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Education

Certified Professional Life Coach, Fowler-Wainwright School,
February 2013.

Course work completed for Ed. S. in Marriage and Family
Counseling, University of South Carolina, 2001-2004.

Doctor of Philosophy, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC,
May 1994.

Master of Speech Pathology, University of South Carolina, Columbia,
SC May 1990.

Bachelor of Arts, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI, January
1986.

Certification and Licensure

Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology, American Speech-Language Hearing Association, October 1, 1991 to present.

State of Massachusetts License to practice Speech-Language Pathology, Massachusetts Board of Examiners in Speech Pathology and Audiology, January 30, 2014 to present

Certified Alaryngeal Speech Instructor, International Association of Laryngectomees, 2003 to present.

Present Positions

1. Speech-Language Pathologist, Department of Veterans Affairs
1991 to present.

Duties include:

- Provision of independent diagnostic assessment and evaluation of cases that are referred for Speech-Language Pathology Services without limitation as to difficulty or complexity.
- Conducting interviews (with the patients and appropriate family members and/or friends) and selecting, administering, and interpreting the diagnostic tests necessary to detect and evaluate any type of speech, language, voice and/or swallowing disorders.
- Reporting findings to other professional workers or other members of the Speech-Language Pathology team so that they may cooperate in formulating diagnostic and remedial judgments.
- Staying abreast of all new developments in the field of Speech-Language Pathology, related to their client base, by reading professional journals, participating in Continuing Education as approved by the State and by the American Speech- Language

and Hearing Association (ASHA), and by communicating with other professionals in my field.

- Developing plans for a course of therapy to resolve or minimize speech-related communication conditions that present serious problems to social contacts, educational development, or employment opportunities.
 - Establishing and maintaining an effective therapy relationship with the patient, family and caregivers.
 - Providing education/ information/counseling to the veteran's family and other responsible parties.
 - Documenting in the medical record, completing check out in Quasar, adding evaluation and diagnosis opinions, updating the treatment plan, documenting the intended outcome of treatment, updating the veteran's functional status, and documenting all patient/family education.
 - Participating with other health care practitioners to address the global needs of the patient, advise on diagnosis and treatment.
 - Providing orientation/training of clinical staff, assisting in orientation and training of new staff.
 - Training and supervision of students, trainees, and fellows, providing feedback on progress toward established educational goals.
2. Adjunct Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 2-98 to present.
 3. Voice Institute Director, International Association of Laryngectomees 2017-present

Duties include:

- Developing the curriculum for the Annual IAL Voice Institute, including sessions specific to the educational needs of speech pathologists, graduate student trainees and those who are laryngectomized.
- Identifying and recruiting the required faculty and staff for the Voice Institute
- Assuring compliance with all current federal, state, and local laws regarding the practice of speech-language pathology as performed during the VI
- Obtaining full and formal disclosure from all faculty members in regard to any and all commercial interests or affiliations they may have relative to the Voice Institute per ASHA guidelines.
- Ensuring that all faculty and staff conduct themselves in a professional manner, and in keeping with the ASHA Code of Ethics.
- Ensuring that all clinical services are delivered in a safe environment, employing universal precautions for infection control, and respecting each individual's right to confidentiality and privacy.
- In conjunction with the IAL Speech Standards Committee, establishing practice guidelines for the therapy portions of the VI for a balanced program inclusive of esophageal speech, electronic speech aids, and tracheal-esophageal speech.

Professional Experience

Speech-Language Pathologist, Department of Veteran's Affairs 6-2-91 to present.

Voice Institute Director, International Association of Laryngectomees 2017 to present.

Faculty for the Voice Institute for Laryngectomy Rehabilitation,
International Association of Laryngectomees, 2002 – present.

Adjunct Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders,
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 2-98 to present.

Speech Pathologist (PRN), Health South Rehabilitation Hospital,
Columbia, SC, 1996-1998.

Speech Pathologist, Carol Varadi and Associates, Columbia, SC, 8-90
to 6-91.

Professional Activities

Member, American Speech-Language Hearing Association, 1989 to
present.

Voice Instructor, International Association of Laryngectomees, 2003
to present.

Coordinator of *Caregiver's Corner*, a column in the International
Association of Laryngectomees quarterly publication, 2013 to present.

Director at Large, International Association of Laryngectomees 2004
to 2007.

Coordinator, Greater Columbia New Voice Club, University of South
Carolina, Columbia, SC 2001 to 2014.

Awards

Dr. James C. Shanks Master Clinician Award, International
Association of Laryngectomees, Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX, 2016.

Ace Award, American Speech Language Hearing Association, 2017

Clinical Excellence Award, International Association of Laryngectomees, Annual Meeting, Spokane, WA, 2013

Louis M. DiCarlo award for Outstanding Clinical Achievement in the State of South Carolina, 2006.

. Publications

Melvin, C.F., Williams, H.G., Bishop, J.H., McLenaghan, B., McDade, H., and Cooper, W.A., "Manual and Vocal Timing of Adult Stutterers and Nonstutterers". *Proceedings of the First International Congress on Fluency Disorders*, 1995.

Manley, S. B., Frank, E. M. and Melvin, C.F. "Preparation of Speech-Language Pathologists to Provide Services to Patients with a Tracheostomy Tube; A Survey." *American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*, Vol 8 No 2, 1999.

Melvin, C.F., Frank, E.M. and Robinson, S. "Preparation of Speech-Language Pathologists to Provide Services to Patients with a Tracheoesophageal Puncture". *Journal of Medical Speech Pathology*, Vol 9 No 2, 2001

Melvin, CF " Laryngectomy, Emotions, Healing and the Family" *International Association of Laryngectomees Newsletter*, January 2005

Melvin, CF " Laryngectomee Rehabilitation; Thinking Outside of the Voice Box" *Voice Points*, November 2006.

Melvin, CF "Laryngectomy and Travel: What every laryngectomee should know before they go!" *International Association of Laryngectomees Newsletter* June, 2007.

Melvin, Caryn, F., "Managing the Emotions of Laryngectomy: A Guide for Patients and Families", DVD series for the Foundation for Voice Restoration, 2007.

Melvin, Caryn, F., "Laryngectomy Rehabilitation: Building Healthy Client Family Relationships for Improved Outcomes: Information for

Clinicians", DVD series for the Foundation for Voice Restoration, 2007.

Melvin, CF "Nutritional Needs at the End of Life" *Voice Points*, February 2008

Presentations

“Esophageal Speech: Ethical Decision Making in the Total Laryngectomy Population.” The International Association of Laryngectomees voice Institute, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

“PTSD: Management Considerations for the Speech and Hearing Professional.” Short Course. South Carolina Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC February 2015.

“PTSD” Florida Laryngectomy Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL October 2014.

“Tracheoesophageal Puncture” Florida Laryngectomy Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL October 2014.

“Intimate Relationships Following Laryngectomy” International Association of Laryngectomees , Buffalo, NY June 2014.

“Pre-op Counseling ” International Association of Laryngectomees , Buffalo, NY June 2014.

"Tracheoesophageal Voice Basics" Vic Baird Voice Institute, Florida Laryngectomy Association Annual Conference, October 2013.

“Intimate Relationships Following Laryngectomy” International Association of Laryngectomees , Durham, NC June 2013.

“Pre-op Counseling ” International Association of Laryngectomees , Durham, NC June 2013.

“Counseling for the Laryngectomy” International Association of Laryngectomees, Boston, MA June 2013.

“The Intimate Relationship Following Laryngectomy Surgery”, International Association of Laryngectomees, Boston, MA June 2013

"Tracheoesophageal Voice Basics" Vic Baird Voice Institute, Florida Laryngectomy Association Annual Conference, October 2012.

“Counseling for the Laryngectomy” International Association of Laryngectomees, Kansas City, KA June 2012.

“The Intimate Relationship Following Laryngectomy Surgery” International Association of Laryngectomees, Kansas City, KA June 2012.

"Tracheoesophageal Voice Basics" Vic Baird Voice Institute, Florida Laryngectomy Association Annual Conference, October 2011.

"Laryngectomy 101: Assessment and Management" Upstate AHEC, Greenville, SC May 20th, 2011.

"Tracheoesophageal Voice Basics" Vic Baird Voice Institute, Florida Laryngectomy Association Annual Conference, October 2010.

"Pre and Post-Operative Counseling for the Laryngectomy and Their Family" International Association of Laryngectomees, Clarksville, ID, June 2010.

"Bodily changes Following Laryngectomy" Florida Laryngectomy Association annual Conference, October 2009.

"Tracheoesophageal Voice Basics" Vic Baird Voice Institute, Florida Laryngectomy Association Annual Conference, October 2009.

"End of Life Decisions and the Role of the Speech-Language Pathologist" Jacksonville Area Speech-Language Pathology Association, Jacksonville, FL. December 2nd 2008.

"Counseling For Laryngectomy" The International Association of Laryngectomees Annual Voice Institute. Little Rock, AK. August 28, 2008.

"Relationships and Intimacy Following Laryngectomy", International Association of Laryngectomees Annual Meeting, Little Rock, AK. August 28, 2008.

"Managing Emotions During Laryngectomy Recovery". Florida Laryngectomy Association Annual Meeting. Orlando, FL. September 12, 2008.

"Trials and Tribulations of Caregiving; The Journey Through Tough Decisions" Florida Laryngectomy Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, September 15th, 2007

"Artificial Larynx Basics", The Vic Baird Annual Voice Institute, Orlando, FL, September 14th, 2007

"Counseling For Laryngectomy" The International Association of Laryngectomees Annual Voice Institute. Burlington, VT, July 14th, 2007.

"Relationships and Intimacy Following Laryngectomy", International Association of Laryngectomees Annual Meeting, Burlington, VT, July 12, 2007.

"Thoughts on Being a Laryngectomee Visitor" International Association of Laryngectomees Annual Meeting, Burlington, VT, July 12, 2007.

"Motor Speech Disorders" Greenville AHEC, Greenville, SC, February 6th, 2007.

"Laryngectomy Basics" Mid Carolina AHEC, Columbia, SC, January 17, 2007.

"Motor Speech Disorders" National Health Care Annual Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC, January 14th, 2007.

“Practical Ideas for Evaluating and Managing Dysphagia In Long Term Care”, Greenville area AHEC, September 13th, 2006

“Motor Speech Disorders”, Mid Carolina AHEC, October 2005

“Tracheoesophageal Puncture” Florida Laryngectomy Association, October 2005.

“Seven Steps for a Healthy Client-Family Relationship”, North Carolina Speech-Language Hearing Association, Winston-Salem, NC. April 21, 2005.

“Practical Ideas for Evaluating and Managing Dysphagia in Long Term Care”. Mid Carolina AHEC, March 8, 2005.

“Managing the TEP Patient: A Practical Workshop” Guest Faculty, Stanford University Department of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, Palo Alto, CA, February 4-5, 2005.

“Seven Steps for a Healthy Client-Family Relationship”. South Carolina Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention, February 3, 2005.

“Trach Basics: A Primer”. South Carolina Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual Convention, February 3, 2005.

“Emotions of Laryngectomy”, Mid West Laryngectomy Association, St. Louis, MI, November 16, 2004.

“The Artificial Larynx Device: The Unsung Hero of Voice Rehab”, Mid West Laryngectomy Association, St. Louis, MI, November 16, 2004.

“Overcoming Grief, Anger and Depression”, IAL Annual Meeting. Anaheim, CA, 2004.

“Laryngectomy Assessment, Management and Counseling” Mid Carolina AHEC, March 2004.

“Counseling the Communicatively Disordered and Their Families”
South Carolina Speech Language Hearing Association Annual
Conference February 2004.

“Counseling the Communicatively Disordered and Their Families”.
Pee Dee AHEC, July 19, 2003.

“Select Topics in Medical Speech Language Pathology”. Pee Dee
AHEC, March 16, 2003.

“Treatment With the Artificial Larynx” South Carolina Speech
Language Hearing Association Annual Conference, February 2003.

“Laryngectomy: Counseling and Assessment” South Carolina Speech
Language Hearing Association Annual Conference, February 2003.

“Laryngectomy: Assessment, Management, Counseling and Support”
Pee Dee AHEC, November 2002.

“Dysphagia in Laryngectomy; Case Presentation for Clinical Grand
rounds” South Carolina Speech Language Hearing Association,
February 6th, 1998.

“Augmentative Communication: Considerations in the Pre-school and
Elementary School Population”. Lancaster County School System,
August 20, 1997.

“Augmentative Communication: Considerations in the Elderly”.
South Carolina Augmentative, Alternative Communication Expo,
March 25, 1997.

Frank, E., Melvin, C.F. and Tanner, C.J.W., “Case Studies in
Dysarthria”. South Carolina Speech-Language Hearing Association,
February, 1990.

Teaching Experience

“Augmentative Communication: Assessment and Intervention”,
University of South Carolina, Department of Communication
Sciences and Disorders, Columbia, SC, Fall 1996, Spring 1997- 2013.

“Augmentative Communication: Assessment and Intervention”,
University of South Carolina, Department of Distance Education,
Columbia, SC, Fall 1997 - present.

“Counseling for Speech Pathologists” University of South Carolina,
Department of Distance Education, Columbia, SC, Fall 2018 to
present.

“Laryngectomy Assessment and Management” University of South
Carolina, Department of Distance Education, Columbia, SC, Spring
2018 to present.

“Neurogenic Disorders of Speech”, University of South Carolina,
Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, Columbia,
SC, Spring 1995 – 2013

“Neurogenic Disorders of Speech”, University of South Carolina,
Department of Distance Education, Columbia, SC, Spring 1998 to
2013.

“Dysphagia: Assessment and Management”, University of South
Carolina, Department of Distance Education, Columbia, SC, Spring
1998 to present.

“Dysphagia: Assessment and Management”, University of South
Carolina, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders,
Columbia, SC, Spring 2008 to 2014.

“Overview of Dysphagia”, University of South Carolina School of
Medicine, Columbia, SC, Spring 1996, 1997.

“Observation in Speech-Language Pathology”, University of South
Carolina, Department of Distance Education, Columbia, SC, Spring
1998 to present.

“Motor Speech Disorders – Selected Lectures”, Medical University of South Carolina, College of Health Professions, Charleston, SC, Fall 1999.

“Introduction to Medical Speech Language Pathology”, University of South Carolina, Department of Distance Education, Columbia, SC, Fall 2003 to 2012.

“Introduction to Medical Speech Language Pathology”, University of South Carolina, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Columbia, SC, Spring 1999 to 2012.