

# Elizabeth Turner

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## EDUCATION

**Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN May 2008 (GPA 3.94)**

Masters of Science in Speech-Language Pathology

**James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA May 2006 (Magna Cum Laude)**

Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders

Minor in Special Education

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

**University of Virginia Medical Center**

**November 2011- present**

**Speech-Language Pathologist, Level IV Clinician**

Provide acute care Speech Pathology services in a Level I Trauma Center, with emphasis on critical care dysphagia management. Completed MBSImp and FEES training. Act as SLP team lead for trach and vent patient management. Presented to RTs, RNs and SLPs on dysphagia and communication for trach patients. Worked with IDDSI Committee with transition complete in 2020. Created guidelines for dysphagia management following intubation and lung transplant. Provide guest lectures to UVA SLP Graduate program. Trained to work in inpatient Pediatrics, including a level III NICU. Act as a liaison between Radiology and SLP department, including establishment of standardized practice for VFSS. Complete bedside and instrumental evaluations with COVID-19 population.

**Hawaii Medical Center, Ewa Beach, HI**

**February 2011-October 2011**

**Speech-Language Pathologist**

Provided speech/language and swallow services in an acute care setting. Completed Modified Barium Swallow studies and communicated results to the treatment team. Gained experience working with a culturally diverse population. Participated in family meetings and collaborated daily with other care providers. Worked closely with respiratory therapists, dietitians, PTs and OTs to improve patient care. Worked with ICU and trach/vent patients.

**Centennial Medical Center, Nashville, TN**

**June 2009-January 2011**

**Speech-Language Pathologist**

Provided dysphagia and speech-language services in a 615-bed acute care setting. Completed Modified Barium Swallow Studies, interpreted results and made treatment recommendations. Counseled patients and families regarding diagnostic findings and implications for various disorders. Extensive experience working with complex and critically ill patients and the tracheotomy/ventilator population, including Passy-Muir Valves. Collaborated daily with physicians and other professionals regarding patient care. Developed the Swallow Safety Screening and participated in JCAHO stroke accreditation. Conducted in-services for other professionals and assisted in arranging educational opportunities for the Speech department. Trained in providing swallowing services in a Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

**Nashville and Murfreesboro Veterans Affairs Medical Centers**

**July 2008-June 2009**

**Clinical Fellowship Year**

Conducted Modified Barium Swallow Studies and bedside swallow assessments in the adult and geriatric population, including managing end-of-life feeding issues. Participated in evaluation and management of adults with speech, language, voice, cognitive and swallowing disorders in acute and outpatient settings. Gained experience working with tracheotomized patients, head and neck cancer patients and a variety of augmentative and assistive communication devices. Aided in administration and interpretation of videostroboscopic exams. Worked extensively with OEF/OIF veterans with cognitive deficits and/or PTSD due to blast injuries.

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

**Publication, American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology**

**January 2025**

Postextubation Dysphagia Among Patients With COVID-19: Results of Instrumental Swallow Studies and Clinical Swallow Evaluation

**ASHA Poster Presentation**

**November 2019**

“Impact of a Multidisciplinary Tracheostomy Team Protocol,” Golden Ticket Selection

**Speech-Language Hearing Association of Virginia**

**March 2018**

“Critical Thinking with Tracheostomies”

**MBSImp and FEES Certified**

**Current**

**Tennessee Hospital Association Leadership Summit, Invited Speaker**

**September 2010**

“Swallow Safety Screening: Improving Patient Safety Using Evidence-Based Practice”

**LICENSES AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

**American Speech-Language Hearing Association**

Member 2009-present

Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology 2009- present

**State of Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology**

Licensee May 2011-present