

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

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WHAT IS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST?

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) are highly trained professionals working across health care, education and communication development. SLPs assess and support a wide range of speech, language, swallowing, learning and communication needs across all ages. They provide support and guidance to remove barriers ensuring people have a voice and way to effectively learn, engage and communicate.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY?

SLPs help improve quality of life by supporting individuals and families with learning, communication, eating, feeding and swallowing difficulties so they can participate in activities that are important to them. They also play an important role in supporting learning, literacy, and communication in educational and community settings. SLPs work in health care, schools and early learning environments, community programs, research, education, advocacy, policy development and health administration.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS PROVIDE:



Support 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).



Assessment and treatment of feeding and swallowing disorders in infants, children and adults.



Services related to communication disorders (e.g., hearing impairments, traumatic brain injury, dementia, developmental, intellectual or genetic disorders and neurological impairments).



Assessment and treatment of cognitive-communication disorders including social communication skills, reasoning, problem solving, and executive functioning.

WHAT ARE THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS?

Speech-language pathology is a regulated health profession. To practice in Canada, speech-language pathologists 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?

- 27-month master's level program
- 30 weeks of clinical practice experience
- Up to 40 students admitted per year
- Emphasis on the Saskatchewan context



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