

Speech-Language Pathologist



JOB DESCRIPTION: Speech-language pathologists (sometimes called speech therapists) assess, diagnose, treat and help to prevent communication and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Speech, language and swallowing disorders result from a variety of causes, such as a stroke, brain injury, hearing loss, developmental delay, Parkinson's disease, a cleft palate or autism. These patients may be unable to speak at all, or they may speak with difficulty or have rhythm and fluency problems, such as stuttering.

MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY: \$76,610

EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Master's degree. Most states require licensure as well.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Employment is projected to grow 18% from 2016 to 2026.

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Sources: *Bureau of Labor Statistics and South Carolina Hospital Association.*