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.

“\(I\) watched young children with hearing loss in my family and community struggle to learn Spanish and English. It inspired me. I learned sign language, and now I work with school-age children who come from homes where English is not the primary language to develop listening and spoken language.”

- Linda I. Rosa-Lugo, EdD, CCC-SLP
Words From a Pro

Ana B. Caballero, MD, AuD/PhD Candidate

“Having the opportunity to coordinate a humanitarian mission to help underprivileged families in El Salvador with audiological services has given me the option to give back to my country. In 2014, I coordinated a humanitarian mission to El Salvador, where we had a full week of hearing evaluations, and fitting hearing aids. Being an international student from El Salvador and being able to help my own people was a wonderful experience. It helped me realize how important our roles are as audiologists in the lives of our patients. It was very emotional for me to see the reactions of these kids and their mothers after hearing for the first time. An amazing experience!”

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.

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 asahc.org to learn more about the Hispanic Caucus.