

## **Nicole Pierson, MS, CCC-SLP**

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### **ACADEMIC PREPARATION**

- 2021            Initiated Coursework for Ed.D.
- 2016            SED 502 Legal and Policy Issues Affecting Special Education Program Administration, SED 540 Contemporary Topics in Special Education, Illinois State University (Normal, IL)
- 2013            **MS** Communication Sciences and Disorders, Western Illinois University (Macomb IL)
- 2009            **BS** Communication Sciences and Disorders, Western Illinois University (Macomb IL)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2017-Present    Instructor and Clinical Supervisor in Speech Pathology and Audiology Department, Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)
- 2013- Present    Speech-Language Pathologist, Peoria Public School District #150 (Peoria IL)
- Served students in Head Start program, State PreK, Primary and Middle School
  - Provided creative and motivating intervention to students with diverse needs
  - Collaborated with teachers and other professionals in order to provide best practice
  - Implemented various service-delivery models
  - Created and implemented a Positive Peer Program to facilitate inclusion for children with disabilities
  - Presented research-based information at Teacher Professional Development addressing skills and strategies for language impaired students in the classroom
  - Participated in problem solving meetings, IEP meetings, parent/teacher conferences
  - Chaired the committee to create policy and procedures for speech-language pathologists' role in the RTI process
- 2014- 2016        Speech-Language Pathologist, Select Rehab (Pekin, IL)
- Provided treatment to patients in skilled nursing facilities
  - Treated patients with aphasia and dysphagia

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Fall 2017            Introduction to Communication Disorders (CSD100), Public School Methods (CSD521)

Spring 2018	Normal Language Development (CSD312), Public School Methods (CSD521)
Fall 2018	Introduction to Communication Disorders (SPA100), Normal Language Development (SPA312)
Spring 2019	Public School Methods (SPA521)
Fall 2019	Introduction to Communication Disorders (SPA100), Autism and Special Populations (SPA515)
Spring 2020	Public School Methods (SPA521)
Fall2020	Introduction to Communication Disorders (SPA100)
Spring 2021	Public School Methods (SPA521)

### **CLINIC SUPERVISION**

Summer 2018	Graduate Speech-Language Practicum Off-site supervisor, Peoria Public Schools (Peoria, IL)
2017- Present	Graduate Speech-Language Practicum (SPA 588), Diagnostic Clinical Practicum (SPA 587), Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)

### **INVITED SPEAKER**

- Pierson, N. M. (2018) Parents' Rights in Special Education. Comfort Circle, special needs support group (WIU, Macomb IL).
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### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

2021	Autism Symposium (1.5 CEU)
2020	From Preschool to Highschool: Language and Literacy Toolkit (.3 CEU)
2020	Forced Into Telepractice With No Idea What to Do Next! (.1 CEU)
2020	Telepractice: Practical Application in Pediatrics (.15 CEU)
2020	Embedding Intervention Strategies into Everyday Activities of Infants/Toddlers and Their Families (.1 CEU)
2020	Neurodiversity: Thinking Differently (.1 CEU)

2020 Recent Intervention Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders (.1 CEU)

2020 Collaborative Therapy Isn't Pushy (.1 CEU)

2020 Ethical Issues Associated with the Supervisory Process (.05 CEU)

2019 Nine Building Blocks of Supervision (.2 CEU)

2019 Knowledge, Skills and competencies for Supervision (.1 CEU)

2019 Dismissal Decisions and Student Motivation (.1 CEU)

2019 Supporting Children in Poverty: Special Considerations (.1 CEU)

2019 Autism Across the Spectrum (.6 CEU)

2018 WIU Language Conference- BFF Technique to Sensory Needs (.6 CEU)

2018 Differentiating Sensory and Behavior (.6 CEU)

2017 Legal Updates: Discipline, 504, RTI Collaboration (.3CEU)

2016 Annual Therapies in the School Conference (1.2 CEU)

2016 Zones of Regulation (.6 CEU)

2016 Tobii Dynavox Compass Software (.1 CEU)

2016 Tobii Dynavox - Beyond Requesting (.1CEU)

2016 Audiology for the SLP (.2 CEU)

2016 Implementing Tier II approach (.2 CEU)

2016 Classroom Based Strategies for Autism Spectrum Disorder (.1 CEU)

2016 Social Skills Curriculum (.1 CEU)

2016 Sensory Diets (.1 CEU)

2016 CAPD Intervention Strategies (.3 CEU)

2015 Visual Phonics (.9 CEU)

2015 The Kaufman Speech to Language Protocol (.6 CEU)

2015	Assessment of Lip and Tongue Tie (.2 CEU)
2015	Strategies for Treating Children in Trauma (.7 CEU)
2015	Behavior Management Strategies for SLPs (.1 CEU)
2015	Expediting Progress for Children with Severe Phonological Disorders (.1 CEU)
2015	Incorporating Phonemic & Phonological Awareness i Speech Therapy (.1CEU)
2015	Writing and Redefining IEP Goals (.1 CEU)
2015	Language & Literacy in Poverty (.1 CEU)
2014	Illinois Speech-Language Hearing Convention (1.1 CEU)

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2015- 2017	Executive Board Member, Peoria Area Speech-Language Hearing Association
2017	Peoria Federation of Teachers, Speech-Language Pathologist Liaison

### **DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

2018- Present	Language Conference Committee
2018- Present	Internship Committee (School placements)
2018- Present	Group Therapy Think Tank
2017 - Present	Clinic Committee (Chair)
2017- Present	Undergraduate Recruitment Committee

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2015- 2018	Peoria Area Speech-Language Hearing Association
2013- Present	American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) #14063094
2013-Present	Illinois Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist

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Illinois Professional Educator's License