SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
ALLIED HEALTH GUIDE

*Allied health encompasses a broad group of health professionals who use scientific principles and evidence-based practice for the diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of acute and chronic diseases; promote disease prevention and wellness for optimum health, and apply administration and management skills to support health care systems in a variety of settings.* Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions (ASAHP, 2021)

Explore Allied Health Professions

WHAT IS SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY?

Speech-Language Pathology is a field that focuses on the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of communication disorders, cognitive-communication disorders, voice disorders, and swallowing disorders. Additionally, the field includes aural rehabilitation for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, augmentative and alternative communication systems for individuals with severe expressive and/or language comprehension disorders, and aid for those who wish to learn how to communicate more effectively.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- Allied Health Professional Associations for Students

CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

- Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP)
- Teaching Certificate (to practice within a school setting)
- License (each state has its own set of requirements)

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICE*

- Bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders or a related major
- Graduate degree (program accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation)

GET CURIOUS

TALK TO PEOPLE

SHOW YOUR WORK

TAKE ACTION

POTENTIAL WORKPLACE SETTINGS TO EXPLORE

- Education
- Early Intervention, Pre K-12
- Colleges and Universities
- Health Care
- Hospitals
- Residential Health Care Facilities
- Nonresidential Health Care Facilities
- Private Practice
- Corporate Speech-Language Pathology
- Local, State, and Federal Government Agencies
- Public Health Departments

ADVANCED DEGREE REQUIREMENTS*

- Supervised clinical experience
- Clinical Fellowship
- Passing Praxis exam scores

*This list covers the most frequently required prerequisites. Please see individual program websites for exact requirement information.

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