

Patricia Self

Dr. Trisha Self has had a remarkable career at Wichita State University. She has been an extraordinary teacher as well as a highly-focused researcher. Additionally, she has provided remarkable service to the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the University, and local, regional, and national organizations. It was my extreme pleasure to work along side Dr. Self for most of her career, and to witness her dedication and energy first hand.



Dr. Self began her career on campus as the Director of the WSU Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic. She oversaw the move of the Clinic to its current location at the Hughes Metroplex, and was responsible for facilitating the growth in many of the programs that are now a part of the Clinic.

In later transitioning to a faculty role, Dr. Self honed her skills as a researcher and educator. She has received numerous awards for her excellence in teaching. Her ability to motivate her students to be the best they can be in the classroom and clinic through experiential learning projects and activities is outstanding. As a researcher, Dr. Self has focused her talents to serve children with autism spectrum disorder and their families. She has partnered with local agencies and physicians to enhance the early identification of these children and developed treatment models to prepare them for successful transition to school. She has recently expanded her work to assist college students who are identified on the spectrum and to inform the campus community about neurodiversity. She has also recently worked to provide opportunities for adults on the spectrum who often don't receive appropriate services and supports. She is recognized nationally as a leader in this field and is frequently invited to participate in educational and clinical projects. She has never shirked her responsibility to service, providing much needed leadership in the area of curriculum development and revision for the CSD program.

Dr. Self has used her time at Wichita State in a highly productive way, and has always maintained her sense of humor throughout. She is an outstanding colleague, and I am pleased to have been able to provide these comments in support of my friend!

Dr. Julie Scherz