

Speech Therapist/Speech Language Pathologist (S-LP)

<p>Overview</p>	<p>Speech-language pathologists are autonomous health professionals who can evaluate, diagnose and treat a broad range of developmental delays and disorders. They work with speech, language, voice and resonance, stuttering, swallowing, feeding problems, and cognitive-communicative disorders of patients of all ages. They also advocate for preventing those conditions.</p> <p>Speech-language pathologists may work in hospitals, educational institutions, rehabilitation centers, long-term care centers, early intervention programs, research centers and can practice privately. This role works with a multidisciplinary health team of audiologists, psychologists, social workers, doctors, nurses, teacher and educational assistants, and occupational therapists</p>											
<p>NOC Codes</p>	<p>Audiologists and speech-language pathologists (3141)</p>											
<p>Alias Job Titles</p>	<p>Community speech-language pathologist; Educational speech-language pathologist; Human communication disorders specialist; Logopedist; Speech and hearing therapist; Speech pathologist; Speech therapist; Speech-language clinician; Speech-language pathologist; Speech-language pathologist clinician; Speech-language pathologist researcher;</p>											
<p>Qualifications Required</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. M.Sc. (2 to 3 years usually) 4. Completion of a 4-year undergraduate program with completion of seven prerequisite courses 											
<p>Salary Range</p>	<table border="1"> <tr> <th>Average hourly</th> <th>Range hourly</th> <th>Average yearly</th> <th>Range yearly</th> </tr> <tr> <td>\$40.44</td> <td>\$23.83 - \$58.08</td> <td>\$78,851</td> <td>\$46,461 - \$113,256</td> </tr> </table>	Average hourly	Range hourly	Average yearly	Range yearly	\$40.44	\$23.83 - \$58.08	\$78,851	\$46,461 - \$113,256			
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<p>Job Demand</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Employment outlook is Good to Fair in most provinces. More information is available here.</p>											

Growth Opportunities	Working as researchers at hospitals, universities or government agencies with further education (PhD) is possible. Managers and supervisors of speech and hearing programs.
Years' Experience Required	1-3 years
Training Options (if available)	A number of universities in Canada offers M.Sc. in speech-language pathology. A list of those programs can be found here .
Personal Qualities	Excellent communication skills; empathetic; ability to work independently; flexible; team player
Notes/Other Information	The professions of audiology and speech-language pathology are regulated in most provinces of Canada. In order to work in those jurisdictions, you must apply for a license to practice from the provincial regulatory body. The list of regulators may be found here . Audiology and speech-language pathology are currently not regulated in Prince Edward Island or the Canadian Territories of Nunavut, Northwest Territories and Yukon. The Canadian Alliance of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Regulators (CAASPR) is the national coalition of eight provincial regulatory bodies for the professions of audiology and speech-language pathology across Canada.
Steps towards capacity building to become competitive for this job	Probable ways include admission to an M.Sc. program at a suitable university. Some universities such as University of Alberta and University of British Columbia may require certain pre-requisite courses. Some pre-requisite courses can be obtained online . However, some do not require pre-requisite courses, but Dalhousie University requires a Graduate Records Examination (GRE) . However, for pre-requisite courses not being required, the M.Sc. in Dalhousie University is 3 years long. For most programs, having volunteer experiences in speech-language pathology programs/ institutes such as Aphasia Institute , Alberta Aphasia Camp , etc. are extremely valued.
References and resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi. Alberta Learning Information Service vii. Job Bank Canada viii. National Occupation Classification ESDC ix. Neuvoo x. Indeed