



**Communication
Sciences and Disorders**

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Screening

Evaluation

Diagnosis

Treatment

- **Orientation**
- **Communication**
- **Writing skills**
- **Reading and Comprehension**

Follow-up

Administration

Research

Prevention

Communication Sciences and Disorders Employers

Private Practice

State Public Health Departments

Federal Agencies

Physician's Offices

Audiology Clinics

Medical Clinics

Uniformed Services

Public and Private Schools

Assisted Living Facilities

Nursing Homes

Corporate Speech-Language Pathology

Universities/Colleges

Research Laboratories

Health Care Positions

Speech-Language Pathologist

- **Assistant**

Speech Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Audiologist

- **Hearing Aid/Instrument Specialist**
- **Assistant**

Diagnostic Audiologist

Telepractice Audiologist or Speech Pathologist

Health Care Strategies

Aspiring Speech Pathologists should take undergraduate courses in anatomy, physiology, psychology and communication sciences.

Aspiring Audiologists should take undergraduate courses in anatomy, math, physics, genetics, and normal and abnormal communication development.

Develop strong interpersonal and computer skills to work with patients effectively.

Be comfortable working with children or the elderly population to teach language development or rehabilitate language skills.

Learn to work with people of diverse cultural and racial backgrounds.

Learn to work on a team, as Audiologists and Speech Pathologists usually collaborate, along with physicians, occupational therapists, and other professionals.

Earn a Master's degree for a Speech-Language Pathologist and a Doctoral degree for an audiologist.

Earn certification through ASHA and licensure based on state requirements.

Audiologists should obtain a Hearing Aid Dispenser License.

State/Federal Government Positions

Government Agencies

- Department of Veteran Affairs
- National Institutes of Health
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Department of Education
- Armed Services

Speech-Language Pathologist

- Supervisory
- Assistant
- Level I, II, III

Audiologist

- Supervisory
- Assistant
- Level I, II, III
- Hearing Aid Specialist

State/Federal Government Strategies

Build a solid foundation in social, biological, physical, and behavioral sciences.

Develop interpersonal skills as well as writing and computer skills.

Learn to work with a team.

Be organized and develop leadership skills if pursuing a supervisory position after completing some experience.

Individuals in this field should possess patience and a passion for helping people with disabilities.

Be compassionate and capable of working with the elderly, war veterans, and current military personnel.

Develop multicultural competency and know how to work well with people of diverse backgrounds.

Volunteer in health care facilities, nursing homes, or assisted living facilities.

Earn a Master's degree or Doctoral degree from an accredited program.

Earn certification from ASHA and licensure based on state requirements.

Audiologists should obtain a Hearing Aid Dispenser License.

Schools/ Universities Positions

Professor

Speech-Language Pathologist

Speech Therapist

Speech Pathologist

Language Teacher

Special Education Teacher

Schools/ Universities Strategies

Build a solid foundation in physical, social, behavioral, and biological sciences.

Develop strong interpersonal and writing skills and be comfortable working with patients and their families for long periods.

Learn to work with children of all different ages and their families.

Develop multicultural competency and know how to work with individuals with diverse backgrounds.

Individuals working in this field should possess patience, compassion, and a passion for helping children with disabilities reach their full potential.

Volunteer in health care facilities, summer camps, or youth groups.

Learn to work with a team, as Speech Pathologists and professors usually collaborate with other professionals.

Earn a Master's or Doctoral degree from an ASHA accredited program. A Doctoral degree will be preferred for teaching at a University.

Aspiring special education or language teachers should earn a Master's in education and obtain a license to teach.

Earn certification from ASHA and licensure based on state requirements.

Communication Sciences and Disorders General Information

Build a solid foundation in social, behavioral, biological, and physical sciences.

Develop excellent communication and listening skills which are important when interacting with patients and their families.

Be organized and compassionate.

Develop patience and the ability to work with patients and families for long periods.

Join relevant professional associations and volunteer in healthcare settings.

Earn a Master's or Doctoral degree from a program accredited by ASHA's (American Speech-Language-Hearing Association) CAA (Council on Academic Accreditation).

A Clinical or Research Doctoral Degree are optional for Speech Pathology and allow for career mobility, professional development and/or an opportunity to advance the science of the discipline through research.

Obtain a Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Language Pathology or Audiology through AHSA as a pathway to licensure. Licensing requirements are different depending on the state.