



# 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, a Speech-Language Pathology program accredited by the American Speech Language and Hearing Association, 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

## Salary and Projected Growth

- Median salary: \$104,606
- Salary range: \$67,377 - \$128,675
- Projected growth: 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

