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## CURRICULUM VITA

### Educational Background

- Graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire with a Bachelor and Masters of Science degrees in Communication Disorders, 1977.
- Holds the ASHA ACE award for continuing education.

### Certifications

- Holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence and Award for Continuing Education from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
- Holds a Florida license (SA 318) to practice Speech-Language Pathology.

### Employment History

- Communication Specialist for children, ages 0-21, with complex communication needs with Area Education Agency 4, Sioux Center, Iowa (1977 - 1982).
- Communication Specialist on an interdisciplinary team assessing students for augmentative and alternative communication systems with the Communication Systems Evaluation Center, Orlando, Florida (1982 -1988).
- Adjunct Professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa (1992).
- Minspeak Clinical Specialist with the Prentke Romich Company, Wooster, Ohio (1988 - 1998).
- Adjunct Professor in the Department of Communication Disorders, Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida (1997 - 1999).
- Clinical Consultant and Director of Education & Training with Semantic Compaction Systems, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1988 - present).
- President and Speech-Language Pathologist with Gail M. Van Tatenhove, PA, a private practice that works with children and adults using augmentative and alternative communication systems, Orlando, Florida (1982 - present).

### Professional Affiliations

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).
- Florida Speech-Language-Hearing Association (FLASHA).
- International Society of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC).
- United States Society of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (USSAAC)

### ASHA Contributions

- Member of the Augmentative and Alternative Topic Committee of the ASHA Annual Convention Program Committee (2012, 2013).
- Associate Coordinator for the ASHA Special Interest Group 12 (2012-2013).
- Coordinating Committee Member of the ASHA Special Interest Group 12 (2011).
- Coordinating Committee Member of the ASHA Special Interest Division 12 (1992-1994).
- Facilitator for the ASHA Special Interest Group on Augmentative Communication (1989-92).
- Volunteer Coordinator for the Edwin and Esther AAC Distinguished Lecture series held at the

**Professional  
Activities in  
Related  
Organizations**

- Annual ASHA Convention (2011 – 2014).
- Newsletter Editor for the ASHA Special Interest Division 12 (1992-1994).
  - Invited Speaker at the 2001, 2011, & 2012 ASHA Annual Conventions for Special Interest Group 12.
  - Presenter/Co-Presenter at the following ASHA Annual Conventions: 1984, 1986, 1987, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2006, and 2008.
  - Guest Editor of the ASHA Special Interest Group 12 Perspectives (September 2012).
  - Guest Editor and Contributing Author to the ASHA Special Interest Division 12 Perspectives (June 2009).
  - Participant and Author in three ASHA projects entitled:
    1. *Technology in the Classroom: Applications and Strategies for the Education of Children with Severe Handicaps* (1989-92).
    2. *Leadership Training in Augmentative Communication* (1988).
    3. *Implementation Strategies for Improving the Use of Communication Aids in Schools Serving Handicapped Children* (1987-88).
  - Member of the Board of Directors of BeCOME: AAC, an organization with the mission of building connections with others through mentoring and education about AAC (2012 to present).
  - Assistant to the Vice President for People Who Use AAC for the International Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (ISAAC) in coordination of LEAD Projects (2010 - 2012).
  - Managing Director of *The MaxSpeakers*, a Central Florida AAC device user community support group (1996 - 2003).
  - Advisory Board Member for the Communication Systems Evaluation Center/Assistive Technology Educational Network of Florida (1990 - 1996).
  - Florida Representative to the United States Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (USSAAC) Board of Directors (1990-93, 1999-2001).
  - President of the Florida Society for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (FSAAC), a state chapter of ISAAC (1991, 1992-93, 1994-95, 2000-2001).
  - Author and Administrator of a state grant to assess for and provide assistive technology to school-aged children with severe speech disabilities, Iowa Department of Education (1979-81).

**Professional  
Presentations for  
Related  
Organizations**

- Presenter for workshops and papers on the subject of AAC at a variety of conferences, including, but not limited to:

ASHA; FLASHA; ISAAC; USSAAC; FSAAC; Assistive Technology Alliance New Zealand; ISAAC National Chapter Conventions for French-speaking countries, German-speaking countries, Denmark, and Australia; the US, Australian, German, French, Dutch, Danish, South African, Spanish, and United European Minspeak Conferences; Closing the Gap; Southeast AAC Conference; Rehabilitation Engineering Society of North America; Assistive Technology Industry Association; Rehabilitation Conference in Singapore; International Technology and Persons with Disabilities Conference; Council for Exceptional Children; Texas Assistive Technology Network Conference; and American Association of Mental Retardation.
- Presenter for webinars for various organization, including, but not limited to:

Assistive Technology Industry Association, Assistive Technology Educational Network of Texas, United Cerebral Palsy, Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network, Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System, and the Pittsburgh AAC Language Seminar Series.

## Professional Awards from Related Organizations

- South African AAC Distinguished AAC Service Lecture, University of Pretoria – South Africa, May 2007.
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Nominated as an ASHA Fellow (2013).

## Publications

- Van Tatenhove, G. & Zangari, C. (2009). Supporting More Advanced Linguistic Communicators in the Classroom. In G. Soto and C. Zangari (Eds.), *Practically Speaking: Language, Literacy, and Academic Development for Students With AAC Needs*. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes.
- Van Tatenhove, G. (2008). *The Pixon Project Kit*. Prentke Romich Company, Wooster, OH.
- Van Tatenhove, G. (2000 - 2007). Self-Published the following AAC Curriculum Materials: Natural Aided Language Boards; *Stepping Through Unity: A Tutorial for Learning Unity®128*; *Singing-To-Talking with Minspeak: A Unity®128 Songbook*; *Read-Along Minstickers*; *Play-Along Minstickers*; *The Minspeak Engineered Classroom Kit*; *Unity Activity Scripts*, *Unity Icon Adventures*, *Making Minspeak Materials*; *A Parent Handout to Teaching Minspeak*; and *Take-Care of Technology*.
- Van Tatenhove, G. (2005). *TalkToday: A Vocabulary Program for ChatBox 40*. Saltillo Corporation, Millersburg, Ohio.
- VanTatenhove, G. (2001, 2003). *PLACES: Promoting Language and Curriculum Enhancement Supports*. Florida Department of Education, Tallahassee, Florida.
- Van Tatenhove, G., (1997). *MinTalk: A Minspeak® Application Program for Vanguard*, Prentke Romich Company, Wooster, Ohio.
- Van Tatenhove, G. (1995). *A Camp Cookbook: A Guide to Organizing AAC Camps*, Prentke Romich Company, Wooster, Ohio.
- Author of the *First Steps* Series of Instructional Guides for learning how to operate the following devices: *Liberator*, *DeltaTalker*, *LightTalker/Touch Talker*, *Walker Talker*, *AlphaTalker*, and *IntroTalker*. Published by the Prentke Romich Company, Wooster, Ohio.
- Contributing author to: *More Parent Articles*, edited by Anthony DeFeo (1994). Communication Skill Builders, Tucson, Arizona.
- Van Tatenhove, G. (1993). *What Is Augmentative and Alternative Communication*, Prentke Romich Company, Wooster, Ohio.
- Carney, R. & Van Tatenhove, G., (1992). *Vocabulary Selection and Display Organization Using Minspeak®*, Prentke Romich Company, Wooster, Ohio.
- Van Tatenhove, G., (1993). *What Is Minspeak®?*, Prentke Romich Company, Wooster, Ohio.
- Van Tatenhove, G., (1989). *Power In Play+: A Minspeak® Application Program*, Prentke Romich Company, Wooster, Ohio.
- Contributing author to: *Augmentative Communication: An Introduction*, edited by Sara Blackstone (1986.) American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Rockville Pike, Maryland.
- Contributing author to: *Augmentative Communication: Implementation Strategies*, edited by Sara Blackstone (1988.) American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Rockville Pike, Maryland.
- Van Tatenhove, G. (1977). "Teaching Power Through Augmentative Communication: Guidelines for Early Intervention", *Journal of Childhood Communication Disorders*, Volume 10, Number 2, pages 185-200.

For further information on any of the organizations, publications, or activities mentioned above, please contact Ms. Van Tatenhove.