

What is Speech-Language Pathology?

Speech-language pathology is the profession dealing with the assessment and management of communication disorders due to speech and language breakdown.

As a speech-language pathologist you will assess and treat children and adults who have a wide range of communication difficulties. These difficulties may include stuttering, problems with speech sound production or acquiring language; voice disorders; the loss or impairment of speech and language in adults who have a stroke or brain injury. A further important aspect of speech-language pathology is the assessment and management of children and adults who have difficulties with feeding or swallowing.



Speech Language Pathologists:

- work with children and adults with dyslexia
- can help prevent stuttering in young children
- work with young babies who cannot feed or swallow properly
- set up alternative communication systems for individuals who cannot speak
- work with children who are born with a cleft lip/palate
- work with adults who have impaired communication after a car accident.

Is Speech-Language Pathology for me?

If you are passionate about communication and want to make a difference in peoples' lives then this may be the career for you!

The field offers wide clinical and research opportunities. Speech-language pathologists work with individuals, groups and communities of all ages, not only on assessment and management of communication disorders, but also promoting health and communication and disability prevention.

Speech-language pathologists may work in pre-schools, schools, special schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centres, community clinics or private practice. Students who can speak languages in addition to English will find these languages a very important asset.

If you obtain the BSc Speech-Language Pathology degree, you will be registered with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) as a Speech-language Pathologist.



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