

# Tessa M. Steele

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## Education

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**University of Mississippi** Oxford, MS  
*Master of Science in Communication Sciences & Disorders* August 2018 - Present  
Will graduate May 2020

**Mississippi State University** Starkville, MS  
*Bachelor of Science in Educational Psychology* August 2013 - July 2017  
*Concentration in Speech-Language Pathology* *summa cum laude*  
Cumulative GPA: 3.91/4.0 | Core GPA: 3.95/4.0

## Clinical Education Experience

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**Baptist Memorial Hospital - North MS - Inpatient Rehabilitation** Oxford, MS | Fall 2019  
• Treating patients under supervision of a certified speech-language pathologist with swallowing, language, speech, voice, and fluency deficits.

**University of Mississippi Speech and Hearing Clinic** Oxford, MS | Summer 2019  
• Provided speech and language therapy for a 3-year old male with childhood apraxia of speech within the University clinic's Preschool Language Group.  
• Treated an eleven year old male with fluency disorder on stuttering education, stuttering modification, and fluency shaping strategies.

**Hearing Impaired Language and Literacy Program (HILL)** Oxford, MS | Spring 2019  
• Provided therapy for a five-year old male with a severe expressive and receptive language disorder within the HILL Program, heavily targeting phonological and phonemic awareness skills.

**Bramlett Elementary School** Oxford, MS | Spring 2019  
• Attended BES with HILL client 2-3 times a week in the regular & special education classroom setting, providing expressive and receptive language therapy.

**Lafayette County Upper Elementary & Middle School** Oxford, MS | Fall 2018  
• Provided speech/language therapy and evaluation of students with various disorders of articulation, expressive and receptive language, hearing-impaired, and autism spectrum disorder.

**Aural Rehabilitation Support Group** Oxford, MS | Fall 2018  
• Provided education, counseling, and networking for hearing-impaired adults in the Oxford area on living with hearing loss, improving quality of life, understanding of the hearing/speech mechanism, and technologies available for improved hearing in a group setting.

**Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES)** April 2019

- Completed a four-part training focused on the teaching and performance of an endoscopic evaluation of swallowing with completing two passes.

**Interprofessional Education/Interprofessional Practice** February 2019

- A two-part collaborative meeting and simulation lab focused on speech language pathologists (SLPs) engagement in IPE/IPP, in both health care and educational settings.
- Engaged in a collaborative case study with a multi-disciplinary team consisting of continuing education students in the following: Nursing, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Social Work.

**Lee Silverman Voice Treatment (LSVT LOUD)** August 2019

- Completed the online training certification course via LSVT Global, consisting of 34 modules and final exam verifying competence in LSVT Loud clinical treatment.

## Work Experience

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**University of Mississippi | *Graduate Assistant*** Oxford, MS | August 2018 - Current

- Assists Clinical Records Coordinator & Clerk in daily office responsibilities for 10 hours weekly
- Schedule patient appointments using HearForm system, greet and respond to patient needs, answer clinic office phone daily, and file patient information into appropriate charts as needed

**Autism Support Tutor | *Personal Family*** Oxford, MS | August 2017 - July 2019

- Provided instruction and guidance for a teenager with autism spectrum disorder in a Homeschool program, consisting of tutoring/teaching lessons, assisting with assignments, and providing pragmatic guidance

**Bayou Bluff Tennis Club | *Head Camp Counselor*** Gulfport, MS | Summers 2008 - 2015

- Delegated responsibilities and roles to all camp counselors while supervising an average of 300 children between the ages of 2 to 14 each year
- Responded to crisis situations such as severe weather and injuries
- Conducted and supervised activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, fishing, sports, etc.

## Honors, Awards, and Activities

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- **summa cum laude** | MSU - 2017
- **University of Mississippi Graduate Assistant** | Ole Miss Communication Sciences and Disorders - Fall 2018 - Present
- **National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association** | Fall 2018 - Present
- **President's Scholar** | MSU - Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017
- **Dean's Scholar** | MSU - Fall 2014
- **MSU Freshman Academic Excellence Scholarship** | MSU - Fall 2013, Spring 2014
- **National Society of Collegiate Scholars** | MSU - Spring 2015 - Spring 2017
- **Chi Omega Fraternity** | MSU - Fall 2013 - Spring 2017
- **Recruitment Board** | Fall 2013 - Spring 2014, **Academic Advising Committee** | Fall 2014 - Spring 2017, **Prop Committee** | Spring 2014 - Spring 2017, **Happy People Limelight Committee** | Fall 2015, Fall 2016

- **American Red Cross Club** | MSU - Fall 2015 - Spring 2017
- **Educational Psychology Student Organization** | MSU - Spring 2015 - Spring 2017
- **Athletic Affairs Student Association Committee** | MSU - Fall 2014 - Spring 2015
- **Junior PanHellenic Representative** | MSU - Fall 2013-Fall 2014
- **Homecoming Student Association Committee** | MSU - Fall 2013-Spring 2014
- **National Key Club Society** | Gulfport High School - 2011-2013
  - **Senior Representative** | 2012-2013
- **Cotillion Club of Gulfport** | Gulfport, MS - 2011-2013
  - **Corresponding Secretary** | 2012-2013

## **Volunteer Experience**

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### **Buddy Bowling** | Oxford, MS - Summer 2018

- Supervised fellowship and friendship while bowling twice weekly for a group of children and teens in the Oxford area with autism spectrum disorder paired with typical peers

### **Make-A-Wish Foundation** | Starkville, MS - Fall 2013 - Spring 2017

- *Happy Person Committee*: Held a party for the Make-A-Wish child and the family, where activities, food, and playtime was provided
- *Wish Week Fundraiser*: Sponsored a wish child for three years and raised money through fundraising events including a 5k, a cook out, and entertainment.

### **Palmer Home** | Starkville, MS - Fall 2013 - Spring 2017

- *Carnival*: Put on a “carnival” for the children of the Palmer Home, where they were able to dress up for Halloween and participate in carnival games each year

### **Brickfire Project** | Starkville, MS - Spring 2015 - Spring 2016

- Tutored children in the Starkville area that attended this Day Care after school at least once a week, helped them complete homework assignments, and went over any material from that day that they did not fully understand, and played with the children on the playground or different games inside after they finished their assignments until their parents were able to pick them up

### **Catch-A-Dream Foundation** | Starkville, MS - Spring 2014 - Spring 2017)

- Donated & participated in fundraiser events for the Catch-A-Dream sponsored child each year

### **Canned Food Drive** | Starkville, MS - Fall 2013- Spring 2017

- Donated canned goods to Feeding America

### **Operation Christmas Child** | Starkville, MS - Fall 2013 - Present

- Packaged shoeboxes with toiletries and other necessities that were donated to children in need