Amanda Marine - Covenant Medical Center

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Instructions: Please work with your internship supervisor to fill out this form. Once completed, return to Angie Gorsuch by Wednesday, April 23rd.

Name Amanda Marine  Agency Covenant Medical Center

Intern’s Phone Number and E-mail Address

Organization Contact Person and Phone
Karen Nelson

Academic Advisor Person and Phone
Dr. Bruce Plakke

Future Plans for student

What did you accomplish during your internship?
I learned much more about aphasia, dysphagia, cognitive disorders, and apraxia of speech. In addition, I learned how to fill out multiple types of paperwork, dictate reports, and bill patients. I was able to conduct video fluoroscopic swallowing evaluations, educate the patients on what I observed, and dictate the reports. I applied what I had learned in grad school to real life situations and also was required to learn much more because each patient is so unique. My
professors did a great job teaching me, but my internship is what really prepared me for my career.

**How did the internship benefit the student?**

My internship has prepared me for my career. Of course, I have much more to learn and will never learn it all, but I feel competent as a speech-language pathologist. My internship supervisor did a wonderful job of helping me when I needed help and forcing me to think on my own. She would then tell me if I was on the right track or guide me to the correct answer. Because of this experience, I am much more confident and not afraid to ask questions.

**How did the internship benefit the agency?**

The speech therapy department at Covenant Medical Center has benefited from Amanda’s internship experience because she brought a variety of fresh ideas related to patient treatment to our attention. Additionally, Amanda’s dysphagia protocol is now a portion of the department’s intern handbook, and will be a resource for future interns to utilize during their internships.

**How does the internship benefit the community?**

Now that Amanda’s internship is coming to an end, she has enhanced her ability to accurately and independently evaluate and treat patients with dysphagia. She has developed strong skills in educating patients and their families on the purpose and benefit of swallow exercises as well as on the importance of adhering to recommended diet recommendations. Amanda will use this information as she begins to work on her own, and therefore future patients will benefit from the knowledge she derived from developing her dysphagia protocol.

Additionally, since the dysphagia protocol will be available to future students, the knowledge they derive from her information will be carried out into the community for years to come.
(Student to complete) One quote that describes the experience gained from completing this internship (to be used for promotional materials; please specify author of quote)?

“My professors did a great job teaching me, but my internship is what really prepared me for my career as a speech-language pathologist.”
-Amanda Marine

(Intern supervisor to complete) One quote that describes the impact the intern had on the community (to be used for promotional materials; please specify author of quote)?

“Through her professional endeavors, Amanda will continue to benefit the community by using what she has learned during her internship to help restore swallow function to those people who are forced to deal with decreased swallow abilities in the future.”
-Karen Nelson

Please provide a reproducible photo of the intern in action at their internship for media purposes.

Two photos are also attached to the e-mail. I am administering a video fluoroscopic swallow evaluation.