

Melissa J. W. Hall, MA, AuD, CCC-A/SLP

EDUCATION

- 2006-2010 *Doctor of Audiology*
University of Florida in Gainesville, FL
Graduation Date: May 1, 2010
- 2004-2006 *Master of Arts, Communicative Disorders*
University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL
Graduation Date: August 5, 2006
- 2001-2004 *Bachelor of Arts, Communicative Disorders*
University of Central Florida in Orlando, FL
Graduation Date: July 31, 2004
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EMPLOYMENT

06/11-Present Clinical Assistant Professor, *University of Florida, Gainesville, FL*

- UF Health Cochlear Implant Team Coordinator
 - Order all of the cochlear implant internals and externals for all Medicaid cochlear implant surgeries. Order all external cochlear implant equipment following surgery for private insurance and Medicare insurance. Develop and Maintain Cochlear Implant Team Database for In Progress, Approved, and Implanted patients. Work together with the OR support staff for devices. Develop and Maintain the UF Health Cochlear Implant Program Facebook Group. Write Letters of Medical Necessity for replacement and upgraded equipment and for surgery, help with insurance appeals. Develop forms, protocols, and instructional materials for clinical use amongst audiologists, speech-language pathologists, otolaryngologists, and doctor of audiology students. Coordinate appointments among all of the specialties for cochlear implant evaluations. Research, acquire and maintain assessment tools necessary for evaluations and follow-ups for cochlear implant program. Manage patient equipment, and notify audiologists and schedulers when patients require appointments to obtain their equipment. Manage clinical equipment for the cochlear implant program. Manage updates of the cochlear implant software with IT.
- Clinical specialties include the assessment and evaluation of hearing in infants, children, and adults with an emphasis in cochlear implant evaluation, programming and rehabilitation; pediatric audiology; hearing aids; electrophysiology; newborn hearing screening program; and auditory rehabilitation. Clinical supervision of doctoral students within the field of audiology. Experience with all three FDA approved cochlear implant manufacturers: Cochlear, MED-EL, Advanced Bionics.

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- Professor for multiple courses within the on-campus AuD program and distance learning AuD program.
- 06/10-06/11 Clinical Assistant Professor, *University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC*
- Employed at the USC Speech and Hearing Research Center. Responsibilities: provided complete assessment and intervention of pediatric and adult hearing loss, such as child and adult audiologic diagnostics, hearing aid dispensing, cochlear implants (Cochlear, MED-EL, Advanced Bionics), speech therapy. Additional responsibilities included: clinical supervision of speech-language pathology graduate students. Performed preschool and vocational rehabilitation hearing screenings as necessary.
 - Professional on the Cochlear Implant team at USC. Provided comprehensive care with a multidisciplinary approach.
 - Served as the audiologist for the Craniofacial Clinic with DHEC. Provided services once monthly as part of the craniofacial team.
- 10/06-05/09 Speech-Language Pathologist, *Therapy Connections, LLC, Special Communications, Inc., Gainesville, FL*
- Completed clinical fellowship part-time in public school system and group homes, in September 2008. Obtained active licensure in State of Florida, and ASHA certification in October 2008. Duties included: diagnostic and therapy services, lesson planning, IEP meetings, consultations with professionals, parent counseling and scheduling.
- 08/05-05/06 C-Print Captionist, *University of Central Florida, Student Disability Services, Orlando, FL*
- Provided live-text of courses to students with hearing impairment.
- 08/04-07/06 Speech-Language Pathologist Assistant, *Metro Rehab of Orlando, Inc., Orlando, FL*
- Implemented treatments outlined by the Licensed SLP. Recorded case history. Conducted, without diagnostic interpretation, evaluative procedures planned by the Licensed SLP. Recorded diagnostic reports, progress reports, daily log, and SOAP notes.
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MEMBERSHIP

- *American Speech-Language-Hearing Association*
 - *American Academy of Audiology*
 - *Audiology NOW 2016 Learning Labs Committee Member*
 - *June 2015 to April 2016*
 - *Alexander Graham Bell Association*
 - *National and Florida Member*
 - *Appointed in 2014 to the AGBell Florida Board of Directors*
 - *January 2014 to Present – Board of Directors*
 - *September 2016 to Present – Scholarship Committee*
 - *American Cochlear Implant Alliance*
 - *ACI Alliance State Champion – Appointed June 2017*
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EXTERNSHIPS

- **Audiology Externship**

06/09-06/10 Audiology Extern, *Carolina Children's Communicative Disorders Program (CCCDP)*, Durham, NC

- Employed at CCCDP as a fourth year audiology extern. Worked full-time with the pediatric cochlear implant team at UNC Chapel Hill. Performed: diagnostics, mainly cochlear implants, mapping, remote intraoperative monitoring, hearing aids, assistive listening devices, and a large focus on habilitation. Conducted Auditory-Verbal Therapy sessions, with a mentor. Worked with the following CI companies: MedEL, Cochlear, Advanced Bionics.

- **Speech-Language Pathology Externships**

05/06-08/06 SLP Extern, *Merrill Gardens at Lake Orienta*, Altamonte Springs, FL

- Provided speech/language treatment & diagnostics, full-time, at various Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) in the Orlando area. Additional services: cognitive & feeding/swallowing therapy. Geriatric population.

01/06-04/06 SLP Extern, *Lake Sybelia Elementary School*, Maitland, FL

- Total Communication program for deaf and hard of hearing students.
 - Provided speech/language treatment and diagnostics 20 hours/week for students with hearing impairment and multiple disabilities (Pre-K to 5th grade). Utilized oral communication and sign language.
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PRESENTATIONS

02/17 *Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Meeting*, Atlanta, GA

- Presented on February 27, 2017 as part of a team presentation, title: "*Building Balanced Partnerships: The Collaborative Team and Family-Centered Intervention*"

04/16 *Audiology NOW! 2016 National Conference*, Phoenix, AZ

- Presented at the national audiology conference in a four hour learning lab on April 13, 2016 in Phoenix, AZ; presentation title: "*Verification: How's that Sound? Verification and Validation of Hearing Assistive Technology*"

08/14 *UF Health Conference on Pediatric Hearing Loss, Inaugural Conference*, Gainesville, FL

- Chaired the planning of the inaugural *Conference on Pediatric Hearing Loss sponsored by Delta Zeta offered through the University of Florida in the College of Public Health and Health Professions in the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences* that took place on August 15-16, 2014. The event marked the beginning of a relationship between Delta Zeta, parents of children with hearing loss, the Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences, and the Department of Otolaryngology at the University of Florida. The event provided education for professionals and parents working with children with hearing loss. Topics of discussion included the cochlear implant candidacy process, speech-language and audiological diagnostic procedures, treatment strategies and protocols, and recommendations for

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educational placement/accommodations. Presenters included: Rodrigo Silva, MD, Melissa Hall, AuD, Brittany Lane, MS, Don Goldberg, PhD, Alisa Demico, MS, and Marcus Rose, MSP.

- 02/14 *Speech & Language Association of Alachua County (SLACS), Gainesville, FL*
- Presented at the 27th annual conference on February 22, 2014, titled: “*Pediatric Aural Habilitation*”
- 04/12 *Clinical Application: Speech Acoustics and Audiology, Gainesville, FL*
- Doctor of Audiology Grand Rounds Presentation on April 10, 2012.
- 01/11 *South Carolina Academy of Audiology, 2011 Annual Conference, Columbia, SC*
- Presented on January 22, 2011 as part of the University of South Carolina Cochlear Implant Team for a presentation titled “Cochlear Implants: Candidacy Update.”
 - USC Cochlear Implant Team Co-Presenters: Wendy Potts, Au.D., Nikki Burrows, Au.D., Scott Thompson, M.D., Gina Crosby-Quinatoa, MSP, Jamy Claire Archer, MS, Kimberlee Crass, Ph.D.
- 11/09 *The 16th Annual Hear ‘n’ Now Conference, 2009, North Carolina*
- Participated on November 6, 2009 along with the CCCDP Cochlear Implant Team, Dr. Craig Buchman, and Joni Alberg, as part of the “Panel of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Interventionists: A Case Study.”
- 04/09 *Public Health and Health Professions Research Fair 2009, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL*
- Poster presentation in Gainesville at PPHP Research Fair titled: “Programming Parameters and Outcome Performance in Cochlear Implants: A Retrospective Study”
 - Mentor: Alice Holmes, Ph.D., Co-Authors: Hannah Siburt, Au.D., Kevin Still, B.S.
- 04/09 *American Academy of Audiology, Audiology NOW Conference, Dallas, Texas*
- Poster presentation in Dallas at Audiology NOW titled: “Programming Parameters and Outcome Performance in Cochlear Implants: A Retrospective Study”
 - Mentor: Alice Holmes, Ph.D., Co-Authors: Hannah Siburt, Au.D., Kevin Still, B.S.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2017 SPA 6581 Current Issues in Audiology, *University of Florida*
- The purpose of this AuD on-campus course is to cover a broad set of topics within the field of audiology. These topics are to be timely and critical for everyday clinical practice, and in keeping with current advancements in the field of audiology. This course allows for trainings on new products, interactive class discussions, and presentations from a variety of experts in the field of audiology, as well as related fields.
- Spring 2017 SPA 7343 Cochlear Implants & Assistive Technology, *University of Florida*
- Au.D. distance-learning course, which covers the applied and theoretical principles in cochlear implants including candidacy and programming considerations, selection and evaluation of assistive devices,

habilitative/rehabilitative management, and new technology options for individuals with hearing loss.

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- Spring 2015 SPA 6581 Audiologic Rehabilitation for Children and Educational Audiology, *University of Florida*
- Explores theoretical and clinical literature. Assessment and therapy techniques for children. Educational audiology.
- Fall 2013 SPA 6324 Audiologic Rehabilitation for Children & SPA 6581 Educational Audiology, *University of Florida*
- Explores theoretical and clinical literature. Assessment and therapy techniques for children. Educational audiology.
- Fall 2012 SPA 6324 Audiologic Rehabilitation for Children, *University of Florida*
- Explores theoretical and clinical literature. Assessment and therapy techniques for children. Educational audiology.

LECTURES

- 02/14 *Lecture for SPA 7343 Cochlear Implants & Assistive Technology, course professor: Alice Holmes, Ph.D.*
- Guest lectured on February 19, 2014, titled "Advanced Bionics Software Overview"
- 10/13 *Lecture for SPA 6270: Auditory Processing Disorders, course professor: Brittany Hensley, Ph.D.*
- Guest lectured on October 21, 2013, titled "APD, Learning, and Language"
- 03/13 *Lecture for SPA 4321: Audiologic Rehabilitation, course professor: Hannah W. Siburt, Ph.D.*
- Guest lectured on March 28, 2013, titled "Audiologic Rehabilitation"

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- 11/11 *Lecture for SPA 6270 – Auditory Processing Disorders (APD), course professor: J. W. Hall III, Ph.D.*
- Guest lectured on November 21, 2011, titled “APD, Language, and Learning.”
- 09/11 *Lecture for COMD J540 – Cochlear Implants, course professor: Wendy Potts, Au.D.*
- Guest lectured on September 19, 2011, titled “The Role of the Speech-Language Pathologist in Cochlear Implant Candidacy and on the CI Team.”
- 04/11 *Lecture for COMD 540 – Introduction to Audiology and Aural Habilitation –course professor: Wendy Potts, Au.D.*
- Guest lectured on April 4, 2011, titled “Modes of Communication: Therapeutic Approaches to Hearing Loss.”
- 09/10 *Lecture for COMD 760 / COMD J540 - Cochlear Implants, course professor: Wendy Potts, Au.D.*
- Guest lectured on September 20, 2010, titled “The Role of the Speech-Language Pathologist in Cochlear Implant Candidacy and on the CI Team.”
- 09/10 *Lecture for COMD 521 - Introduction to Clinical Procedures in Speech Pathology*
- Lectured as part of a team teaching course in September 2010, titled “Hearing Screening.” Also administered a lab portion in which graduate Speech-Language Pathology students were supervised while they performed hearing screenings.
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AWARD INFORMATION

- 04/15 *University of Florida’s Outstanding Young Alumni Award*
- 10/14 *The College of Public Health and Health Professions Outstanding Alumni Award*
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Publication(s)

Alfakir R, Hall M, Holmes A (2015) How can the Success Post Cochlear Implant be Measured or Defined in Older Adults? Implications of the International Classification of Functioning Brief Core Set for Hearing Loss . Int J Phys Med Rehabil 3: 302.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 06/09 - Carolina Summer Institute in Auditory Verbal Therapy
 - 05/17-07/17 - Advanced Audiology CI Course (AAC) By The Institute for Cochlear Implant Training
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LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

- American Sign Language
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COMMITTEES

- 2016/2017 AuD Admissions Committee Member
 UF College of Public Health and Health Professions in the Department of Speech,
 Language and Hearing Sciences
- 2015/2016 AuD Admissions Committee Member
 UF College of Public Health and Health Professions in the Department of Speech,
 Language and Hearing Sciences
- 2016 Faculty Search Committee Member
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