



# The Missing Link for SLPs Podcast What I Didn't Learn in Grad School Series

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## Episode 88: She Has Answers, and Good Ones: A Conversation with an SLP Who Isn't Afraid to Speak Up on What is Missing in our Field

This episode not only identifies what is wrong with our field today, but some very powerful, realistic, actionable solutions by an SLP who talks and talk and walks the walk. She is clear on what she didn't learn in graduate school, why she didn't learn it, and what to do about it!

### Quote of the Conversation

*"...avoid the fake it till you make it. That is the worst thing you can do because faking it means that you don't ask questions that are critical. If you fake it, it means you're not open about what you don't know."*

-Ianessa Humbert, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

### Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. Why did you become an SLP?
2. How did you niche down in our field?
3. What is a missing piece not taught in graduate school?
4. Why do students no know what they want in their careers?
5. How do new SLPs maximize the classroom to clinic connection?
6. How do you keep your physiology base?
7. What if you supervisor doesn't have current knowledge?
8. Why doesn't our profession get the respect we deserve?
9. What is the STEP community?
10. Where do we go from here?



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*Dr. Ianessa Humbert is a world-renowned scientist, researcher, educator, and highly sought-after speaker with expertise in swallowing and swallowing disorders. With over 100 speaking invitations around the world, the most common feedback from attendees continues to be “This is the first time a course has really forced me to think about what I’m doing”.*

*Dr. Humbert’s teaching philosophy requires attendees to question everything they think they know before learning can begin. Dr. Humbert’s innovative training style has been funded by [ASHFoundation](#) and extends to non-traditional learning formats. She is the co-creator of the popular [Down the Hatch](#) podcast and has co-founded [STEP](#). She also does important work to*

*help promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in the field of speech-language pathology and beyond.*

*Dr. Humbert has been on faculty at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, the University of Florida, and the University of Iowa. She has demonstrated her gift for creating images that depict the dynamism of swallowing via her [Swallowing Pocket Guide](#) and Swallowing Neuro Anatomy and Physiology Shorts (SNAPS) tutorials on STEP.*

*The content from Dr. Humbert’s courses are supported by scientific evidence from her laboratory, from the larger body of research literature, and of course, common sense! Learn more at [www.ianessahumbert.com](http://www.ianessahumbert.com).*

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