

Health Care: A Career For Life

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST/ AUDIOLOGIST

JOB DESCRIPTION

When most people think about speech-language pathologists (S-LPs) they probably think of someone who helps people who stutter or have a lisp. While it's true that they do help with those issues, their scope of practice is a whole lot broader.

Speech-language pathologists are highly-educated professionals who have a minimum of a master's degree in their field. As in any health-care related profession, S-LPs are required to study anatomy and physiology, but they also study neuroanatomy, genetics, human and language development, linguistics, psychology, acoustics and more, which is why they are qualified to evaluate, diagnose (restricted in some provinces/territories) and treat a broad range of delays and disorders.

Speech Language Pathologist can help with the following:

- **Speech delays and disorders** including articulation, phonology and motor speech disorders.
- **Language delays and disorders**, including expression and comprehension in oral and non-verbal contexts
- **Fluency disorders**, including stuttering.
- **Voice and resonance disorders.**
- **Swallowing and feeding disorders** in adults and, children and infants.
- **Cognitive-communicative disorders** including social communication skills, reasoning, problem solving and executive functions.
- **Pre-literacy and literacy skills** including phonological awareness, decoding, reading comprehension and writing.
- **Communication and swallowing disorders related to other issues.** For example, hearing impairments, traumatic brain injury, dementia, developmental, intellectual or genetic disorders and neurological impairments.

SALARY RANGE

\$64,000 - \$81,000

RECOMMENDED HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Senior 4

One 40S level Science
+ Prerequisites for entry
into chosen
undergraduate degree
program.

JOB DESCRIPTION - AUDIOLOGIST

When most people think about audiologists, they probably think of someone who tests hearing and fits hearing aids. While it's true that they can help with those issues, their expertise and the services they provide are a whole lot broader.

Audiologists are highly-educated professionals who must have a minimum of a master's degree in their field to practice in Canada, which is why they are qualified to assess, diagnose (restricted in some provinces/territories) and treat a broad range of hearing and balance disorders.

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Audiologists can help with:

- **Hearing disorders** in infants, children and adults.
- **Amplification** such as hearing aids and other assistive listening devices.
- **Auditory processing disorders:** issues with how the brain processes sound.
- **Tinnitus:** noise or ringing in the ears.
- **Hyperacusis and Misophonia:** sensitivities to particular sounds.
- **Balance disorders** including dizziness or vertigo caused by Ménière's disease, ear infections and trauma to the skull.

<http://sac-oac.ca/>

TRAINING AND EDUCATION ROUTES

SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

University of Alberta

<http://rehabilitation.ualberta.ca/departments/communication-sciences-and-disorders>

University of British Columbia

<http://www.audiospeech.ubc.ca/>

Dalhousie University

<http://www.dal.ca/faculty/healthprofessions/human-communication-disorders.html>

Université Laurentienne

<http://laurentienne.ca/programme/orthophonie-mscs>

Université d'Ottawa (French)

<http://www.sante.uottawa.ca/esr/ortho/index.htm>

Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières

https://oraprdnt.uqtr.quebec.ca/pls/public/gscw030?owa_no_site=2427

University of Toronto

<http://www.slp.utoronto.ca/>

Western University

<http://www.uwo.ca/fhs/csd/>

Université de Montréal (French)

<http://www.eoa.umontreal.ca/>

McGill University

<http://www.mcgill.ca/scsd/>

Université Laval (French)

http://www.fmed.ulaval.ca/site_fac/formation/2e-et-3e-cycles/programmes/maitrise-professionnelle-en-orthophonie

AUDIOLOGIST

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Université de Montréal (French)

<http://www.eoa.umontreal.ca/>

LINKS TO SITES

- Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists <http://sac-oac.ca>
- The Canadian Hearing Society <http://www.chs.ca>

See full list of education routes at

<http://sac-oac.ca/students/academic-programs#montreal>

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