

The iPhone as an Appropriate Hearing Assistive Technology in the Classroom?

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES:

Erin Roach, BS, is completing her 2nd year of the AuD program at Montclair State University and has a clinical interest in the pediatric population. She works with many pediatric patients at her current externship, Riverside ENT. She is serving as president of the Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) chapter at MSU and was a founder of Towson University's undergraduate SAA chapter. She has volunteered at the Special Olympics and as a Walk4Hearing team leader. Erin spent many summers as a Mother's Helper of two children with autism. The proposed research will be used to fulfill her capstone requirement.

Rachel Schepeler, AuD, PhD, CCC-A, is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Montclair State University. Her research interests involve assessing hearing abilities in normal and impaired auditory systems, with a current specialization in evaluating auditory function following cochlear implantation. She has worked clinically in pediatric settings, including Boys Town National Research Hospital, Omaha, NE, and the Center for Disabilities and Development, Iowa City, IA. She holds the NJ license in audiology and is the primary mentor on this project.

Donna Merchant, AuD, CCC-A, FAAA, is the owner of Educational Audiology Resources and New Jersey Hearing Health Center. Additionally, she is an NJ-certified Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing, and Teacher of the Handicapped. She has been a practicing clinical/educational Audiologist for over 29 years, with specializations working with deaf/hard-of-hearing children and their parents, assistive technology in the classroom, and central auditory processing disorders. She works as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at MSU, teaching courses in Educational Audiology, Aural Rehabilitation, Auditory Processing Disorders, and Audiology for the SLP.

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Joan Besing, PhD, CCC-A, is a Professor, and Program Director of the Clinical Graduate Programs in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology at Montclair State University. She received her PhD from LSU and did Postdoctoral training in the Sensory Communication Group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Her research focuses on the behavioral and electrophysiologic effects of listening in adverse conditions and various aspects of binaural listening. She holds a NJ audiology license and has worked in a school setting, a large children's hospital in NNJ and other practice settings. In 2013 she was named a Fellow of ASHA.