

Say What? Did You Hear That?

**There Are Many Exciting
Opportunities In
Speech-Language Pathology
and Audiology**

Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists

**Work with people with
communication disorders**

Types of Communication Disorders

- **Speech**
- **Language**
- **Neurogenic**
- **Hearing Loss**
- **Other communication variations**

Responsibilities

- **Evaluation (Testing)**
- **Treatment**
- **Research**
- **Collaboration with others**
- **Training/Teaching**
- **Consultation**
- **Supervision**

Job Placements

- **Schools**
- **Medical (e.g., hospitals, rehab centers, health care facilities)**
- **Non-profit agencies**
- **Private practice**
- **Colleges/Universities**

Population Served

- **Individuals of all ages, including infants, children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly**
- **Different cultural, ethnic, language, and socioeconomic groups**

Demand for SLPs & Auds

- Approximately **42 million** people (~ 17% of U.S) have a speech, language, hearing or related disorder.
 - Of these, more than 5 million are from racial/ethnic minority populations.
- By the year 2010, over **70 million** Americans will be African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, or Native-American.
 - Many will have communication disorders requiring treatment from speech-language pathologists and/or audiologists with bilingual and bicultural skills

Demand (cont.)

- **Bilingual speech-language pathologists and audiologists are desperately needed in order to serve the diverse multicultural population of American society.**
- **For more information:**
www.asha.org/about/leadership-projects/multicultural/

Salaries

Depend on:

- Educational background
- Area of specialization
- Years of experience
- Geographical location

Median salary in U.S. in 2002 = \$44,000/year

Attributes Required

- Interest in helping others
- Intellectual aptitude
- Cooperative and collaborative work with others
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Strong work ethic
- Interest in technology

5 Reasons to Choose SLP/Aud.

As an SLP/Audiologist you have job...

- 1) Credibility**
- 2) Security**
- 3) Flexibility**
- 4) Variability**
- 5) Satisfaction**

For Additional Information...

- **ASHA**

(American Speech-Language & Hearing Association)

www.asha.org

1-800-498-2071

- **NSSLHA**

(National Student Speech-Language & Hearing Association)

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