

FACULTY BACKGROUND DATA AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAM FACULTY

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RESEARCH INTERESTS: Training and self-confidence in treatment individual swallowing disorders; reading and writing assessment practices for diagnosis of communication disorders among speech and language pathologists; speech and language pathologists cultural competencies; dysphagia, adult language, cognitive-communication disorders in adults.
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RESEARCH INTERESTS: Autism spectrum disorder; cognitive-communication disorders; cultural and linguistic variables; electrophysiology; language acquisition; language disorders; linguistics/psycholinguistics and speech acquisition.
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