

NZFGW Study Travel Award Report: Nicola Lissington

I was very fortunate to receive the Study Travel Award to go towards travel costs for a clinical placement during my Masters of Speech Language Pathology. The placement took place over six weeks at Passavant Area Hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois. During this time I worked as a speech language pathology student under the guidance of two hospital based clinical supervisors. This clinical placement was highly beneficial to my learning as I was able to apply my skills in a new and challenging setting which was unique from my prior clinical experiences. I was able to work with a wide variety of clients (paediatric, outpatient and inpatient) and areas of clinical practice (dysphagia, language impairment, voice, language). Alongside these clinical experiences, I also enjoyed learning about the Mid West/Illinois culture, food and people. This experience has been immensely rewarding for me as an individual and as a new Speech Language Therapist, in regards to clinical experience, cultural competence and life experience.



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