

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Standard Occupational Code 31-9099.01

## What They Do

Assist speech-language pathologists in the assessment and treatment of speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. Implement speech and language programs or activities as planned and directed by speech-language pathologists. Monitor the use of alternative communication devices and systems.

## 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** - Enjoy working with, communicating with, and teaching people. They like helping or providing service to others.

**Conventional** - Enjoy following a set of procedures and routines with a clear line of authority to follow.

**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.

**Support** - Offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

**Achievement** – Results oriented occupation that allows employees to use their strongest abilities, giving them a feeling of accomplishment.

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

- Speech Recognition
- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression

## Skills You Need

- Active Listening – Giving full attention to what other people are saying, taking time to understand the points being made, asking questions as appropriate, and not interrupting at inappropriate times
- Reading Comprehension – Understanding written sentences and paragraphs in work related documents
- Services Orientation – Actively looking for ways to help people
- Social Perceptiveness – Being aware of others' reactions and understanding why they react as they do
- Speaking – Talking to others to convey information effectively

## Education & Training

Speech-language pathology assistants need **an associate's degree in a speech-language pathology assistant program.**

## Where They Work

Industries which employ the largest number of speech-language pathology assistants are:

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

## US Employment & Wages

2016 Workers	2026 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
97,300	108,700	11,400	12%	13,700	\$42,200

## Activities: what you might do in a day

- Implement therapeutic programs to improve patient functioning
- Maintain medical records
- Perform clerical work in medical settings
- Prepare medical instruments or equipment for use
- Prepare medical reports or documents
- Develop patient therapy programs
- Administer screening tests to determine abilities or treatment needs

## Additional References

### Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

### O\*Net Online

[online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org)