

Speech-Language Pathology/ Audiology

Speech-Language Pathology

The assessment and treatment of people with speech, language, voice and fluency disorders.

Audiology

Identification, diagnosis, and treatment of people experiencing hearing loss or disorders.

Requirements to practice in the field:

- Master's degree from an accredited speech-language pathology program required to enter the field.
- Master's degree in audiology also required.
- Doctoral degree becoming more prevalent.
- Over 40 states require licensure or certification of speech pathologists and audiologists to practice. Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is the recognized credential for speech-language pathology and audiology.
- Passing score on national examination and a post-graduate supervised clinical experience are required for certification.
- Some states may require additional certification to work with special education populations in public schools.
- Approximately one half of speech-language pathologists work in schools and another half are employed in healthcare institutions.
- Doctorate required for university teaching and re-search positions.
- Speech pathologists and audiologists may work closely with physicians, social workers, and psychologists and other therapists in diagnosis and treatment.

Duties Related to this Major Field:

Prevention	Screening	Assessment
Treatment	Follow-up	Administration
Supervision	Teaching	Research