

BARBARA SCHWARTZ-THORNE, M.A., CCC-SLP

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

WITH AN EXPERTISE IN COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT



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EDUCATION

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

California State University, Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Speech Pathology

MASTER'S DEGREE

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

Master of Arts, Communication Disorders: Speech Pathology

POST-GRADUATE FELLOW

Veteran's Administration Medical Center

Denver V.A. Medical Center

ACHIEVEMENTS

Dean's List, University of Northern Colorado

Dean's List, CSULA

Graduate Fellowship, Denver, CO

Veteran's Administration Hospital
Prestigious fellowship awarded to single student, per state, per calendar year.

AFFILIATIONS

Brain Injury Association of America

SEAK – Registered as Expert Witness

LICENSING

ASHA CERTIFIED

Nevada, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Utah, Massachusetts, Arizona, California, New Mexico, Oregon

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly skilled and experienced Speech-Language Pathologist with over 35 years of expertise in evaluating and treating speech, language, cognitive, and swallowing disorders across adult and pediatric populations. Proven ability to manage complex cases, develop innovative therapy programs, and supervise clinical trainees. Dedicated to improving patient outcomes through personalized care, evidence-based practices, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Licensed and certified in multiple states, ensuring comprehensive and accessible services to diverse populations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Speech Therapy Associates (STA), Las Vegas, NV

Owner, Private Practice

(Since 1986)

- **Adult Population:** Evaluation and treatment for aphasia, apraxia, dysarthria, dysphagia, TBI, cognitive disorders, degenerative neurological diseases, and voice disorders in acute care, rehabilitation, and outpatient settings.
- **Pediatric Population:** Evaluation and treatment for articulation and language disorders, auditory processing deficits, fluency, voice issues, cleft lip and palate, apraxia, autism, feeding and swallowing disorders, developmental delays, and TBI.
- **Swallow Treatment:** Conducts 500+ Modified Barium Swallow Studies (MBSS) annually. Certified Vital Stim (NMES) provider identified as best practice in the treatment of swallowing disorders (Since 2005).
- **Cognitive Rehabilitation Expert:** Specialized in the assessment and treatment of individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and acquired brain injuries. Expertise in developing and implementing cognitive-linguistic rehabilitation plans tailored to improve patient outcomes in areas such as memory, executive functioning, and communication. Frequently retained as an expert witness in personal injury cases nationwide, providing authoritative and comprehensive testimony. Skilled in collaborating with legal teams to provide clear, evidence-based insights on the cognitive and communicative impact of injuries.
- **Clinical Supervisor for Graduate Students:** Supervises and oversees the practical training of graduate students in SLP programs, guiding them during their clinical externship rotation. Provide mentorship and support, helping students develop their skills in assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning while fostering professional development. Assess students' clinical skills and competencies, ensuring they meet the requirements set by accrediting bodies and state licensing boards.

Nevada State College

Clinical Instructor

(2004-2005)

Speech and Hearing Science, Clinical Practices, Neurology.

NV Dept of HR, Div of Mental Hygiene and Mental Retardation, Sparks, NV

Speech-Language Pathologist (1990-1991)

Provided evaluation and treatment for high-risk, medically complex, homebound children.

University Medical Center, Las Vegas, NV

Speech-Language Pathologist

(1986-1990)

- Established Modified Barium Swallow program including policies and procedures.
- Established infant stimulation/feeding program in the NICU.
- Participated in interdisciplinary care teams and quality improvement initiatives.

Denver Healthcare Facilities, Denver, CO

Speech-Language Pathologist

(1985-1986)

Provided in-patient evaluation and treatment for TBI, head/neck cancer, swallowing and stroke patients at Presbyterian Denver Hospital, Rose Medical Center, and Boulder Memorial Hospital.