



# SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

## JOB DESCRIPTION

Speech-language pathologists identify and treat speech, language, and swallowing disorders resulting from conditions such as total or partial hearing loss, brain injury, cerebral palsy, cleft palate, voice pathology, faulty learning, and emotional problems. They also counsel patients and families about communication disorders and how to cope with the stress and misunderstanding that often accompany a communication disorder.

Speech-language pathologists use a variety of tools, including audiovisual equipment and computers, to treat problems. Tape recorders and spectrographs are sometimes used to record and analyze speech irregularities. For individuals with little or no speech, speech pathologists are also involved in selecting and teaching the use of devices and techniques designed to help them communicate.

Audiologists specialize in prevention, identification, assessment, and rehabilitation of hearing disorders. They prescribe and dispense hearing aids and instruct individuals who are hearing-impaired in the use of the aid.

Audiologists also are involved in programs of hearing conservation, particularly in industry, and serve as consultants to government in such areas as noise abatement. They conduct research into environmental influences on hearing, new testing methods, and new rehabilitative devices.

## CAREER PROFILE

Speech-language pathology and audiology is concerned with evaluation, treatment, and research in human communication and its disorders. Those in this profession have the satisfaction of knowing that their work is either directly or indirectly helping people with communication disorders.

## EMPLOYMENT

About half of speech-language pathologists and audiologists work in a school setting. The remainder are employed by speech, language, and hearing centers; hospitals; nursing homes; offices of physicians; and out-patient care facilities. Some work in private practice, either as solo practitioners or in a group practice with other types of professionals such as physical and occupational therapists. Sometimes, an experienced speech-language pathologist or audiologist works as a contractor, providing a wide variety of clinical services to nursing home residents or home health clients. Others work as consultants to industry.


## CAREER OUTLOOK

The Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that employment of speech-language pathologists is expected to increase 19 percent by 2032.

The median annual wage for speech-language pathologists was \$89,290 in 2023.

More information about careers is available from the American Speech-Language Hearing Association by calling 800.638.8255 or visiting [ASHA.org](https://www.asha.org).

## ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN ALLIED HEALTH PRE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

 Southern Adventist University's Pre Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology program is the first step to becoming a registered speech-language pathologist or audiologist. This profession generally requires a four-year bachelor's degree followed by a master's degree, and schools offering these clinical programs accept students with two years of college studies already completed.

By completing this two-year degree at Southern, a student meets the entrance requirements for the clinical programs at Loma Linda University and Andrews University. Additionally, Southern's program can be modified for students wishing to apply to clinical programs at other universities.



For further information on this or other Allied Health associate degrees offered by Southern Adventist University, contact:

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## SUGGESTED SEQUENCE OF COURSES

YEAR 1		SEMESTER: 1 2	
BIOL 101-102	Anatomy and Physiology	4	4
ENGL 101-102	Critical Thinking in Ac Rd/Wt	3	3
PSYC 122	General Psychology	3	
COMM 135	Comm and Public Speaking		3
ALHT 111	Intro to Health Professions	1	
ALHT 284	Intro to Speech-Lang Pathology		3
AREA R-1	Religion	3	
ARA IN-6	Historical Perspectives		3
PEAC 125	Fitness for Collegiate Life	1	
NOND 101	Southern Connections	1	
		16	16

YEAR 2		SEMESTER: 1 2	
HLED 173	Health for Life ♦	2	
ADAC or PEAC	Choose ADAC or PEAC ♦♦	1	
PHYS 137	Conceptual Physics ♦♦♦		3
PSYC 128	Developmental Psychology	3	
SOCI 150 or 230	Cultural Anthropology or Multicultural Relations	3	
CPTC 100	Computer Concepts		1
AREA R-2 or R-3	Religion		3
ELECTIVES	Choose a Minimum of 3 Credits from the List Below ♦♦♦♦		3
MATH 215	Statistics	3	
ELECTIVES	Electives	4	6
		16	16

### TOTAL OF 64 HOURS

#### Additional Christian Service Requirements:

One Community Service Activity (of at least three hours)  
One Level 2 or One Level 3 Service-Learning Experience

♦ May substitute NRNT 125 Nutrition.

♦♦ Except: ADAC 265, PEAC 125, 225, 265, 425

♦♦♦ For Loma Linda, Chem 107, 119, 120 can be substituted for Conceptual Physics.

♦♦♦♦ Choose from the following: ARTH 218; ELIT 214, 215, 216; HMNT 205; MUCH 216; MUHL 115, 120, 218; MUPF 118, 119, 128, 129, 138, 158; SPAN 101, 102; ASL 101, 102

**Grade Requirements:** "C" is the lowest grade accepted by Andrews and Loma Linda.