
BIOGRAPHICAL INFO

LINDA THORSSEN ABERCROMBIE

Bachelor of Arts – University of Calgary – Major Psychology Minor English – 1964

Child Care Certificate – Gov't of Ontario – 1965 (full year study and practicum working within institutionalized setting (Thistletown Hospital) with both severely emotionally disturbed as well as Autistic children.)

Clarke Institute of Psychiatry – Toronto Ontario – employed to implement set up of Child Psychiatry ward.

Masters Degree Speech Pathology and Audiology – University of Toronto – 1967

The author worked as a Speech-Language Pathologist for the Calgary Board of Education for the majority of her career (1967-1999) Ongoing Professional Development Workshops and Conventions were attended during all of these years. Following retirement, she did contract work for the Calgary Board for the period of years between 2000 and 2007. This work involved the creation and presentation of Parent Workshops focused on Language Skills/Phonemic Awareness and Reading and took place within individual public schools, targeting parents of Kindergarten children.

Both her educational and employment background have made her a passionate advocate of the importance of language and literacy skills.