



WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... **SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCE**

OCCUPATIONAL OVERVIEW:

Speech and hearing science involves the study of the assessment and treatment of persons with speech, language, voice, fluency, and hearing disorders. May select alternative communication systems, provide auditory and speech training, and perform research related to speech, language and hearing problems.

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS:

“A bachelor's degree in Speech and Hearing Sciences is a pre-professional degree program. Practicing professionals in the fields of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology must earn certification and/or licensure, which usually require a graduate degree in the field of specialization. Audiologists are professionals with master's or doctoral degrees specializing in prevention, identification, and assessment of hearing impairment. Speech-language pathologists are professionals with master's or doctoral degrees who assess and treat communication disorders or differences such as stuttering, delayed language development, aphasia, voice disorders, and articulation problems” (from the UNM Speech & Hearing Science Department website).

INDUSTRIES & SUGGESTED STRATEGY:

Please ask your Career Advisor (CDF) for identifying employers or additional resources for your occupation of choice.

Speech-Language Pathology

Areas: Prevention – Screening – Assessment – Treatment – Follow-up – Administration – Supervision – Teaching - Research

Suggested Strategy: Obtain a master's degree from an accredited speech-language pathology program. A doctorate is required for university teaching and research positions. Forty-five states require licensure or certification. Some states may require additionally certification to work with special education populations in public schools. Obtain the CCC-SLP. Approximately one half of speech-language pathologists work in schools and another half are employed in healthcare institutions.

Audiology

Areas: Prevention – Screening – Assessment – Treatment – Follow-up – Administration – Supervision – Teaching - Research

Suggested Strategy: Most states require a master's degree in audiology to be eligible for licensure. Doctoral degrees are becoming more crucial for clinical practice opportunities, and are required for university teaching and research positions. Forty-seven states require licensure or certification of audiologist to practice. Obtain the CCC-A.

WHO EMPLOYS SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS?

K-12 schools – Universities/colleges – Hospitals – Physicians' offices – Speech, language, hearing centers – Home healthcare offices – Nursing homes – Residential facilities – HMOs – Private practice – Public Health Department – Rehabilitation center – Departments of Veteran Affairs, Health and Human Services, Education – National Institutes of Health – Armed Services

STATE & NATIONAL WAGES (FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AS OF 2003):

	10 %	25 %	Median	75 %	90 %
New Mexico	\$ 33,400	\$ 39,900	\$ 48,700	\$58,500	\$84,800
United States	\$33,600	\$41,000	\$50,900	\$63,200	\$77,900

STATE & NATIONAL WAGES (FOR AUDIOLOGISTS AS OF 2003):

	10 %	25 %	Median	75 %	90 %
New Mexico	\$39,400	\$45,400	\$51,000	\$56,400	\$63,500
United States	\$ 33,400	\$ 40,700	\$ 50,000	\$ 60,200	\$ 73,400

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