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.

“...Audiology is a stable, fast-growing career. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of audiologist is projected to grow 21% from 2016 to 2026, which is much faster than average. Also, for me, earning a doctorate of audiology (AuD) means a higher degree, broader professional knowledge, and more challenge. It makes me more competitive and confident about my work. Knowledge is power!”

- Shu-No Chen, AuD, CCC-A
“I have had the pleasure of working with hundreds of clients, mostly children, being an SLP, but there is one client that always stands out for me. He was 2 years old when I started working with him, and he was one of my very first clients as a Clinical Fellow. He was nonverbal, autistic, and apraxic. He had these eyes that were very expressive even when he didn’t have his words. Because he was nonverbal, I taught him signs, and he picked them up quickly; then gradually came the spoken words, a sound at a time. When he started talking after the age of 4, his mother wrote to me. The card said, ‘You brought music to our lives.’ This October, he celebrated his 16th birthday, and we still keep in touch. He is a successful and bright young man.”

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)

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.

Do not underestimate the value you bring because of your unique culture, background, and linguistic skills. 21.6% of the nation’s population age 5 and over speak a language other than English at home*. If that’s you, as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist, you will be in high demand!

* LanguageLine Solutions. (September 20, 2017)

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 apislhc.com to learn more about the Asian Pacific Islander Speech-Language-Hearing Caucus.