Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) is about working with people to improve their speech, language, hearing, and other communication abilities. CSD professionals help people communicate effectively. There are two professions in the discipline.

Audiology
Help people who have hearing and balance disorders.

Speech-Language Pathology
Help people who have speech and language communication problems.

Want to give back to your community? Want a great career?
Everything You Need to Build a Career You’ll Love.

As an audiologist or speech-language pathologist, you can:

Help people of all ages to overcome various communication disorders, such as hearing and speech-related problems like balance, tinnitus, stuttering, speaking difficulties, or having trouble swallowing.

Have great flexibility and many choices. You can work in all kinds of settings such as hospitals, schools, universities, private practice, and research labs; and focus on different skills, disorders, technologies, and goals. Domestic and global opportunities are available.

Have a stable job with great pay. Employment prospects are strong and growing for CSD professionals — with excellent salaries and benefits to match.

How do I know if a CSD career is a good fit for me?

☐ I have a mix of talents. I like science, and I really like interacting with and helping people too.
☐ I’m a great communicator.
☐ I’m a problem solver.
☐ Working with cutting-edge technology excites me.
☐ I want to give back to my community.

If you check most of the boxes above, talk to your counselor about schools that offer communication sciences programs or visit on.asha.org/CSDprofession to learn more.

“What excites me about the professions is the many dynamics of audiology. There is so much to learn and so much we can do for the patients we serve. The smile that patients give after services are rendered is priceless and is the fuel that I use as motivation. It is a constant reminder that the career path I’ve chosen in audiology is no mistake.”

- Nia B. Potier, AuD, CCC-A
“One of my first clients was a young college student who not only had to deal with the challenges of having autism spectrum disorder but he also happened to be blind. He had significant challenges with social interaction which had a profound impact on his ability to build relationships. He would not face his communication partner during a conversation because, in his words, ‘I can’t see them anyway.’ He was such a pleasant and brilliant young man, and we worked on a variety of social communication skills. He made significant improvements over time. I went to visit him on campus from time to time after he was discharged from SLP services and was thrilled to observe him in the cafeteria as he sat at a table full of other young men and participated in the conversation; he typically sat alone.”

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 (2022)

#14
BEST JOBS
CareerCast.com (2019)

Speech-Language Pathology Jobs Ranking

#3
BEST HEALTH CARE JOBS

#24
30 BEST JOBS FOR THE FUTURE
Business Insider (2021)
Use your cultural knowledge and linguistic skills.

African-based oral traditions have played a strong role in preserving African American history and culture. Today they live on in storytelling, preaching, call and response, rap and spoken word, and reinforce the importance of effective communication in the African American community. Do not underestimate the value of your unique culture, background and linguistic skills in ensuring that these traditions continue. As an audiologist or speech-language pathologist, you will be in high demand.

It’s not too early to begin thinking about your career.

You can make a real impact in your community and beyond as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association has resources to help you, as a student, along your journey.

To learn more, visit on.asha.org/CSDprofession and speak with your guidance counselor.

Multicultural Constituency Groups

There are multicultural groups that offer opportunities once you become a CSD student to present research, gain leadership skills, and acquire mentoring opportunities.

Visit nbaslh.org to learn more about the National Black Association for Speech-Language and Hearing (NBASLH).