



Reward Yourself

With a Career as a School-Based Speech-Language Pathologist!



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10 Good Reasons for Choosing a Career in Schools

1. Wide Variety of Opportunities

- Work with students from diverse backgrounds in preschool, elementary, middle/high school settings
- Choose urban, rural or suburban setting





1. Wide Variety of Opportunities (cont'd)

- Provide services to students with a variety of communication disorders such as language, articulation, voice and fluency under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, (IDEA)*
- Prevent, identify and assess communication disorders per IDEA

*For more information on IDEA visit www.asha.org



1. Wide Variety of Opportunities (cont'd)

- Provide services per IDEA to individuals, small groups or in a classroom setting
- Document outcomes
- Advocate for best practices by serving on school or district committees that develop curriculum and design programs



2. High Demand for SLPs in Schools

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 14,000 additional speech-language pathologists will be needed to fill the demand between 2002 - 2014; a 15% increase in job openings.

Reference: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2006-2007 Edition, Speech-Language Pathologists

3. Excellent Benefits

- Take advantage of competitive health and retirement programs
- Obtain generous personal and emergency leave




4. Favorable Schedules

- **Enjoy family-friendly work schedules**
- **Receive paid holidays, breaks and summer vacations**
- **Opportunities for part-time work and job sharing**



5. Competitive Salaries

- Reap rewards for advanced credits, degrees, or the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC)
 - Benefit from salary supplement, sign-on bonus, tuition reimbursement, relocation expenses
 - Gain extra income for summer or after- school programs
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6. Working as a Professional Team Member

- Collaborate with other professionals such as:
 - teachers
 - administrators
 - nurses
 - occupational therapists
 - physical therapists
 - school psychologists

7. Ongoing Professional Development

- Advance your professional knowledge
- Learn about school-related topics



8. Variety of Career Options

- Develop specialization
- Advance to administration
- Participate in research





9. Opportunity for Creativity

- **Develop new approaches, techniques and materials**
- **Create unique programs to meet student needs**
- **Participate in research projects to enhance best practices**

10. A Life-Long Career

- **Unlock a student's potential**
- **Contribute to students' academic and social growth**
- **Develop long-term relationships with students and families**





Requirements for Working in Schools

- **Requirements vary from state to state. Most require a master's from an approved program. To find out what's required in your state, contact your state department of education.**

To access state contacts visit:

www.asha.org/about/Legislation-Advocacy/state/



Requirements for Working in Schools (cont'd)

- **Some states require the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC).**
- **The CCC requires:**
 - **A master's degree in communication disorders from an accredited program**
 - **A supervised postgraduate internship**
 - **A passing score on the national exam**



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