

Telepractice in Africa: A Cross-Cultural Experience with People Who Stutter

A student's perspective

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1. Purpose of graduate studies
 - a. To gain necessary knowledge to be successful speech-language pathologists (SLPs).
 - b. To experience: "practical contact with and observation of facts or events" (English Oxford Living Dictionaries, n.d.).
 - c. To develop the ability to be a successful, well-rounded SLP.
 - d. To increase experience, which accelerates knowledge inducing more successful outcomes for clients.
2. Participation in telepractice benefits
 - a. Unique experience: ability to participate in helping at a worldwide level by assisting in developing strategies to address Africa's lack of therapists.
 - b. Cultural experience: advancement of our knowledge of the African culture; provides multi-cultural experience.
 - c. Technology experience: emerging technological advancements.
 - d. Challenges experienced: technology, time difference, and cultural practices.
3. Overall benefits
 - a. Progressive experience in a profession that is expanding the means at which it provides services (i.e. telepractice), allowing for more accessible services.
 - b. Cultural experience in a profession that demands cultural knowledge to provide individualized services.

References

Experience (n.d.) In *English Oxford Living Dictionaries*. Retrieved from <https://en.oxforddictionaries.com/definition/experience>