



## Welcome / About this Issue

Welcome to the first issue of the new ProCare Therapy newsletter! Our goal with the newsletter is to keep you informed on the latest trends in Speech-Language Pathology, provide you with tips and advice, share personal stories from our therapists, spotlight our hot new jobs, and keep you updated on the happenings at ProCare.

In this issue, we feature an article on how to choose the right Clinical Fellowship. We also introduce our Featured Recruiter of the Quarter and our Therapist of the Quarter. This issue also spotlights a few of our hottest jobs from across the nation. On behalf of the staff at ProCare Therapy, we welcome your feedback! We'd love to hear from you on your accomplishments, community work, and local happenings. We want this newsletter to be as much about you as it is about us. Don't forget to subscribe to have our newsletter emailed to you quarterly – sign up at [www.procaretherapy.com/newsletter](http://www.procaretherapy.com/newsletter).

**Monique Feagin**

*Senior Director of Educational Resources*

## How to Choose the Right Clinical Fellowship Program

*Some tips for how to pick the right CF program.*

Choosing a Clinical Fellowship program can be a difficult decision. You have to weigh a lot of options to make sure you pick the right one. Here are some tips to help you choose the right Clinical Fellowship program for you.

### **Consider your specialty carefully.**

The expertise you gain from your Clinical Fellowship will be highly specialized, so be sure you choose a subject you are not only interested in, but one that is in demand so you will be able to find employment later on.

### **Do your research.**

Does the program you're interested in offer references? Try to talk with people who have completed the program. Find out who will be mentoring you. Learn about the area and the institution to make sure they will be a good fit for you.

### **Determine how success will be measured.**

Find out how your goals will be set and how the outcomes will be measured. How will

your performance be evaluated? Will you be given feedback when you need improvement so you can make the necessary changes, or will you only find out when you are denied your Certificate of Clinical Competence?

### **Evaluate the benefits.**

What sort of stipend or other compensation will you receive during your fellowship? Can you get health insurance? Will your Clinical Fellowship program lead to an offer of employment after completion? Will that employment be temporary or permanent? Do you get paid time off?

### **Ask about support.**

What support services will be available to you during your fellowship? The program will be intense, so you need to know who you can turn to when you need support, advice, and guidance.

By considering all of these things, you will be better able to make the right decision about the type of Clinical Fellowship program that is best for you.

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## Therapist of the Quarter – *Caroline Pittard*



Caroline Pittard is a licensed and certified Speech-Language Pathologist with ProCare Therapy. She has been with ProCare for over 3 years and even completed her CF

program through ProCare! Caroline has a special interest in stuttering and pediatric speech and language disorders.

Caroline received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Columbia College (Columbia, SC) and Master of Science degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from the Medical University of South Carolina (Charleston, SC).

Caroline is a member of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association,

South Carolina Speech-Language-Hearing Association, Special Interest Division-4 (Fluency and Fluency Disorders), the Stuttering Foundation of America, and the National Stuttering Association (NSA).

Caroline is the chapter leader of the Low Country NSA Youth Chapter, a support group for kids and teens who stutter. She has also been featured in the Post and Courier newspaper and Live 5 News in Charleston, SC.

“Caroline was the Speech Pathologist for our son at Goose Creek Elementary. She is so much more than that now – she’s now our family friend. My son is 6 and is diagnosed as a stutterer. She has been very informative and a great support to our family. We now only get to see her once a month at our support group meetings, and I’ll drive across town, if only for a few minutes, just to see her for support and guidance.” - Kendra Barrett

## Recruiter of the Quarter – *Monique Feagin*



Monique began her journey with ProCare Therapy as a recruiter in November of 2006. In 2008, she became Senior Director of Educational Resources. Monique currently has 30

therapists placed across the nation for

the 2008/2009 school year. Monique’s obsession with Speech Therapy began May of 2005 when her father suffered a massive stroke; he has been a victim of aphasia ever since. Working with ProCare Therapy has allowed her to educate others about Speech Therapy and to become part of an extraordinary career. It is extremely rewarding to positively impact people’s lives by placing them in positions of success.

## Ask ProCare

### Who is eligible to apply to the ProCare Scholarship?

Graduate students interested in working as speech-language pathologists in the school setting upon graduation are encouraged to apply. It is important that a candidate is on track to graduate, comfortable with a contract commitment

and has flexibility to relocate after graduation if necessary.

### What does the ProCare CF Program entail?

As a CF with ProCare, you will have a regional mentor to guide you and educate you through your CF year. In addition to all the support we provide during your CF program, when you complete your clinical fellowship year with ProCare, we’ll provide you with:

## Featured Jobs

**Full-time, perm SLP opening in Sherman Oaks, CA** – This is a wonderful opportunity for a Speech-Language Pathologist who is looking for a flexible schedule in a school and office environment. This SLP will be dealing mostly with 4-6 year olds and will have a very low caseload. Our client is open to full- or part-time positions and is looking to hire someone this month!

**SLPA opportunity in Southern TN** – Exceptional SLPA opportunity in a Southern Tennessee school. In this position, you will work with K-8 students 3 days a week. Relocation bonus and supervision available. Must be eligible for TN state licensure to qualify.

**SLP opening in San Antonio, TX** – We have an immediate opening in a San Antonio school-based setting serving Pre-K through secondary years. As a part of our professional staff, you can participate in outstanding staff development/continuing education opportunities, work with qualified colleagues, and utilize cutting edge technology for staff/students. Must have a master’s degree in Speech/Language Pathology, a Texas state teacher’s license, and a CCC/CF.

**OT opening, Eastern Maryland** – We are currently interviewing Occupational Therapists for one of our more progressive schools in Maryland. This particular school is located on the eastern shore of Maryland. In this contract OT position, you will work 4-5 schools at various levels. In addition, this position offers an extended contract to June 2010!

- Hourly/salary compensation
- Testing materials & scoring sheets
- Care package including a bonus (given after first week of assignment)
- Flight reimbursement
- Orientation packet
- Personal regional mentor
- Referral bonus
- Orientation day including a conference
- PTO days



Do you have questions for ProCare?

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