

# School-Based SLPs: A Language Processing Disorder – What It Is and How to Treat It



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*"Phenomenal!"*

– JESSICA CORRADO, SLP

# Ten Key Benefits of Attending

*'So informative.  
I loved all of  
the intervention  
strategies  
and tools.'*

— KENDRA ALLEN, SPEECH-  
LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST



## Who Should Attend

School-Based Speech-  
Language Pathologists  
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- 1. Determine the Difference Between Auditory and Language Processing**  
Auditory and language processing are not the same thing ... Discover the distinction between the two and where they overlap
- 2. Highly Effective and Engaging Language Processing Intervention Strategies for Multiple Therapy Models Including Teletherapy, Push-In, and Pull-Out Therapy**  
Discover numerous ready-to-use therapy materials, including games, graphic organizers and computer/iPad-based intervention strategies to promote students' language processing skills and academic success that can be used in online therapy and in the general and special education classroom
- 3. Explore Assessment Instruments to Find Specific Language Processing Deficits**  
Align your evaluation and ongoing clinical assessment with specific assessment tools that allow you to pinpoint a Language Processing Disorder
- 4. Align Your Therapy Intervention With Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and Assistive Technology Tools and Strategies**  
Discover how specific areas of language may be impacted by a Language Processing Disorder: linguistic (syntax, semantic retrieval, pragmatics, and supralinguistic skills), cognitive (working memory, processing time, and executive function) and perceptual (central auditory processing, phonemic awareness, and word discrimination)
- 5. Embed Language Processing Therapy With Literacy Instruction and Academic Standards**  
Learn powerful techniques to improve phonemic awareness that are necessary to discriminate sounds correctly for literacy development ... Incorporate the academic standards into your therapy and know which concepts to emphasize to increase students' academic success
- 6. Implement Strategic Vocabulary and Retrieval Strategies for Classroom and Curriculum-Based Vocabulary**  
Increase students' ability to retrieve vocabulary in context ... Highly effective strategies to enhance vocabulary development and retrieval in words and discourse
- 7. Analyze Other Areas That Will Impact Students' Language Processing**  
Explore other diagnoses and student learner preferences that may align with a Language Processing Disorder ... Discover how executive functions such as attention and working memory impact language processing
- 8. Expand Your Intervention Strategies to Support Students Who Struggle With Written Language Expression Due to a Language Processing Disorder**  
Proven methods and therapy techniques to support students who struggle with written language ... Identify specific strategies and tools to support written language skills and help your students be more successful with their written expression
- 9. Increase Collaboration Between SLPs, Classroom Teachers, Resource Teachers, and Other Staff**  
Determine planning for a collaborative partnership with staff to support students with a Language Processing Disorder ... Many practical and effective ways to help you incorporate your interventions into a variety of school settings and academic subjects
- 10. Receive an Extensive Language Therapy Digital Resource Handbook**  
You'll leave with a detailed language therapy digital resource handbook packed with step-by-step activities, materials and resources designed to make your language therapy program more efficient and effective

# Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

## What You Will Learn ...

- **Gather strategies for increased student language processing** that can be used in the general and special education classroom as well as through teletherapy
- **Determine a concise definition of a Language Processing Disorder**, including a working diagnosis of LPD characteristics and auditory processing, where the two overlap, and where they are different
- **Utilize Bloom's Taxonomy to promote higher-order thinking** and learn how it is often used to describe language processing skills
- **Develop an assessment protocol** that evaluates the linguistic, cognitive, and perceptual components of language processing skills
- **Identify linguistic skills impacted by a Language Processing Disorder** – determine how syntax, semantic retrieval, social language, and written language skills are impacted
- **Determine cognitive difficulties associated with a Language Processing Disorder** – identify the lag in language processing time and executive function skills including short-term working memory often diagnosed as part of a Language Processing Disorder
- **Analyze the perceptual features of a Language Processing Disorder** – determine how phonemic discrimination and auditory processing may be included as part of a Language Processing Disorder
- **Utilize innovative and easy-to-use therapy ideas for treating a Language Processing Disorder** – target linguistic, cognitive, and perceptual activities – whether working with students at school or online



*'This was an amazing seminar. As an SLP, I feel reenergized to go back into the trenches. The resources made available to us are resources I had never heard about before!'*

– LISA SUMMARS, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

## Practical Ideas and Strategies

For SLPs, the term a “Language Processing Disorder” is often unclear because there is not yet an official diagnosis through ASHA. SLPs are typically left to their own interpretations based on observable characteristics to determine what underlying difficulties are leading to receptive and expressive language disorders and resulting academic difficulties.

What is a Language Processing Disorder, and how can we as school based SLPs best support and intervene? Often a student who has difficulty with expressive language and/or receptive language is described as having a Language Processing Disorder. A student with a Language Processing Disorder often has difficulty gaining meaning from spoken language due to short-term memory deficits or discrimination difficulties. The student often demonstrates poor written output due to difficulty with syntax and semantics. Reading comprehension is often impacted due to higher-order language impairment. The student shows difficulty expressing thoughts in verbal form due to difficulty retrieving thoughts. These difficulties are due to the linguistic, cognitive, and perceptual components of a Language Processing Disorder.

In this seminar, experienced Speech-Language Pathologist and national presenter **MARIBETH PLANKERS** will help you build your toolbox of ways to identify and treat a Language Processing Disorder in students with whom you work. **The emphasis will be on the most current, research-based, practical strategies and interventions you can implement immediately in your therapy.**



# A Message From Seminar Leader, MariBeth Plankers



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**MARIBETH PLANKERS** is an outstanding national presenter and highly experienced Speech-Language Pathologist and Assistive Technology Professional. She brings years of experience and ideas for improving outcomes for students who have language, reading and written language disorders. She has extensive experience providing communication services ranging from in-person services in a speech therapy room to the general education classroom and within a teletherapy models. In addition, she has experience working as a clinical service provider, diagnostician, and clinical supervisor within the university setting. MariBeth reflects a broad experience working with students of all ages, from early education through college level. MariBeth is the author of *School-Based SLPs: A Language Processing Disorder – What It Is and How to Treat It*, the extensive digital resource handbook you will receive. **Join MariBeth for this idea-packed seminar, filled with numerous, practical strategies and interventions for students with a Language Processing Disorder.**

Dear Colleague:

Welcome to communication services whether we are in a speech therapy room, the general education classroom, or in teletherapy. I have found in my practice that our students are up for the challenge no matter where our services are provided. Think of where they are today, whether we are online, teaching them in their homes or transitioning from online learning to the speech therapy room. I continue to see happiness, smiles, laughter, and excitement for learning. My goal for this seminar is to provide you with the helpful language assessment and intervention tools to use across settings. I will model a variety of assessments and interventions so that your confidence will soar as you embrace therapy.

How can we help, guide, and communicate with those whom we value in the home setting: parents, grandparents, caregivers, agency staff members? I will provide you with intervention plans that will work for guided practice and independent learning for the generalization of all communication skills. You will be on your way to a quality of communication services. Please join me in this seminar to learn strategies, assessments, and interventions that you can truly use in your own teletherapy practice. Come ready to talk, sing, play, read, move, and share a day packed with engagement, motivators, and ready-to-use ideas for the SLP serving students across all environments!

Sincerely,

MariBeth Plankers, MS, CCC-SLP, ATP

**P.S. This seminar is filled with a variety of quick and easy-to-implement ideas that will help you to be a hands-on, interactive SLP – ideas you will be able to use immediately in your therapy.**

*"Please join me in this seminar to learn strategies, assessments, and interventions that you can truly use in your own teletherapy practice."*

# What Your Colleagues Say About MariBeth Plankers

*"MariBeth kept me engaged and I am ready to use what she presented as a school-based SLP. **She gave us an incredible amount of usable information and resources. WOW!** Thank you so much! This is the best presentation I've attended in a long time!"*

– Hillary Bishop, Speech-Language Pathologist

*"I love all the examples. Many times I go to seminars but rarely come back with **things I can ACTUALLY use!**"*

– Molly Johnson, Speech-Language Pathologist

*"**The information shared was PRICELESS, especially the resources for assessment and intervention.** I feel so much more knowledgeable about how to identify and treat LPD, differentiating it from other disorders and providing individualized care."*

– Maren Carter, Speech-Language Pathologist

*"MariBeth was super engaging and provided a wealth of information and resources. **Her energy is contagious.**"*

– Jodi Frigo, Speech-Language Pathologist

*"Terrific seminar! It was **so well organized, informative, thorough, and MariBeth provided great resources** to bring to my therapy."*

– Sarah Scholten, Speech-Language Pathologist



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- Dynamic, fun, and interactive intervention activities to address students' communication challenges
- Hands-on, practical Universal Design for Learning and Assistive Technology tools treat the linguistic, cognitive, and perceptual features of a Language Processing Disorder
- Applications and websites to support your language assessment and intervention
- Extensive resources and activities to match learner preferences and much more!

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