

# FATEMA AKHTER MITU

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## Education

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**Pursuing Ph.D in Communication Disorders & Sciences (Ongoing, expected to finish in Spring, 2027)** Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Interest area: Language development in autistic children

**Research Project (1<sup>st</sup> year):** Social Ratings of Words and Their Role in Early Word Learning in Young Autistic Children

**Master of Science: Social Science Interdisciplinary**

**2018**

University At Buffalo, State University of New York

**Buffalo, USA**

Concentration: Communicative Disorders and Science, **GPA: 3.79/4.00**

**Relevant Courses:** Special Topic: Seminar in Autism, Augmentative and Alternative Communication, Evaluating Clinical Changes, Culture and Disability, Diversity and Cultural Awareness

**Bachelor of Science: Speech and Language Therapy**

**2009**

University of Dhaka

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

**Research Project:**

Masters project: Challenges and perceptions of different professionals in provision of assistive device (Augmentative and Alternative Communication- AAC) with AAC users.

Bachelor Dissertation: A comparative study of commercially available thickening agent to Bangladeshi-available thickening agents for representation of thickened fluid consistencies taste and texture

## Clinical Experience

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**Clinical Speech and Language Therapist** in pediatric unit and adult neurology unit at **Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralyzed (CRP), Savar** from **15th June 2010 to 28th July 2013**.

**Internship: 1-year internship** in pediatric, adult unit and special school settings from **15th June 2009 to 14th June' 2010**.

## Teaching Experience

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**Teaching Assistant (Instructor), Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge**  
**Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025.**

**Teaching Assistant, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge**  
**Spring 2025**

**Co-trainer of the National Level Training Program.**

**01/2012 to 01/2013**

**Queens University, Canada**

**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

Organized by International Center for the Advancement of Community Based Rehabilitation (ICACBR); Queens University, Canada.

Four Modules: 152 hours of training) Introduction to Inter-Professional Collaboration in disability, Maternal and Child health; saving Lives- Preventing Disability: Disability and Maternal and Child Health; Inclusive InterProfessional Approach to MCHD; and Promoting Rights: Right to Safe Motherhood and Right to Health for All.

**Teaching Assistant**  
**University of Dhaka**  
Teaching assistant of visiting Prof. from La Trobe University, Australia

**11/2009 to 12/2009**  
**Dhaka, Bangladesh**

## Work History

<b>Research Assistant</b> , Language Neurodevelopmental Trajectories Lab, LSU	<b>07/2022 to till present</b>
<b>Research Assistant</b> , Institute of Autism Research, Canisius College	<b>09/2018 to 02/2019, Buffalo, USA</b>
<b>Research Assistant</b> , SUNY Buffalo CADL Lab	<b>Summer 2016, Buffalo, USA</b>
<b>Department Head of Speech &amp; Language Therapy</b> , Center for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed	<b>03/2011 to 08/2013</b> <b>Dhaka, Bangladesh</b>
<b>Clinical Supervisor (4th year students)</b> University of Dhaka	<b>04/2011 to 03/2012</b> <b>Dhaka, Bangladesh</b>
<b>Clinical Supervisor (15 interns each year)</b> University of Dhaka	<b>03/2011 to 08/2013</b> <b>Dhaka, Bangladesh</b>
<b>Trainer (Doctors' training on Autism)</b> Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University (BSMMU)	<b>06/2012</b> <b>Dhaka, Bangladesh</b>
<b>Trainer (3 days Hands on practice on Autism)</b>	<b>10/2012 Chittagong Medical College, Chittagong, Bangladesh</b>
<b>Trainer (training on Autism)</b> Special Schools (Teachers and Parents)	<b>06/2010 to 07/2013</b> <b>Dhaka and other six Districts, Bangladesh</b>
<b>Speech And Language Therapy Leader</b> Operation Cleft Australia Foundation	<b>03/2009 to 04/2009</b> <b>Dhaka, Bangladesh</b>
<b>Research assistant of Melanie Adams</b> (Speech and Language Therapist from UK) "PhD in Disability Feeding study" <b>08/2003 to 06/2004</b>	

## Skills

**Computer:** MS Word, MS Excel, MS Power point, SPSS software, R software, SALT  
**Language:** Bengali, English and Hindi

## Achievements

**Awarded** Juneau Child Language Research Grants, Spring 2025.  
**Presenter:** CW Austin Developmental Language Disorders (DLD) Conference, March 2025.  
**Selected as a poster presenter:** ASHA Convention 2023, Boston. (Abstract: The Association Between Social Ratings of Words and Early Word Learning in Young Autistic Children).

**Selected as a poster presenter:** 3rd Congress of the European Society for Swallowing Disorders (Sweden, Malmo, 2013)  
**Presenter:** Autism and Speech and Language Therapy at 3rd South Asian Regional Conference on Autism (Bangladesh, 2009)

**Member:** National Technical Guidance Committee on Autism and other Neuro-developmental disabilities. This committee is working for Global Autism Public Health Bangladesh (2012-2013)

## Professional Development

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**Co-reviewer of the manuscript entitled “The State of Natural Language Sampling in Autism Research: A Scoping Review” (March 2025)**

**Student Volunteer: American Speech & Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention 2022**

**Volunteer:** Summer MAXout program, Institute of Autism Research, Canisius College ( June 2018- August 2018),  
Communication and Assistive Device Laboratory (CADL), University at Buffalo (2014-2015)

**Observational placement:** Speech and Language Pathology Department, Boston University ( 1 week, 2013)

**Observational Placement:** Carl J. Lamb Elementary School (Sanford, Maine; 2013)

**Online course:** 8 months' online course (1st June 2012 to 31st January 2013) on “Disability in the Community, Community Based Rehabilitation and International Development” with specialization in disability, maternal and child health. It is run by Inter-professional Project on Disability Maternal and Child Health (IPODMCH), Queens University

## Training and Workshops

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**REFRESH: New Perspectives on Teaching,** (August 22, 2025) at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

**Teaching Language Science Virtual Symposium** (June 13 & 21, 2025)

**2025 Faculty Colloquium: Featuring Dr. Bonni Stachowiak** (January 10, 2025) Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

**Brain Science Speaker Series: Featuring Dr. Kelly Lambert** (November 7, 2024), Multidisciplinary Institute for Neuroscience Discovery (MIND) at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

**Second Annual Stockman Symposium** (November 8, 2024), Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders at Michigan State University.

**ASHA Convention 2022** (November 18, 2022), New Orleans, USA 1

**Training in Swallowing Difficulties and its management** (15days) University of Kelaniya, Srilanka 2011

**Dysphagia seminar, autism workshop**  
Center for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed, Dhaka 2010

**Voice Update Seminar**  
Sre Ramachandra Medical University, India 2010

**Workshop on Autism in Bangladesh**

Autistic Children's Welfare Foundation Bangladesh, 2008

**Bangladesh Cleft Workshop**

The Smile Train, UK (Held in Bangladesh), 2008