

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

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WHAT IS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST?

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) are highly trained health professionals who work with people of all ages to identify, assess and treat a wide-range of speech, language, social language, swallowing, learning and communication disorders. They provide support and guidance to remove barriers to ensure people have a voice and way to effectively learn, engage and communicate.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS CAN HELP WITH:



Speech and language delays and disorders (e.g., articulation, apraxia, phonology, expression and comprehension), fluency and voice and resonance disorders.



Pre-literacy and literacy skills (e.g., phonological awareness, decoding, reading comprehension, and writing).



Feeding and swallowing disorders in adults, children, and infants.



Communication and swallowing disorders related to other issues (e.g., hearing impairments, traumatic brain injury, dementia, developmental, intellectual or genetic disorders and neurological impairments).



Cognitive-communication disorders including social communication skills, reasoning, problem solving, and executive functioning.

WHY IS SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY IMPORTANT IN CANADA?

SLPs help improve the quality of life of many Canadians and support people and their families with learning, communication, eating, feeding and swallowing difficulties so they can participate in activities that are important to them. SLPs work in clinical settings and in research, education, advocacy, policy development and health administration.

WHAT ARE THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS?

Speech-language pathology is a regulated health profession. To practice in Canada, SLPs must successfully complete a master's-level graduate program or equivalent, 350 hours of supervised clinical fieldwork, 750 hours of supervised clinical practice, and the national licensing exam. SLPs must also complete 45 hours of continuing education credits every three years to maintain their registration.

USASK'S SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY PROGRAM?

- First class to start in the fall of 2026.
- 27-month master's level program.
- Up to 40 students admitted per year.
- Emphasis on the Saskatchewan context.



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