

Target Group:



Occupational Profile

Speech-Language Pathologist

Standard Occupational Code 29-1127.00

What They Do

Assess and treat persons with speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. May select alternative communication systems and teach their use. May perform research related to speech and language problems.

Is This For You?

Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Social – involves working with, communicating with, and teaching people. Involves helping or providing service to others.

Investigative – involves working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking. Involves searching for facts and figuring out problems mentally.

Artistic – involves working with forms, designs and patterns.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

Relationships – allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

Achievement – allow employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

Independence – allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

Abilities reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Oral Comprehension
- Speech Recognition
- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
- Speech Clarity

Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking
- Learning Strategies
- Reading Comprehension
- Social Perceptiveness
- Speaking
- Judgement and Decision Making
- Monitoring

Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	4
Reading for Information	6
Locating Information	5
Business Writing	3
Workplace Observation	3
Listening for Understanding	4

Education & Training

Speech-language pathologists need a **master's degree in speech-language pathology or related program**. Speech-language pathologists are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology.

Where They Work

The South Dakota Industries which employ the largest number of speech-language pathologists are:

- Local Government Educational Services
- General Medical and Surgical Hospitals
- Nursing Care Facilities
- Other Hospitals
- Elementary and Secondary Schools

SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	2024 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
390	430	40	10%	10	\$54,620

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.gov/mic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetcenter.org

mySkills myFuture

www.myskillsmyfuture.org

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