

# Sonya Schneider

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## Executive Overview

- Experienced clinician with diagnostic/tx experience in hospitals, schools, home health, outpatient and private practice settings.
- Northwestern University – Master of Arts – Communication Sciences and Disorders.
- ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence – Member ID 12085945.
- IDPR License 146-008057.

## Experience

December 2006 – Present – Lakeshore Speech, Private Practice - Owner

- Evaluate and treat adult and children w/ a variety of communication and swallowing disorders.
- Community outreach/education programs
- Collaborate w/ schools, day care center, physicians and specialty clinics to promote awareness and program development

August 2012- Present – Speech-Language Pathologist @ Stroger and Thorek Hospitals

- Evaluate and treat adult and NICU patients w/ a variety of communication and swallowing disorders.
- Video Fluoroscopic Swallow Studies
- Collaborate w/ colleagues to promote program development/department growth
- Inservice various medical teaching service teams re role of SLP in the hospital
- Work w/ nursing and dietary supervisors to establish communication and swallowing related protocols

August 2012- Present – Speech-Language Pathologist @ Vital Rehabilitation

- Evaluate, develop programs, and treat home bound patients
- Offer continuity of care by providing OP services to patients newly discharged from the hospital
- Collaborate w/ colleagues to promote program development/department growth

2010 to 2012 – Speech-Language Pathologist @ NorthShore University

HealthSystem - Skokie Hospital

- Evaluated and treated patients w/ a variety of communication and swallowing disorders.
- Video Fluoroscopic Swallow Studies
- Inserviced nursing staff re role of SLP in the hospital, aspiration risks and swallowing precautions
- Worked w/ nursing and dietary supervisors to establish communication and swallowing related protocols

2009 to 2011 – Speech-Language Pathologist @ Holy Family Medical Center

(Long Term Acute Care Facility specialized for tracheostomized and ventilator dependent patients)

- Evaluate and treat patients w/ a variety of communication and swallowing disorders.
- Video Fluoroscopic Swallow Studies
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2007 to 2012 – Speech-Language Pathologist @ Advocate Health Care -Good Shepherd & Lutheran General Hospitals

- Evaluate and treat patients w/ a variety of communication and swallowing disorders.
- Video Fluoroscopic Swallow Studies
- Supervise/mentor student clinicians

2006 to 2007 – Speech-Language Pathologist - Private Practice - Independent Consultant

- Evaluated and treated clients with a wide spectrum of speech and language disorders.

2004 to 2007 – Supervisor of Speech-Language Pathology Group @ Chicago Public Schools.

- Developed and implemented individual education plans for a large caseload of students.
- Collaborated and coordinated treatment with multi disciplinary specialist teams.
- Maintained a tight feedback loop with parents and strived to achieve optimal treatment outcomes while maintaining a committed child centric and team oriented professional ethic.
- Managed three Speech-Language Paraprofessionals, two graduate clinicians, and one clinical fellowship candidate.

2003 to 2004 – Speech-Language Pathologist and Clinical Fellow @ Chicago Public Schools.

- Evaluated and treated children ages 2 to 21 presenting with a broad spectrum of communication disorders.
- Developed and implemented individual education plans.
- Collaborated and coordinated treatment with multi disciplinary specialist teams.

## **Graduate Clinical Experience**

2002 to 2003 – Northwestern University Speech and Language Clinic in Evanston, Illinois.

- Pediatric: Language, articulation, fluency, phonological and voice disorders.
- Adult: Language, motor speech, cognitive, fluency, swallowing d/o's and accent modification.

2003 to 2003 – Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago and St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

- Evaluated and treated adults with CVA, TBI, ALS, Parkinson's Disease, head and neck cancer, Guillan Barre, AVM, dementia, post spinal fusion.
- Adult: Language, motor speech, cognitive, fluency, swallowing disorders.
- Independent administration and interpretation of video fluoroscopic swallow studies and bedside swallow evaluations.
- Evaluated tracheostomized and ventilator dependent patients in an acute care inpatient setting.

## **Education**

*Northwestern University*; MA – Communication Sciences and Disorders (Aug 2003) – 3.9 GPA  
*University of Illinois*; BS – Psychology (May 1999) – 3.7 GPA