



# Speech-Language Pathologist

**Speech-language pathologists** evaluate, diagnose, and treat disorders of speech, voice, swallowing, and language. These professionals treat communication problems experienced by people of all ages, including problems resulting from injuries and illness. If they determine that speech or language therapy is needed, speech-language pathologists design a program of activities to address the needed areas and guide their patients through the process.

## Education

Graduate degree from a [Department-registered](#) speech-language pathology licensure program, or the equivalent.

## Experience

At least 36 weeks of supervised experience in speech-language pathology, following completion of all graduate degree requirements.

## Examination

Specialty Area test of the Praxis Series, Praxis II, administered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) in speech-language pathology

► See the [Office of the Professions](#) for a listing of all options and requirements.

## Video



## Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$77,510 in the U.S., \$83,600 in NY
- Salary range: \$59,740 - \$108,720
- Projected growth: much faster than average

## Where Could I Work?

- Schools
- Health care facilities
- Social service facilities
- Home health care
- Rehabilitation facilities

## Your Interests and Abilities

- Health sciences
- Language learning and development
- Observation and analysis
- Working closely with people

## Professional Skills

- Concern for others
- Attention to detail
- Problem solving
- Communication

## What Interests You?

Match your interests and personality to career options! Explore a free career tool at [mynextmove.org/explore/ip](http://mynextmove.org/explore/ip)

**Tip:** try searching for mentoring programs—talk to a speech-language pathologist about what they do and how they got started!