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EDUCATION:

M.S., Speech Language Pathology
Idaho State University, August, 2008

B.A., English, Technical Communication
Boise State University, May, 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- **Idaho State University, Meridian, Idaho** *February 2020 – present*
 - Educate graduate student clinicians as a Clinical Supervisor Faculty member at the Idaho State University-Meridian outpatient clinic.
 - Participate in service, academic, or community roles within the CSD department and university setting as opportunities arise.
- **Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center & Rehabilitation, Boise, Idaho** *2013 – 2020*
 - Speech pathology assessment and treatment in the hospital setting, including working with high acuity patients.
 - Inpatient rehabilitation of patients who participate in three hours of combined treatment daily. Served a variety of patients such as those who have experienced traumatic brain injury, stroke, neurological conditions such as Parkinson's, dysphagia secondary to cancer or cervical spine surgery, dementia, and a host of other contributing medical conditions.
 - Oversaw supervision of graduate speech-language pathology clinical practicum students by providing intensive bedside clinical instruction focusing on:
 - assessment and treatment of a vast variety of disorders encountered in the medical setting;
 - the intricacies of case management including developing plans of care, documentation standards, and understanding reimbursement requirements; and
 - methods to harness dynamic clinical judgment and instinct in order to foster creativity and passion within the practice of speech pathology.
 - Frequently collaborated with other team members including physicians, nurses, dietitians, case managers, therapists, family, and outside agencies to support patient continuum of care.
- **Idaho State University, Meridian, Idaho** *Spring Semester 2014; & Fall Semester 2017*
 - Served as a Clinical Supervisor Adjunct Faculty Member at the Idaho State University-Meridian outpatient clinic during two different semesters to provide clinical supervision of graduate student clinicians.
 - Guided students in the continuum of the learning process from chart audits, preparation for assessment, and client interview and intake processes to developing tailored treatment plans that support client goals as well as evidence-based practices.
 - Encouraged students to master their own learning process through vital critical thinking skills including self analysis, developing clinical questioning styles, and harnessing the ability to seek and adapt to opportunities as they arise.
- **Life Care Centers of America, Boise, Idaho** *2009 – 2013*
 - Managed a diverse and ever-changing caseload as a member of a skilled rehabilitation team at two Boise skilled nursing facilities.
 - Served in a rehabilitation department assistant capacity as needed to provide ancillary support by attending reimbursement and management meetings, as well as presenting patient outcomes with rehabilitation goals to

family members and insurance representatives in care plan meetings. Performed documentation audits to ensure accuracy and compliance for insurance billing purposes.

- Conducted a variety of evaluations to assess and treat dysphagia, dementia, aphasia, dysarthria, apraxia and other deficits in the adult and geriatric populations.
- Provided speech-language treatment as part of the facility's outpatient program within patients' homes.
- Conducted educational presentations at various assisted living facilities and health fairs to support company marketing goals through educating the community about the benefits of skilled rehabilitation.
- **Saint Alphonsus Rehabilitation Services (STARS), Caldwell, Idaho 2008 – 2009**
 - Directed a mixed caseload of preschool and school-aged children and adults who presented with deficits spanning a variety of diagnoses.
 - Provided academic IEP speech therapy services through contract with Idaho Virtual Academy.
 - Conducted education and participated in joint meetings with community medical providers and STARS to identify future referral networks for therapy services.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- **Idaho Public Television, Boise, Idaho 1999 – 2005**
 - Public Information Representative responsible for the promotion of national and local television programs, as well as station-related events and news by creating, designing, and writing various promotional materials and publications.
- **AMI Technologies, Boise, Idaho 2001 – 2002**
 - Implemented marketing strategies in the accounting industry to promote technical accounting software.

RELEVANT TRAINING:

- *VitalStim* Therapy Certification Course, and *VitalStim II: Beyond Certification*
- Interactive Metronome Certification Course
- Myofascial Release and Manual Techniques in Dysphagia
- Numerous other ongoing continuing education opportunities as per the standards to maintain licensure, many focusing on neuro-rehabilitation, evidence-based practice research, and techniques to optimize student supervision.