

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### PROFILE

Steven P. Vertz is a nationally certified and state licensed speech-language pathologist who has excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills in addition to possessing experience teaching, training, leading, organizing, and creative programming.

### EDUCATION

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Post-master's classes in Conflict Analysis and Resolution

CARM 5040 Communication Dynamics in Dispute Resolution: The Human Factor, Fall 2015

CARM 5140 Negotiation: Theory and Practice, Winter 2016

CARM 6140 Facilitation: Theory and Practice, Winter 2017

The University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi

Master of Science (MS) in Speech-Language Pathology

Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas

Bachelor of Science in Education (BSEd) in Speech & Hearing Therapy with Elementary Endorsement

### PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

- Associate Director, Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program  
Department of Speech-Language Pathology  
Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Services  
Health Professionals Division  
2012 to present
- Instructor  
Department of Speech-Language Pathology  
Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Services  
Health Professions Division  
2016 to present

Hillsborough County Public Schools (HCPS), Tampa, Florida

- Local Assistive Technology Specialist and Speech-Language Pathologist  
Alternative Communication and Assistive Technology (A.C.A.T.) Team  
2010-2012

- Educational Speech-Language Pathologist  
Stephen C. Foster Elementary School  
2004-2010

Tampa Bay Academy, Riverview, Florida

- Educational Speech-Language Pathologist  
2001-2004

Contractual, Per-Diem, and Freelance Practice, Tampa Bay, Florida

- Private Practitioner in Speech-Language Pathology  
1998-2012

SunDance Rehabilitation Corporation, Central Florida

- Clinical Specialist in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP)  
1997-1998
- Director of Rehabilitative Services  
1996-1997
- Speech-Language Pathologist  
1995

Advanced Rehab Systems, Inc., Tallahassee, Florida

- Rehab Program Manager/Speech-Language Pathologist  
1994-1995

Contractual, Per-Diem and Freelance Practice, South Georgia and North Florida

- Private Practitioner in Speech-Language Pathology and Augmentative & Alternative  
Communication Specialist  
1989-1995

Southwestern State Hospital, Thomasville, Georgia

- Senior Speech and Hearing Specialist  
1989-1993

Easterseals Southern Georgia, Albany, Georgia

- Staff Speech-Language Pathologist  
1988-1989

InSpeech, Inc., Tallahassee, Florida

- Speech-Language Pathologist  
1986-1988

Freestone-Navarro Bi-County Special Education Cooperative, Fairfield, Texas

- Educational Speech-Language Therapist  
1983-1984

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Nova Southeastern University, Department of Speech-Language Pathology

- Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology (MS-SLP) program

- Instructor/Facilitator of new student orientation events for students beginning the MS-SLP program from Winter 2013 to the present.
- Instructor: SLP 6060 Speech Sound Disorders (previously, SLP 6060 Articulation and Phonological Disorders): Winter, Summer, Fall 2021, Winter, Summer, Fall 2022, Summer 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024
- Clinical Supervisor of Graduate Student Clinicians in Interprofessional Practice (IPP) clinical experiences
  - Baby Lab. NSU Tampa Regional Campus, Riverview, Florida, June 15, 2019
  - 2019 AMSA/AHEC Florida Rural Medical Mission for Health. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Hendry/Glades Community Health Fair, Hendry Regional Medical Center, Clewiston, Florida: February 2, 2018
- Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language and Communication Disorders (BS-SLCD) program
  - Instructor: SLP 5005/CSAD 3040 Speech and Language Development: Fall 2015 and Winter 2016
  - Instructor: SLP 5007/CSAD 3030 Directed Observation: Fall 2015, Winter, Summer, and Fall 2016
  - Tutor: for student in CSAD 3010 Phonetics: Winter 2023

## PUBLICATIONS

Estes, R. I., Berto, H., Brew, H., Cadet, S., Holmes, K. L., Horst, L. G., Mehl, A., Delgado, G. & Vertz, S. P. (2023). Speech-language pathologists in disaster management: Interdisciplinary team roles. *International Journal of Allied Health Sciences and Practice*, 21(3), Article 5.

## PRESENTATIONS

Augustine, R., Donlin, E., Ellis, D., Falzarano, A., Ishii, Y., Vertz, S.P., & Walker, E. *Elevate your service to ASHA's Board of Directors!* (Platform presentation) at the 2024 ASHA Convention, Seattle, Washington, December 7, 2024 (Accepted)

Handelsman, J., Dunn-Murad, I., Falzarano, A., Hudson, M., & Vertz, S. P. *Igniting innovation through service on ASHA's Board of Directors* (Platform presentation) at the 2023 ASHA Convention, Boston, Massachusetts, November 17, 2023

Estes, R. I., Berto, H., Brew, H., Cadet, S., Holmes, K., Horst, L., Mehl, A., Delgado, G. & Vertz, S. P. *Speech-language pathologists in disaster management: Interdisciplinary team roles* (Poster presentation) at the 18<sup>th</sup> World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) Congress, Paris, France, August 28-31, 2022

Williams, R. M., Vertz, S. P., & Rosa-Lugo, L. *Diverse Perspectives: Taking a look at ASHA's Multicultural Constituency Groups (MCCGs)* (Platform presentation) at the 2021 FLASHA Convention, Orlando, Florida, July 16, 2021

Begay, E., Eswaran, P., Rosa-Lugo, L., Runnels, C., Vertz, S. P., White, M., & Yu, B. *The shared mission & unique perspectives of the ASHA Multicultural Constituency Groups and SIG 14* (Platform presentation) 2019 ASHA Convention, Orlando, Florida, November 22, 2019

- Canbek, J. M., Friedland, E. B., & Vertz, S. P. *Student retention in the PT, SLP, and audiology programs* (Platform presentation) PCHCS Chair's and Director's Retreat Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, October 4, 2018
- Cornish, N., Gillispie, M., Rajappa, A. T., Rosa Lugo, L., Seeley, L., Vertz, S. P., Williams, R. M., & Yu, B. *The unique perspectives, collective voice and varied contributions of the ASHA Multicultural Constituency Groups* (Platform presentation) 2016 ASHA Convention, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 18, 2016
- Mongiovi, J. I., Vertz, S. P. *Boardmaker® Plus! v.6: hand-on workshop* (Platform presentation) Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, Florida, April 4, 2012
- Molina, B., Vertz, S. P. *Boardmaker® Studio: hands-on workshop* (Platform presentation) Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, Florida, March 30, 2012
- Campbell, S. J., Vertz, S. P. *Boardmaker® Studio: hands-on workshop* (Platform presentation) Hillsborough County Public Schools, Tampa, Florida, November 11, 2011
- Campbell, S. J., Mongiovi, J. I., Remley, L. H., Sacco, E. B., Vertz, S. P. *Introduction to assistive technology* (Platform presentation) Keys for Individuals with Disabilities (KIDs), Tampa, Florida, March 17, 2011
- Campbell, S. J., Sacco, E. B., Vertz, S. P. *Cool tools: Introduction to assistive technology in the classroom* (Platform presentation) University of South Florida, Special Education Undergraduate Class, Tampa, Florida, October 26, 2010
- Vertz, S. P. *Visual supports in the elementary school* (Platform presentation) Greater Tampa Sertoma Club Meeting, Tampa, Florida, December 10, 2009
- Vertz, S. P. *Phonological awareness activities* (Platform presentation) Stephen Foster Elementary School Faculty Meeting, Tampa, Florida, April 28, 2009
- Vertz, S. P. *Phonological awareness and the speech-language pathologist* (Platform presentation) Northside Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) Professional Learning Community (PLC), Tampa, Florida, November 13, 2008
- Vertz, S. P. *HCPS, USF and Rtl (Response to Intervention): A pilot program* (Platform presentation) Northside Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) Professional Learning Community (PLC), Tampa, Florida, November 13, 2008
- Vertz, S. P. *Speech-language services in the public school* (Platform presentation) Stephen Foster Elementary School Faculty Meeting, Tampa, Florida, September 11, 2007
- Vertz, S. P. *Speech-language pathology: It's more than just talk* (Platform presentation) Tampa Bay Academy Staff Inservice Training, Riverview, Florida, January 30, 2002

- Van Tatenhove, G. M., Vertz, S. P. *Strategies for the inclusion, independence & empowerment of nonspeaking students using the Liberator™ communication aid* (Platform presentation) 14th Annual Southeast Augmentative Communication Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, October 9, 1993
- Vertz, S. P., T. [sic], H. D., Connelly, A.E. *NAME + WOMAN = 'My name is Hilda T.!'* (Poster presentation) American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, November 22, 1991
- Bishop, F.W., Kellum, G.D., Vertz, S. P. *Role of oral-facial muscles on facial growth & dental development* (Poster presentation) Mississippi Dental Association Convention, Biloxi, Mississippi, June 8, 1986
- Kellum, G. D., Johnson, M. L., Robinson, Jr., T. L., Shackelford, J. M., Vertz, S. P., Warren, A. D., *Speech systems assessment* (Platform presentation) Mississippi Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Jackson, Mississippi, April 17, 1986

## COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

### American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

- Member (selected), Committee on Nominations and Elections, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025
- Reviewer (selected), 2024 ASHA Convention Program Committee Topic: Equity, Inclusion, Cultural-Linguistic Diversity  
April-May 2024
- Reviewer (volunteered), 2023 Leadership Development Program applicants  
December 2022
- Reviewer (volunteered), 2021 Distinguished Early Career Professional Certificate  
August-September 2021
- Reviewer (selected), 2018 ASHA Convention Program Committee Topic: Cultural and Linguistic Diversity  
March 2018
- Leadership Development Program (invited)  
2015
- Member (volunteered), L'GASP – LGBTQIA+ Caucus (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and allied audiology and speech-language pathology professionals)  
1991 to present
  - Co-Chair (elected)  
2014-2019
  - Secretary (elected)  
1991-1992
  - Chair (appointed), Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee  
1991-1992

## Florida Department of Education

- Member (volunteered), Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) Speech Language Impaired (K-12) Committee, Standard Setting Meeting, Altamonte Springs, Florida February 29, 2024
- Member (volunteered), Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) Speech Language Impaired (K-12) Committee, Item Validation Meeting, Altamonte Springs, Florida September 21-23, 2022
- Member (volunteered), Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) Speech Language Impaired (K-12) Committee, Sensitivity and Bias Review Meeting, Altamonte Springs, Florida June 14-16, 2021
- Member (volunteered), Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) Speech Language Impaired (K-12) Committee, Item Specification Finalization and Item Template Development Meeting, Maitland, Florida February 4-6, 2019
- Member (volunteered), Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) Speech Language Impaired (K-12) Committee, Competencies & Skills Finalization Meeting, Tallahassee, Florida September 20-21, 2018

## Nova Southeastern University

- Health Professions Division
  - Member (appointed), NSU Health Interprofessional Simulation Institute (IPSI) at SimCom Accreditation Writing Center Committee August 2023 to present
  - Member (appointed), Enrollment and Student Services Search Committee for the Admissions Counselor I November-December 2017
- Dr. Pallavi Patel College of Health Care Sciences
  - Member (selected), Shark Support Team January 2022 to present
  - Member (appointed), Search Committee for the Director of Student Affairs November-December 2019
  - Member (selected), Disability Task Force June-December 2016
- Department of Speech-Language Pathology
  - Chair, Committee on Student Progress 2015 to present
  - Member, Departmental Leadership Team 2015 to present
- Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology program
  - Chair, Committee on Admissions 2012 to present
  - Member, Curriculum Committee 2012 to present
  - Chair, Student Professional and Academic Review Committee (SPARC) 2012-2015
- Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language and Communication Disorders
  - Member, Curriculum Committee 2013 to present

Stephen F. Austin Elementary School, Tampa Florida

- Member (appointed), Response to Intervention (RtI) Committee  
2009-2010

## **LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS**

Certificate of Clinical Competence, The Clinical Certification Board of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
1987 to present

Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, Florida Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Florida Department of Health  
1987 to present

Certified Educator of Speech-Language Impaired, Kindergarten through 12th Grade, Florida Department of Education  
2005 to 2020

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Alpha Eta National Honor Society, Nu Sigma Upsilon Chapter, member  
2022 to present

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), member  
1987 to present

L'GASP – LGBTQ Caucus (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer audiology and speech-language pathology professionals and allies)  
1991 to present

Florida Speech-Language-Hearing Association (FLASHA), member  
1995 to present

Georgia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (GSHA), member  
1988-1993

Big Bend Specialists in Adult Communication Disorders, Tallahassee, Florida  
1994-1995