

# MICHELE ABRAMS, Au.D, CCC

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## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Training of Communication Disorders graduate students in the identification of hearing loss, subsequent procurement of appropriate assistive listening devices and the education and counseling of client and family toward the goal of greatest achievable communication.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

1994-present: Southern Connecticut State University: Communication Disorders, New Haven, Ct.

Clinical Instructor (2016-2018): of graduate students focused on instilling competence and confidence, high standards, critical thinking and integrity. Trust in student/teacher relationship exemplified by student requests for letters of recommendation for graduate school and scholarships. Long term patient loyalty established through relationship building, flexible scheduling and continuity of care maintained throughout the year. Expertise and comfort evaluating pediatric through geriatric clients.

Manager: Financial and Clinical decisions for Amplification/Assistive Listening Systems Program. Financial solvency maintained through successful ongoing pricing negotiations with hearing aid manufacturers, appropriate client fee structure and timely invoice payments.

Adjunct Faculty (1994-2016): Clinical supervisor of Audiology and Speech Pathology graduate students.

Instructor: "Hearing Science and Psychoacoustics" and "Introduction to Audiology"

2008-2013: VA Healthcare, West Haven, CT; Contract Audiologist

2007-2012: Connecticut Children's Medical Center; Pediatric evaluations, ABR, OAE, HAE

2005-2006: Sargent Rehabilitation Center, Warwick, Rhode Island; Consultant for audiological services

2004: Branford, CT Board of Education; Consultant: Classroom acoustics, data analysis/recommendations

1991-1995: Gaylord Hospital/ Masonic Home and Hospital, Wallingford, CT

Audiologist: Inpatient/Outpatient comprehensive evaluations. Caseload included CVA, TBI, and ID patients. Developed ten week outpatient aural rehabilitation class. Collaboration with SLP, O.T. P.T departments

### Early career:

1983-1990: Drs. Dominic Cullotta and John Gallagher, Feasterville, PA

1984-1990: Dr. Michael Widlitz, Newtown Audiology, Newtown, PA

Supervisor/Medical Audiologist: Pediatrics-Adults. Hearing aid dispensing, ABR/ENG, CAPD

1983: Philadelphia Geriatric Center, Philadelphia, PA

Audiologist

1981-1983: Christiana Audiological Association, Christiana, DE

Expanded services to include industrial screening, neonatal testing, and hearing aid dispensing. Provided supervision and training of staff audiologist and ongoing in-service on CAPD for staff of Delaware Learning Center.

1981: Valencia Community College, Orlando, FL

Adjunct Faculty Member; adult speech reading course

1978-1981: The Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgical Association, Winter Park, FL

Audiologist

## RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICE

2018: Watermark Senior Center: Bridgeport: "Hearing Loss as Contributor to Poor Communication" lecture  
2017: Meriden Senior Center hearing screenings planning/programming  
2016: SCSU wellness fair hearing screenings supervision  
2015: Marrakech Inc.: Wellness Fair hearing screenings supervision  
2011-12: Special Olympics; hearing screenings  
2010: Featured in Promotional Video for Southern Connecticut State University Department of Communication Disorders  
2007-2008: Barnard School, New Haven CT: grade 5 in-service on Hearing Protection  
2005-2007: Bear Path Elementary School, Hamden CT. grade 5 in-service on Hearing Protection  
2005: Feature in "Southern Life": "Can You Hear Me Now"  
2005: Feature in New Haven Register Science Section by Abram Katz  
2005-2006: Sirico Center Elder Fair, New Haven CT. workshop leader  
1998-2001: Spring Glen Elementary School, Hamden Ct. "Helen Keller" workshop

## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, FL  
Doctor of Audiology, 2003

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, Gainesville, FL  
Master of Arts in Audiology, Thesis track with honors, 1977  
Research graduate assistant: Cerebral dominance in the hearing impaired

QUEENS COLLEGE, Flushing, NY  
Bachelor of Arts in Speech Pathology, magna cum laude, Certificate of Excellence, 1976

## CERTIFICATION

ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology #00561548 maintenance compliance completed 2017  
Connecticut Audiology License #000247  
Cochlear Implantation/Mapping: New York University Medical Center, 2004

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

Feb 28, 2014	Auditory Processing Disorders: An Overview for Audiologists
April 9, 2014	The Science of Simplicity
April 21, 2015	Tinnitus Applications Outside the Tinnitus Specialty Clinic
April 21, 2015	Dietary Supplements for Tinnitus- Really?
April 30, 2014	Preventing Medical Errors- Update
July 16, 2014	Tomorrow's Stars Today Conference (CAA)
Oct 23, 2014	CSHA Fall Min-Conference
June 19, 2015	Evidence-based Clinical Management of Tinnitus (CAA)
June 19, 2015	Taking Your Practice from Old to Bold: Demonstrating Value (CAA)
October 2015	Supervisory Conference (CSHA)
October 2015	Otoacoustic Emissions (CSHA)
Oct 16, 2015	Hearing Loss and the Risk for Cognitive Impairment
October 2015	Cognitive Rehab for Neurogenic Communication Disorders (CSHA)
November 2015	Phonak Virto: Our Newest Venture

January 5, 2016	Today's Wireless Landscape (CAA)
January 7, 2016	Making a Good (Ear) Impression: Setting Up a Successful Impression Taking Protocol
March 24, 2016	Person-Centered Care: Foundation for Audiology Practice
August 5, 2016	Audioscan Spring Software Update
August 5, 2016	Ototoxic Monitoring for the Pediatric Patient
August 9, 2016	Otoacoustic Emissions: A Clinician's Guide
August 9, 2016	Verifit Directional Mic Test: Evaluating Modern Directional Mic Tech
August 12, 2016	Ethical and Legal Aspects of Pediatric Audiology: What Could Go Wrong
Dec 21, 2016	Dilemmas for Audiologists: Scenarios for Ethical Decision Making
June 1, 2017	The Sociology of Age Related Hearing Loss
June 9, 2017	Mystery of Dizziness and Disequilibrium (CAA)
Feb 27, 2018	Improving the Patient Experience Through the Hearing Aid Trial
April 4, 2018	Effective Counseling=Information+Feelings
July 16, 2018	Signia Nx: A Natural Hearing Experience