

## 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** – Like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping, and curing people. They are good with words.

**Investigative** - Interested in science and logic. They like to analyze, evaluate, and solve problems, and enjoy learning and understanding the causes of events.

**Artistic** – Interested in self-expression and working with forms and patterns. The work can be done without following a clear set of rules.

**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** – Results oriented, allow use of strongest abilities and provide 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

## 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.

## Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	5
Reading for Information	5
Locating Information	5

## 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

2012 Workers	2022 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
405	445	40	9.9%	10	\$50,600

## Additional References

### South Dakota Career InSite

[www.sdjobs.org/careerinsite](http://www.sdjobs.org/careerinsite)

### Career OneStop

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

### O\*Net Online

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

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