaluations and treatment of patients with speech, language, voice, cognitive and swallowing disorders in a non-profit, teaching hospital and trauma center. Patient population ranged from neonatal through geriatric.

10/1987 to 9/1988: Rockland Psychiatric Center, Orangeburg, NY

Caseload was comprised of psychiatric patients with communicative disorders. Over half of the caseload included deaf and/or aphasic adults.