

AMY C. NICHOLS

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Communication Sciences and Disorders

August 2004 – May 2010

Doctor of Audiology

University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL

Bachelor of Arts, Communicative Disorders

August 2000 – May 2002

University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL

CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology (CCC-A), #12107641

Licensed Audiologist, State of Alabama, #1046A

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor / Audiology Clinic Coordinator / Audiologist

08/2015 – Present

University of South Alabama
Mobile, AL

- Clinical instruction and supervision of Doctor of Audiology students
- Provide audiologic services to pediatric and adult populations
- Management of on and off campus clinical practicum
- Maintenance of student records
- Maintenance of preceptor records
- Classroom and online instruction regarding clinical procedures (AUD 670, AUD 676)
- Co-teach undergraduate course SHS 480
- Aided in development and implementation of electronic medical records

Audiologist

05/2010 – 08/2015

Department of Veterans Affairs
Pensacola, FL

- Diagnostic audiometry, including high frequency audiometry
- Immittance testing, including reflex threshold and reflex decay
- Distortion product otoacoustic emissions
- Compensation and pension examinations
- Cochlear implant evaluations
- Central auditory processing evaluations
- Balance evaluations, including vestibulonystagmography (VNG), rotary chair, posturagraphy, & vestibular evoked myogenic potential (VEMP)
- Canalith repositioning
- Auditory brainstem response (ABR) testing
- Hearing aid selection/fitting/repair
- Verification and validation of hearing aid performance (real ear measurement, visual speech mapping)
- Selection and fitting of assistive listening devices
- Aural rehabilitation counseling for patients and family/caregivers
- Coding and reporting of hearing disorders (VISTA and CPRS)
- Supervision of Audiology Intern
- Development and implementation of group hearing aid fitting / aural rehabilitation program
- Progressive tinnitus management treatment
- Member of OEF/OIF Polytrauma team

Fee Basis Audiologist

10/2009 – 05/2010

Department of Veterans Affairs
Pensacola, FL

- Diagnostic audiometry, including high frequency audiometry
- Immittance testing, including reflex threshold and reflex decay
- Distortion product otoacoustic emissions
- Cochlear implant evaluations
- Balance evaluations, including VNG, rotary chair, and posturagraphy,
- Hearing aid selection/fitting/repair
- Verification and validation of hearing aid performance (real ear measurement, visual speech mapping)
- Selection and fitting of assistive listening devices
- Aural rehabilitation counseling for patients and family/caregivers
- Coding and reporting of hearing disorders (VISTA and CPRS)

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Audiology Intern

07/2008 – 09/2009

Department of Veterans Affairs
Mobile, AL

- Diagnostic audiometry
- Immittance testing, including reflex threshold and reflex decay
- Distortion product otoacoustic emissions
- Balance evaluations, including VNG, rotary chair, posturagraphy, and VEMP
- Canalith repositioning therapy
- Auditory brainstem response testing
- Hearing aid selection/fitting/repair
- Verification and validation of hearing aid performance (real ear measurement, visual speech mapping)
- Selection and fitting of assistive listening devices
- Aural rehabilitation counseling for patients and family/caregivers
- Coding and reporting of hearing disorders (VISTA and CPRS)

Audiology Trainee

10/2006 – 09/2007

Department of Veterans Affairs
Mobile, AL

- Diagnostic audiometry
- Immittance testing, including reflex threshold and reflex decay
- Distortion product otoacoustic emissions
- Videonystagmography (VNG)
- Auditory brainstem response testing
- Hearing aid selection/fitting/repair
- Verification and validation of hearing aid performance (real ear measurement, visual speech mapping)
- Selection and fitting of assistive listening devices
- Aural rehabilitation counseling for patients and family/caregivers
- Coding and reporting of hearing disorders (VISTA and CPRS)

Speech Therapist

08/2002 – 05/2004

Orange County Public Schools
William Frangus Elementary School
Orlando, FL

- Diagnostic language and articulation assessment
- Development of Individualized Education Plans (IEP)
- Language and articulation therapy
- Planned and implemented classroom instructed focusing on IEP goals, benchmarks, and pre-kindergarten skills

RESEARCH FUNDING

Nichols, A.C., Smith, K., Money-Nolan, E., Williams, P. (2025). *Clinical Significance of Evaluating Intrinsic Motivation on Cochlear Implant Outcomes*. University of South Alabama College of Allied Health Professions CORS Grant. Funded. \$5,000.

RESEARCH AND PRESENTATIONS

Herrin, S., Paige, T., **Nichols**, A., Adams, E., & Davis, T. (2022). Current Trends in Extended High Frequency Testing in Audiology Clinical Practice. Poster presentation for the University of South Alabama Graduate Forum. Mobile, AL.

Adams, E., Cole, L., **Nichols**, A.C. (2021). Mal de débarquement Syndrome and Chiari Malformation: A Case Study. Technical clinical session for the annual American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention. Washington D.C.

Nichols, A.C. (2014). Sensory Impairments following Polytrauma/TBI: Audiologic Implications. Guest speaker at teleconference for physicians and clinicians of the Gulf Coast Healthcare System Polytrauma team.

Nichols, A.C. & Gordon-Hickey, S. (2012). The relationship of locus of control, self-control, and acceptable noise level for young listeners with normal hearing. *International Journal of Audiology*, 51, 353-359.

Nichols, A.C. & Gordon-Hickey, S. (2010). Relationships among locus of control, self-control, and acceptable noise levels. Technical session for the annual American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention. Philadelphia, PA.

Nichols, A.C. & Gordon-Hickey, S. (2011). Relationships among locus of control, self-control, and acceptable noise levels. Poster presentation for the annual Joint Defense Veterans Audiology Conference. San Diego, CA.

Nichols, A.C. & Carpenter, M.D. (2007). N400 in females with high and low acceptable noise levels. Poster presentation for the annual American Speech-Language Hearing Association Convention. Boston, MA.

INSTRUCTION

AUD 680: Clinical Practicum I	Fall 2015 – Summer 2018 Summer 2024 Summer 2026
AUD 681: Clinical Practicum I	Summer 2022 – present
AUD 682: Clinical Practicum II	Fall 2018 – Fall 2022
AUD 683: Clinical Practicum III	Fall 2024 – Fall 2025
AUD 684: Externship	Fall 2015 – present
SHS 480: Issues in Clinical Practicum	Fall 2015 – present
BMD 201: Seminars in Biomedical Sciences - Guest lecturer on topic of Speech Pathology and Audiology	Fall 2018, Fall 2020 Fall 2022
Tinnitus and Hyperacusis: Treatment and management (graduate course)	Spring 2008
Guest Lecturer on topic of Tinnitus in Audiology II (undergraduate course)	April 2008

STUDENT RESEARCH DIRECTION

Committee Member – Undergraduate Thesis

Money, L. (2020, Completed). *Determining the Relationship between Secondhand Smoke Exposure, Noise Exposure, and Frequency of Reported Tinnitus in College Students and Adolescents*. Master's thesis. University of South Alabama.

Committee Member – Doctoral Plan of Study

Money-Nolan, Laurel

Spring 2021 – May 2026

Committee Member – Doctoral Plan of Study

Greene, Alex

Fall 2021 – May 2025

SERVICE

University-level Service

Faculty Advisor, Student-Run Free Clinic	Spring 2017 – Summer 2020
JAG Wellness Day	September 2016
USA Day	October 2016
	October 2018

College-level Service

Clinical Education Committee	Spring 2016 – present
Biomedical Department Chair Search Committee	Fall 2017 – Fall 2018

Departmental Service

Audiology Clinic Coordinator	Fall 2015 – present
USA Speech and Hearing Center Clinic Committee	Fall 2015 – present
VA Affiliation Partnership Council (APC)	Fall 2015 – present
Professional Behavior Policy Committee	Fall 2015 – Summer 2016
Audiology Academic Committee	Fall 2015 – present
Capital Expenditure Committee	Fall 2015 – present
Search Committee Chair, Non-tenure track Audiologist	Spring 2016
Academic Standards Committee	Fall 2016 – present
Department Promotion Committee	Fall 2016 – present
Audiology Search Committee	Summer 2020 – Spring 2021
Audiology Search Committee Chair, Non-tenure track Audiologist	Summer 2022 – Fall 2022
Audiology Search Committee, Tenure-track Audiologist	Fall 2023 – June 2020

National Service

Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD)	
Academic Affairs Committee	Fall 2023 – June 2025

HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Doctor of Philosophy Student	May 2010
ASHA Student Research Travel Award recipient	November 2007

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Professional Development

American Cochlear Implant Alliance (ACIA) annual conference	April 2025
Institute for Cochlear Implant Training (ICIT) Advanced Audiology Course	January – March 2024
American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) annual convention	November 2022
Alabama Academy of Audiology (ALAA) annual convention	October 2019
Children's of Alabama: Electrophysiological testing	July 2018
Alabama Academy of Audiology (ALAA) annual convention	October 2017
Council of Academic Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CAPCSD) annual convention	April 2017
CAPCSD: Clinic Director Symposium	April 2017
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association: Leadership Development Program	April 2016 – March 2017
CAPCSD convention	April 2016
Mayo Clinic Conference	February 2016
	February 2017
American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) annual convention	November 2007

Teaching Enhancement

Sakai 101
Faculty Development Day

December 2015
January 2016