

Debra M. Dwight, Ed.D., C.C.C. – SLP
Vitae
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Educational Background & Experience

1. **University of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, (1985); *Ed.D. Communicative Disorders*; College teaching and administration emphases. Interests: *Clinical supervision*.
Dissertation: *Analysis of pragmatic functions in the language of preschool black children*. (1985).

University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, (1976); *M.A. Communicative Disorders*.

University of South Alabama, Mobile, (1975); *M.A. Early Childhood Education*.

University of South Alabama, Mobile, (1973); *B.A. Speech Therapy; Minor: Psychology*.

2. **Experience:**

A. Academic:

Assistant Professor, Graduate Coordinator, Clinical Faculty, Hampton University, (August, 2023 – 2025); graduate faculty, supporting Graduate College requirements; graduate teaching, and clinical supervision.

Assistant Professor, Teaching/Clinical Faculty, University of West Georgia, (August, 2011 – May, 2015); taught undergraduate and graduate courses in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) and related curriculum; assisted with program development; served as on-site and off-site clinical supervisor.

Assistant Professor; Director of Speech-Language Pathology Programs, University of West Georgia, (January, 2000-July, 2007); administration of undergraduate and graduate speech-language pathology programs, classroom teaching for undergraduate and graduate curriculum, clinical supervision on an “as-needed” basis, student advising, research, and service.

Assistant Professor and Director of Speech-Language Pathology Programs, West Georgia College, (1994-1996); program coordination,

clinical management and supervision, classroom teaching, and student advising. ***Developed start-up program for both undergraduate and graduate programs in speech-language pathology.***

Assistant Professor, Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL, (1983-1986); college teaching for undergraduate communication courses; ***developed public relations protocol for the college's public communications.***

B. Other Professional:

Manager, Speech First Therapy Services, LLC, Sharpsburg, GA, (May, 2015-Mar, 2020); daily management of small business providing contractual speech and language intervention to children ages birth – 22 years under federal and state guidelines; SLP consultant, PRN.

Speech-Language Pathologist, Coweta County Schools, Newnan, GA, (October, 2009 - July, 2011); assessments and interventions in schools for typical and rare syndrome populations.

Coordinator, Program for Exceptional Children, Atlanta Public Schools, (July, 2007- October, 2009); program coordination for special education programs: ***speech-language impaired, teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing, audiology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and assistive technology.***

School Improvement Specialist, West Georgia Regional Education Service Agency (RESA), (1999-2000); implementation of joint DOE-RESA initiatives for improving student achievement throughout the state through leadership and facilitation training based on the **NSSE/SACS School improvement model**.

Consultant/Program Specialist, West Georgia RESA/West Central Georgia Learning Resources System (GLRS), (1996-1999); child serve under exceptional children's guidelines, staff development for regular and special educators, meeting LEA requests for assistance and training across broad-based educational needs.

Director, West Georgia Preschool Special Education Program, West Georgia RESA, (1988-1994); administration and supervision of a seven-county regional public school preschool special education ***demonstration***

program under 99-457 guidelines with **high emphasis on speech-language intervention**. **Supervised regional audiological services as part of intervention services.**

Director, Child Serve, West Central GLRS, (1986-1988); child identification and services for school-aged special education children under 94-142 guidelines **including staff development for SLPs and teachers of the hearing impaired.**

Clinical Supervisor, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL (1981-1985); University clinical supervisor for master's level SLP students; supervised SLP students for therapy services in Head Start and the university clinic.

Speech-Language Pathologist, Mobile County Public Schools, Mobile, Alabama, (1976-1981); diagnostic, intervention and follow-up for school-aged speech impaired children; **lead SLP for staff development; demonstration therapist for local educational television programs.**

3. **Licensure/Certification**

Licenses: Georgia license in Speech-Language Pathology, 1994 - Present; Virginia State SLP license, 2023; Washington State Department of Education certification, 2019. Alabama license in SLP, 2018; **Certificate of Clinical Competence (C.C.C.)**, 1977- Current ASHA Life Member, 2016; Georgia Department of Education Teaching/Leadership Certifications: L-7, Director: Special Education; T-7, Early Childhood Education; S-7, Speech-Language Pathology, 1987.

Scholarly and Creative Productivity

1. **A. Books**
 - a. Scholarly books – None
 - b. Textbooks
 - i. Refereed – None
 - ii. Textbook (Non-refereed)

Dwight, D. M. (2022). *Here's how to do therapy: Hands-on core skills in speech- language pathology*, 3rd. ed. San Diego, CA: Plural Publishing.

Dwight, D. M. (2015). *Here's how to do therapy: Hands-on core skills in speech- language pathology, 2nd. ed.* San Diego, CA: Plural Publishing.

Dwight, D. M. (2015). *Here's how to do therapy: Hands-on core skills in speech- language pathology*, San Diego, CA: Plural Publishing.

B. Refereed/Invited Publications – None

C. Other Publications - None

2. Accepted, But Not Yet Published

Dwight, D. M. (2027). *Here's how to do therapy: Hands-on core skills in speech- language pathology, 4th. ed.* San Diego, CA: Plural Publishing.

3. Artistic Contributions – None

4. Participation in Professional Meetings

Invited Speaker, Georgia Organization of School-Based Speech-Language Pathologists Convention, (2024);

Presenter, National Black Association of Black Speech-Language Pathologists Convention, (2024);

Presenter, Georgia Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention (2023)

Guest Lecturer, University of South Alabama, Communication Sciences and Disorders Program (2022);

Invited Speaker, South Carolina Speech and Hearing Association Professional Convention, (2022)

Invited Speaker, 75th Celebration of Communicative Disorders Program, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, (2013)

5. Other Scholarly Activities

Member CAPCSD, Admissions Committee, (2024-2025);

ASHA's Leadership and Professional Issues Committee, 2024 Convention;

Mentor, University of South Alabama, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, CSAD Program, 2023;

Advisory Board Member, AT Still University, Communication Disorders Program, Mesa, AZ, (2025 – Present);

Advisory Board, Inaugural Member, Pat Capps Covey College of Professional Allied Health Professions, University of South Alabama (2024-Present)

6. **Awards**

Hall of Fame Inductee (2021), Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions, University of South Alabama, Mobile

7. **Grants – None**

8. **Thesis/Dissertation Services – None Recently**

9. **Area of Research Interest**
Clinical implementation

10. **Other Professional Accomplishments**

Teacher of the Year, (2015), University of West Georgia, Student Government Association

11. **Other Areas of Importance - None**