

Course Faculty Disclosure Information

Course Director:

Melissa Caine, AuD
Audiologist

Melissa L. Caine, AuD, is a clinical specialist and audiologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She received her BA in Communication Disorders and English Literature from Loyola College in Maryland in 2004 and her AuD from Salus University in 2008. Melissa currently provides diagnostic and rehabilitative services at CHOP. In addition to her clinical position, Melissa is the department's lead audiologist for the Balance & Vestibular Program, coordinator of professional development/continuing education, and an adjunct instructor at Salus University - George S. Osborne College of Audiology. Her areas of clinical interest include electrophysiologic assessment in the NICU population, pediatric vestibular assessment, and adolescent focused rehabilitation.

Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Melissa Caine is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position as an audiologist.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Melissa Caine has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Course Faculty:

Arielle Berne, MA, CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Arielle Berne is a speech-language pathologist in the Center for Childhood Communication at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia her graduate degree from George Washington University. Arielle provides comprehensive evaluations and treatment for pediatric patients of all ages with a variety of communication, speech, and language disorders. She is a member of the Cochlear Implant Program and has specialized clinical interest in working with children with hearing loss. Other areas of interest include mentoring new clinical staff.

Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Arielle Berne is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Arielle Berne has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Matthew Fasano-McCarron, PsyD
Neuropsychologist

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Matthew Fasano-McCarron is pediatric neuropsychologist in CHOP's Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He provides consultation and evaluation services to children and youth who are deaf and hard of hearing, including those who identify as culturally Deaf. A native English speaker and fluent in American Sign Language, Dr. Fasano has nearly 15 years of experience serving DHH children and their families. He started as behavioral support staff at Pressley Ridge School for Deaf and Pennsylvania School for the Deaf before earning his doctorate in clinical psychology from La Salle University. He went on to train in pediatric neuropsychology at the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Deafness-Related Evaluations and More (DREAM) clinic and at Boston Children's Hospital's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program. He served as an attending neuropsychologist in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program in Boston until starting his current position here at CHOP. A Philly native, Matt and his husband spend their free time hanging out with friends and family, especially their growing troop of nieces and nephews.

Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Matthew Fasano-McCarron is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for his position as a neuropsychologist.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Matthew Fasano-McCarron has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Tiffiney Hartman, PhD
Genetic Counselor
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Tiffiney R. Hartman, PhD, is a genetic counselor with the Roberts Individualized Medical Genetics Center and the Division of Human Genetics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She received her PhD in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology from Ohio State University. She is also a member of the National Society of Genetic Counselors.

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Tiffiney Hartman is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position as a genetic counselor.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Tiffiney Hartman has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Jennifer Moore, MA, CCC-SLP
Speech-Language Pathologist
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Jennifer Moore is a speech-language pathologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, who provides assessment and treatment for various speech and language disorders. She has a focus and passion for caregiver/family education and for early identification and treatment of communication disorders that often co-occur with autism spectrum disorder.

Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Jennifer Moore is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position as a speech-language pathologist.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Jennifer Moore has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Jennifer Ruths, AuD

Audiologist

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Jennifer Ruths is a clinical audiologist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She received her doctorate in audiology from the University of Northern Colorado. Her areas of clinical interest include diagnostic evaluation of pediatric inpatient populations. Jennifer currently provides outpatient care at the Brandywine Valley Specialty Care Center and both inpatient and outpatient care at the Philadelphia campus.

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Suma Suswaram, PhD

Postdoctoral Associate

Boston University

Suma Suswaram works as a Postdoctoral Associate at Boston University. She received PhD in Speech Language Pathology from University of Kansas in 2022. Her research focuses on empowering people on the autism spectrum to lead an independent life. She closely works with autistic people and their families from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to identify their unique experiences and develop programs to optimize their life outcomes.

Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Suma Suswaram received an honorarium for providing a lecture at this conference.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Suma Suswaram has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Susan Von Dollen, AuD

Audiologist

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Susan Von Dollen is an audiologist at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She has practiced pediatric audiology for over 7 years, with special interests in auditory neuroscience, family support education, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

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Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Susan Von Dollen has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

Susan E. Wiley, MD

Director, Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

Susan Wiley is the clinical director of the Thomas Center for Down Syndrome at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. She has also worked extensively with programs that support children who are deaf or hard of hearing. These include the National American Academy of Pediatrics, the Ohio Department of Health Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, the Ohio Center for Deaf-Blind Education and the Outreach Center for Deafness and Blindness in the Ohio Center for Low Incidence. In addition to seeing patients, Dr. Wiley conducts research that seeks to improve the quality of life for children with developmental disabilities. She works with her team to determine if a technology-supported language intervention can help fill the language gap in children who are deaf or hard of hearing. We have also focused on the language and functional needs of children who are Deaf/Hard of Hearing Plus.

Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Susan E. Wiley is employed by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and receives a salary for her position. She received an honorarium for providing a lecture at this conference.

Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Susan Wiley has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.
