

## Episode 44: A Conversation With Our 2nd Year Grad Student on Internship {Graduate Student Journeys}

Catch up with Bailee Jackson, a second-year graduate student at St. Cloud State University, who spoke about her experience studying speech pathology at the Master's level during a previous episode of The Missing Link. Bailee just began her 10-week internship program working with early childhood speech pathologists in an elementary school. She updates us on how that's going, what she's done to make the most of her practicum, and what she plans for once the internship is finished.

### Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. How far into your practicum are you and how are things going?
2. Tell us about the setting you're working in and how a typical day at your internship rolls out.
3. Can you talk about your supervisor? What have you enjoyed about that relationship so far? What sort of feedback has she given you that's proved helpful?
4. What were some of your thoughts getting ready for the first day of your internship? What specifically did you do to ensure you made a good first impression?
5. What words of advice would you have for the student who was in an internship or a placement and it wasn't going as well?
6. Last time we spoke, you weren't entirely sure whether you wanted to work with adults or children once you finished your graduate program. Has that answer changed now that you're in a setting where you're working with kids?
7. What's something at your internship you look forward to every day? What's something you don't necessarily look forward to?
8. What are some of the goals you have for your internship?

9. Tell us what you have planned for after this internship ends. Have you studied for the Praxis or started looking for jobs yet?

### Quote Of The Conversation

*"It's 10 weeks and you're here to learn what you can from that experience. And maybe it teaches you what you want to do in the future. And maybe it teaches you something that you're like, 'Oh, maybe that's not how I want to be in the future.' I feel like just taking it for what it is is really important. Because there have been some days in my internship where I'm like, 'Oh, I didn't do that very well.' But then, instead of freaking out about it, I try to be like, 'Okay, you know what? What did I learn from the day? Let's move on.'" -Bailee Jackson*

### Bailee Jackson

*Second-Year Graduate Student at St. Cloud State University*



Bailee Jackson is a second-year graduate student in the Communication Sciences and Disorders program at St. Cloud State University. She also completed her undergraduate degree at St. Cloud State University, where she had initially planned on pursuing a biomedical degree. With the help of a friend, Bailee was introduced to the field of speech-language

pathology and has been hooked ever since. During her time as an undergraduate, Bailee competed on the St. Cloud State Women's Swim and Dive team and was heavily involved in the University's NSSHLA chapter and MNSHA's Future Professionals Committee. These organizations worked to connect students with similar passions both on campus and in other university programs across Minnesota. In her first year of graduate school, Bailee has had the opportunity to work with both pediatric and adult clients in the St. Cloud

State University clinic. Although she's still unsure what population she sees herself working with in the future, Bailee plans to work in a medical setting one day.

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### Guest Speaker Information

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