

# Marilou Vachon

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## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Native French speaker, with advanced competence in written and oral communication
- Experience working in project teams, and handling a variety of tasks in a fast-paced environment
- Proficient in Microsoft Suite programs, and previous experience with AlayaCare and R programming language

## EDUCATION

### **Candidate for Honours Bachelor of Arts, Cognitive Science of Language**

*McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario* 2022 – Present

- GPA: 10.25/12-point scale
- Recipient of A.G. Alexander Award, honored on the basis of excellence in an Honours program in the Faculty of Humanities
- Relevant coursework: Statistics for Language, Research Methods, Child Language Acquisition, Phonetics, Morphology, Psycholinguistics
- Expected to graduate in June 2026

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### **Student Volunteer**

March 2025 – Present

*S.L. Hunter Speechworks, Burlington, Ontario*

- Prepared individualized therapy materials for clinicians with various speech and language goals
- Shadowed client sessions, gaining exposure to a wide range of communication needs, as well as clinical approaches
- Assisted in facilitating a week-long speech-language summer camp in a Northern Ontario Indigenous community, working with children with various speech challenges and contributing to their progress through engaging activities

### **Barista**

2024 – Present

*The Daly Grind Café & Co-Working Space, Mississauga, Ontario*

- Utilized active listening and effective communication skills to resolve concerns presented by customers, and adapted to quick changes in the café routine
- Delivered excellent customer service while working in a fast-paced environment

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**Board Executive Member, Hamilton Young Stroke Survivors** 2023 – Present  
*After Stroke - March of Dimes Canada, Hamilton, Ontario*

- Organized guest speakers for monthly meetings, ensuring engagement in relevant topics for a group of 20-30 stroke survivors and their families
- Led group discussions and collaborated with other executive members to plan meaningful initiatives that are valuable to the members of the support group
- Developed and distributed monthly promotional content that drove sustained outreach, contributing to a 130% membership increase and ~6 new members annually.

**Student Volunteer Administrative Assistant** May 2024 – August 2024  
*The Speech Associates, Toronto, Ontario*

- Assisted with administrative tasks, including managing confidential patient records by completing patient withdrawals on AlayaCare software
- Reviewed and audited clinician notes for clarity and completion, based on SOAP note guidelines

**Program Mentor Girls Linking Our Worlds (GLOW)** 2023 – 2024  
*Big Brothers Big Sisters, Grand Erie, Halton & Hamilton*

- Led weekly group mentoring sessions for young individuals aged 11-14, with an emphasis on female empowerment and friendship
- Facilitated discussions and activities to help participants prioritize their physical, mental, and emotional well-being
- Collaborated with co-mentors and program coordinators to deliver a consistent and impactful 8-session program

**Science Program Camp Counsellor** June 2023 – August 2023  
*YMCA of the Greater Toronto Area, Mississauga, Ontario*

- Planned and lead a variety of engaging science experiments for youth ages 6 to 12, adapting instructions and activities for their understanding
- Supervised a group of up to 15 children, and ensured their safety and general well-being all while maintaining a fun camp environment
- Communicated clearly and effectively with parents and guardians, and showed strong leadership skills in daily camp activities