



MARISSA LARSON

Marissa Larson is an active advocate for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and is passionate about educating her peers on Deaf Culture and Sensitivity. Marissa was born hearing and then lost most of her hearing at the age of 3. Today, she wears bi-lateral cochlear implants. Being bilingual, Marissa uses both American Sign Language (ASL) and English to communicate. When she lost her hearing that did not stop her from chasing her dreams. Instead she chose to be an active member of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community by breaking down barriers and proving to others that any Deaf or Hard of Hearing individual can do anything a hearing person can do.

Marissa Larson graduated with a Social Work Degree from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., which is the only Deaf University in the world. After some odd jobs, she moved back to Rochester, MN to obtain her Clinical Research Coordinator diploma from RCTC and MSHS. It was Marissa's dream to work for Mayo Clinic as she looks up to her father who works as a RN. She had several interviews before she started working for the ENT Department in 2015. Marissa loves her job and is passionate in helping Physician's with their research studies with the benefit of learning new things every day.

In her free time, Marissa loves to spend time with her fiance and two children, play with her three dogs, cooking delicious meals and traveling the world. She is grateful for all that she has and welcomes any opportunities that knock on her door.