Making effective communication, a human right, accessible and achievable for all.

DEFINING THE PROFESSIONALS

Audiologists specialize in preventing and assessing hearing and balance disorders as well as providing audiology treatment, including hearing aids.

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) identify, assess, and treat speech, language, cognitive communication, and swallowing disorders.

Audiologists and SLPs provide treatment to people of all ages, from infants to elderly.

NATIONAL AND STATE DATA

6-8 million Americans have some form of language impairment.

36 million Americans have some degree of hearing loss.

From 2016-2026, Illinois is expected to see ...

10% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR AUDILOGISTS

14% INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT IN ILLINOIS

13 accredited higher education institutions with communication sciences and disorders degree program in the state.

Where do Audiologists and SLPs work in Illinois?

EDUCATION FACILITIES
15% Audiologists
58% SLPs

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES
73% Audiologists
36% SLPs

OTHER FACILITIES
12% Audiologists
5% SLPs


The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) is the national professional, scientific, and credentialing association for 204,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists; speech-language pathologists; speech, language, and hearing scientists; audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel; and students.