Introduction:
For my practicum project I was able to shadow speech therapy sessions and learn more about the practice of speech therapy. This allowed me to understand more information and gain experience observing the field I am currently pursuing.

Activities:
During this project I was able to observe speech therapy sessions via an online video-chat platform. Each session entailed different kinds of speech therapy. Generally, Integrity Speech Therapy aids people with fluency, expressive/receptive language, and articulation etc. I was able to effectively understand and gain insightful knowledge about different speech pathologies throughout this experience.

Site Information:
Name of Site: Integrity Speech Therapy
Address: 5457 Twin Knolls Rd Suite 300, Columbia MD 21045
Site Supervisor: Faith Monah-CCC-SLP
Site mission: To observe and learn how speech therapy is utilized in society.
Site Goals: My goals at this site were to effectively listen and shadow the various sessions in which individuals were receiving speech therapy.

Issues Confronting Site:
My site addressed the problems that individuals have with their speech, articulation, and/or fluency etc.

*Disclaimer*
Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restrictions, I was only able to attend sessions via a video chat service.

Impact:
Watching the various sessions allowed me to understand the hard work that patients go through with speech therapy. I was amazed to see how hard patients work and the perseverance the patients have during the sessions. I gained valuable insight to my career path through this experience and will forever be grateful to have such an opportunity, especially during a global pandemic. Overall, I was so thankful to have a chance to understand what it is like to be a speech therapist and witness therapy sessions.

Future Work:
I hope to be able to shadow and observe more sessions in the future because I am pursuing a degree in Hearing & Speech Sciences.

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