

Julia Watson Haffer, MS, CCC-SLP

Respected clinical speech-language pathologist with consistent provision of patient-centered and evidence-based care in both diagnostics and interventions. Flexible and adaptable essential member of the patient care team in a variety of demanding settings with a focus on maximizing patient outcomes while continuously seeking to improve clinical and business practices.

Employment Experience

SPAULDING REHABILITATION NETWORK

GREATER BOSTON AREAS

Clinical Specialist Speech-Language Pathologist, Network Float

December 2010 – Present

- Provide diagnostic and therapeutic services in the acute care, acute rehabilitation, long-term acute care, skilled nursing, and outpatient settings to a diverse patient population with needs in the areas of speech, swallowing, language, cognitive-linguistics, and voice/tracheostomy.
- Effectively communicate with other speech pathologists and care team members throughout the Network to enhance collaboration, patient hand-off and quality of care.
- Identify and execute process improvements across sites, including the establishment of electronic documentation and streamlining the graduate student program expectations.
- Mentor and supervise clinical fellows, graduate students, and new hire clinicians.
- Initiated the first SLP Network Journal Club.
- Maintain the following competencies: FEES, MBS, trach/vent, disorders of consciousness (DOC)

SPAULDING REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

BOSTON, MA

Staff Speech-Language Pathologist

August 2009 - December 2010

- Independently completed diagnostic examinations, including clinical swallow evaluations, speech-language-cognitive evaluations, FEES, and MBS, in an inpatient adult, post-acute rehabilitation setting.
- Successfully planned and executed daily individual and group therapy sessions for patients with speech, language, cognitive-linguistic, and swallowing disorders.
- Efficiently taught new hire orientation sessions on dysphagia, communication and the role of the SLP.

DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

DURHAM, NC

Staff Speech-Language Pathologist

March 2009 - July 2009

Clinical Fellow Speech-Language Pathologist

July 2008 – March 2009

- Rapidly gained independence within all relevant domains of assessment and treatment in adult acute care, including specialty skills: Passy-Muir Valve evaluations; FEES; MBS.
- Prioritized patient caseload and managed per-diem staff as the lead clinician every weekend.
- Initiated and taught nursing dysphagia in-service presentations.
- Collaborated to bring Respiratory Muscle Strength Training (RMST) to the inpatient population and participated in the initiation of a Tracheostomy Team.

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Education

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
MS, Speech and Hearing Sciences

CHAPEL HILL, NC
May 2008

- Awarded Social Inclusion Grant: Specialized courses through the school of education, an inclusion internship/project, and 150 hours of clinical research.
- National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) member.
- Achieved passing score on the Praxis II: Speech-Language Pathology exam.
- Completed an independent study in Antigua, Guatemala: Daily one-on-one Spanish language classes; Cultural immersion; Involvement with Common Hope School, conducted hearing screenings and developed low-tech Spanish AAC materials.

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
BA, Summa Cum Laude, Brain and Cognitive Sciences

ROCHESTER, NY
May 2006

- Cumulative GPA 3.97
- Minors in Spanish and Clinical Psychology
- Academic Societies: Phi Beta Kappa; Psi Chi; Golden Key (Community Service Chair)
- President of Kappa Delta Sorority

Presentations & Research

- Haffer, Julia; Lewis, Amy; Penrod, Sara. "Documenting Outside the Checkbox: A look at challenges and successes in a network-wide EMR overhaul." American Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention; November 17, 2018.
- Haffer, Julia; Lewis, Amy; Penrod, Sara. "Perks and Practices Of Hospital Network Floats". American Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention; November 20, 2014.
- Haffer, Julia. "Respiratory Muscle Strength Training: Getting Started." Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital Charlestown Education Session; October 1, 2015.
- Resolving Ambiguity: The Integration of Prosody and Syntax by Individuals With High-Functioning Autism (Diehl, J.J., Bennetto, L., Watson, D., Gunlogson, C., McDonough, J., Watson, J.R.). Poster presented at Society for Research in Child Development March 30, 2007.
- Acoustic and Perceptual Analysis of Prosody in Autism (Diehl, J.J., Watson, D., McDonough, J., Gunlogson, C., Young, E.C. & Benetto, L.). Contributed to research for and preparation of poster presented at International Meeting for Autism Research. May 5, 2005.

Teaching

- The Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions - Online Prerequisites for the Health Professions; Summer 2018 - Present