



COMMUNICATION SCIENCES AND DISORDERS (CSD)

A rewarding career for you. A better life for others.

What is CSD?

At its core, communication sciences and disorders (CSD) is about working with people to improve their speech, language, hearing, and other communication abilities. The goal of all CSD professionals is ultimately the same—to help humans effectively communicate. Your skills and cultural awareness are in great demand in both professions.

Start by choosing a career in one of CSD’s two professions: audiology and speech-language pathology.



AUDIOLOGY

Help people who have hearing and balance disorders.



SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Help people who have speech and language communication problems.



Joshua Allison Burbank,
M.A., CCC-SLP
Native American

“As a Navajo man, speech-language pathology is a good fit because in my culture, we’re all about service to the community. The field really fits my upbringing, in helping people to communicate.”

Audiology and speech-language pathology are top professions—
But don’t just take it from us.



Audiology Jobs Ranking

#12

HIGHEST-PAYING JOBS FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO WORK LESS THAN 40 HOURS A WEEK

Ladders (2023)

#23

BEST HEALTH CARE JOBS
U.S. News & World Report (2023)



Speech-Language Pathology Jobs Ranking

#11

BEST HEALTH CARE JOBS
U.S. News & World Report (2023)

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100 BEST JOBS
U.S. News & World Report (2023)

It's not too early to think about your career. You can make a real impact in your community and beyond as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist...and enjoy your job too!

Who can I help?

Having trouble communicating can make people's lives more difficult. The good news is you can help them in a big way.



Work with clients of all ages, from toddlers to seniors.



Help people who have hearing and related problems like balance.



Help those who stutter or have other speaking difficulties, or have trouble swallowing.

Where would I work?

This is the best part, audiologists and speech-language pathologists work in all kinds of settings:

- Hospitals
- Schools
- Universities
- Corporations
- Private Practice
- Government Agencies
- Nursing Homes
- Research Labs

Ok, I'm still not sure.

Well, if you are looking for a career that will check all the boxes, look for colleges that offer CSD programs.

- I have a mix of talents. I like science but I really like people too.
- I have good communication skills.
- I like to problem solve.
- I want to work with cutting edge technology.

I think a career in CSD might be a good fit! How do I learn more?

Talk to your counselor about schools that offer Communication Sciences programs, or visit on.asha.org/CSDprofession.



21.6%

The percentage of the nation's population age 5 and older speaking a language other than English at home.

If that's you,
as an audiologist or
speech-language pathologist
you will be in high demand!

(Statistic pulled from 2016 United States Census Report)



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