SLPS: Speech and Language Preverbal Skills Training

Introduction

Are you frustrated and helpless when facing preverbal clients who give you no response during therapy sessions? Here is a workshop that brings you some ideas in how to treat those preverbal clients effectively.

Speech therapy has been developing vividly in Hong Kong since the 90s, but not much focus was put on Preverbal Training. Louisa Wong and Pauline Poon has been practicing in Child Language Speech Therapy locally for decades, and have compiled their frontline clinical experience to put into this “Speech-Language Preverbal Skills Training” (SLPS) course. To put theory into practice, a Practicum course will be conducted to give participants hands-on experience in nonverbal child language cases. The practicum, with the luxurious instructor-participant ratio of 1:6, will enable you to get familiar with the assessment and treatment skills for the preverbal clients on site. Please be prepared to have lots of brainstorming, analysis and discussion, and get prepared for your mind and hands to work on challenging cases during the practicum.

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<td>Room 1202, 12/F Cheung Lee Commercial Building, 25 Kimberley Road, TST, Kowloon</td>
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* The practicum will be held either at the Hong Kong Progress Speech Therapy Centre (Office D, 23/F Prosperous Commercial Building, 54, Jardine’s Bazaar, Causeway Bay) or SpeakRite Speech Therapy Clinic (20/F Wing Sing Commercial Building, 2 Wing Sing Lane, Yaumatei), The arrangement of the practicum venue will be decided by the organizer.
**Objectives**

**Level 1: 2-Day Seminar**
By the end of the seminar, participants will be able to learn:
◇ The developmental milestones of preverbal language skills
◇ The content of preverbal training elements
◇ The rationale for the preverbal training elements
◇ Activities related to the preverbal training elements
◇ Assessment of the preverbal language ability
◇ Goal planning and treatment of the preverbal language ability

*Real case video clips will be used for illustration, and interactive Q & A for brainstorming, so be prepared to ask and answer questions!*

**Level 2: 2-Day Practicum**
By carrying out assessment and treatment on real cases, participants will get familiar in evaluating, planning and providing treatment for the preverbal cases. Clinical skills will be refined through demonstration and discussion.

*Therapists are welcomed to provide any existing cases for practicum. Please contact us in advance for liaison. Be prepared to learn through hands on practicum just as what we did in our “University Clinics Practicum”!*

**The Presenters**

Louisa Wong C.Y. graduated from the University of Hong Kong (B.Sc. Speech & Hearing Sciences) in 1995, and has worked as a full-time Speech Therapist in local moderate grade Special School, Special Child Care Centre, Early Educational Training Centres for nine years before she started her private practice in Hong Kong Progress Speech Therapy Centre since 2004. She has more than 20 years of experience in teaching special children with language learning difficulties across various diagnoses, including Speech and Language Delay, Apraxia of Speech, Cognitive Delay, Autism, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Fragile X Syndrome, Cri du chat Syndrome, Treacher Collins Syndrome, Angelman Syndrome and Pierre Robin Syndrome etc.

Professionally, Louisa has been trained in Oral Placement Therapy (Level 5 OPT Instructor & OPT Therapist certified by TalkTools® US), PECS, Beckmann’s Oral Motor Techniques, PROMPT Techniques, Floortime, Affect-Based Language Curriculum, Social Stories, Social Thinking, Voicecraft, Hanen approach, Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment Training (Mediated Learning Experience/ MLE) and Myofascial Release.

Louisa Wong has been an invited guest speaker in Oral Placement Therapy and Child Language Therapy by various organizations in Hong Kong, Wuhan, Shanghai, Hangzhou, Jiangsu, Shenzhen, Dubai and Taiwan in the past 10 years. In addition, she hosts and talk on OPT for local Speech Therapists regularly in Hong Kong.
The Presenters

Pauline Poon P. L. graduated from the University of Hong Kong (B.Sc. Speech & Hearing Sciences) in 1999 and finished her master program on Rehabilitation for People with Developmental Disabilities in The Polytechnic University in 2006. She has more than 18 years of experience in teaching children and adolescences in special child care centers, early education and training centers and mainstream schools with various developmental disabilities, such as mental retardation, autism, cerebral palsy and Down syndrome, speech and language delay, apraxia of speech, cognitive delay and visual impairment etc. She had started her private practice since 2007.

Educationally, Pauline provided talks and workshops about speech and language delay for both teachers and parents. She is also responsible for providing workshops for articulation problem for different mass media such as TVB, NOW TV, Hong Kong Commercial Radio and Radio Hong Kong. She is a part-time lecturer in Department of Journalism and Communication, The University of Hong Kong and a part-time assistant professor in Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Recently, Pauline has been an invited guest speaker for Preverbal Language Training workshops in Shenzhen, China.

Professionally, Pauline has received training in PECS, Beckmann’s Oral Motor Techniques, PROMPT, Floortime, Affect-Based Language Curriculum, Oral Placement Therapy (Certified Level 3 Therapist), Social Stories, Social Thinking, and Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment Training (Mediated Learning Experience) for all basic and standard levels.

Language
The seminar will be presented in spoken Cantonese. Workshop handouts are written in English.

Accreditation
The Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapist (HKAST)—CPD pending

Certification
100% attendance is mandatory to guarantee an attendance certificate.

Compliment
All the participants will be given a complimentary copy of their new book on SLPS, which costs HK$180.
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**Schedule**

**2-Day Seminar**

**Day 1 Oct 2**

9:00-9:15  Registration
9:15-10:30  Preverbal Language Development
10:30-10:45  Break
10:45-12:30  SLPS Preverbal Skills Therapy: Definition, Rationale and Activities
12:30-2:00  Lunch
2:00-3:15  SLPS Preverbal Skills Therapy (continued)
3:15-3:30  Break
3:30-4:45  SLPS Preverbal Skills Therapy (continued)
4:45-5:00  Conclusion and Q&A

**Day 2 Oct 3**

9:00-9:15  Registration
9:15-10:30  Assessment of Preverbal Case
10:30-10:45  Break
10:45-12:30  Assessment of Preverbal Case
12:30-2:00  Lunch
2:00-3:15  Treatment for Preverbal Case
3:15-3:30  Break
3:30-4:45  Treatment for Preverbal Case
4:45-5:00  Conclusion and Q&A
5:00-5:30  Arrangement for the Practicum course

**2-Day Practicum**

**Day 1 Oct 4**

9:00-9:30  Preparation
9:30-10:30  Hands on Assessment by the participants on Case 1
10:30-10:45  Break
10:45-12:30  Discussion on Assessment
12:30-2:00  Lunch
2:00-2:30  Preparation
2:30-3:30  Hands on Assessment by the participants on Case 2
3:30-3:45  Break
3:45-5:00  Discussion, Q&A

**Day 2 Oct 5**

9:00-9:30  Preparation
9:30-10:30  Hands on Treatment by the participants on Case 1
10:30-10:45  Break
10:45-12:30  Discussion on Treatment
12:30-2:00  Lunch
2:00-2:30  Preparation
2:30-3:30  Hands on Treatment by the participants on Case 2
3:30-3:45  Break
3:45-5:00  Discussion, Q&A
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Registration Procedure
Please complete the Registration Form (separately file attached) and mail to: “Office D, 23/F Prosperous Commercial Building, 54 Jardine’s Bazaar, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong” with your cheque made payable to “Hong Kong Progress Speech Therapy Centre Co. Ltd.”

Seats are limited. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Join the seminar and the practicum together to save more! Act fast!

Course Fee

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* All students from HKU (BSc [Sp&HrSc]), EDUHK (MScESLPLD) and PolyU (MSC) are eligible for application of the Level 1 course. Please provide proof of student identification together with the registration form.

Enquiry
For any enquiries, please feel free to contact:
Ms. Clarice Wong at 35800938 or workshop@speechtherapyhk.com OR
Ms. Frances Lai at 27711135 or info@speakrite.com.hk

REMARKS
1. Registration will only be confirmed when full payment is being made.
2. No registration fee shall be re-funded after confirmation of registration.
3. Course fee cannot be deducted if the compliment is not wanted.
4. Course fee are non-refundable and non-transferable.
5. Should the program scheduled have to be cancelled due to Black Rainstorm Signal, Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above or other unforeseeable circumstances and/or conditions, the organizer shall try to, and has the right to re-schedule the program to different dates and/or venue.
6. To protect for the privacy of the cases, no video-taping and audio-taping is allowed during the seminar and practicum.
7. The information about the cases are strictly not allowed to be disclosed in any way.
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Maps
Seminar Venue
Room 1202, 12/F Cheung Lee Commercial Building, 25 Kimberley Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

尖沙嘴金巴利道25號長利商業大廈1202室 (近諾士佛台)(尖沙嘴站B1出口)
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Practicum Venue

Hong Kong Progress Speech Therapy Centre
Office D, 23/F Prosperous Commercial Building,
54 Jardine’s Bazaar, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong
(Tel: 38500938)
香港思進言語治療中心有限公司
香港銅鑼灣渣甸街54號富盛商業大廈23樓D室
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