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Serving as a speech-language pathologist is a passion of mine because every single day is an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of kids. To see toddlers and children overcome communication challenges and become confident in their speech is empowering. When I was younger, I also needed speech assistance, and my counselor was awesome! She was patient with me, kind, and truly cared about my growth. We would play different speech-related games and do fun exercises, which made me feel better about myself and feel good about my accomplishments. Her love for her job and the love she showed for her clients, including me, really shaped me to be the professional I am today. I just really want to help our young people regain their independence and confidence in their speaking, like she did for me!

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# Occupation:

Salary:

**Education:** 

Speech Language Pathologist \$72,385

Master's Degree

## Job Description:

**Speech-Language Pathologists** assess and treat persons with speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. May select alternative communication systems and teach their use. May perform research related to speech and language problems.\*



## **Job Description:**

SOC Code: 29-1127

## Top Job Skills:

- · Test patient hearing
- · Supervise patient care
- Develop health assessment methods or programs
- · Present medical research reports
- · Customer service

### **General Work Activities:**

- Mental Processes
  - Analyze patient data to determine patient needs or treatment goals
  - Develop treatment plans that use non-medical therapies
- Interacting With Others
  - Train patients, family members, or caregivers in techniques for managing disabilities or illnesses
  - Collaborate with healthcare professionals to plan or provide treatment
  - Supervise patient care personnel
  - Refer patients to other healthcare practitioners or health resources
- · Information Input
  - Monitor patient progress or responses to treatments
- · Work Output
  - Operate diagnostic or therapeutic medical instruments or equipment
  - Prepare healthcare training materials

Source: SC Works Online Services (SCWOS)

#### JOB STATISTICS:



**Typical Wage Range** \$66,760 - \$102,500



Projected Growth 221/yr Job Openings



Employed In-State 2,250



Required Education

Master's Degree



Work Experience
Typically
Requires None



On-the-Job Training
Internship/Residency

\*Source: Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

#### **EXAMPLES OF WORKFORCE AREAS WITH JOB OPENINGS:**

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- · Pee Dee
- Upstate
- Midlands

- Greenville
- Upper Savannah
- Trident

#### **EXAMPLES OF EMPLOYERS WITH JOB OPENINGS:**

Source: SC Works Online Services. Ask an SC Works representative for more information about postings in your area.

- HealthPRO Heritage
- PruittHealth
- · Prisma Health

- National HealthCare Corporation
- · Fox Rehabilitation

#### **RELATED OCCUPATIONS\*:**

- Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses
- Audiologists
- · Psychiatrists

 Low Vision Therapists, Orientation and Mobility Specialists, and Vision Rehabilitation Therapists

#### **LEARN MORE WITH SCWOS:**

**NOTE:** All data based on state averages. Information may vary depending on region, experience, and specific employment situation. **Last Updated:** 2025.

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