

Speech Language Pathologist

Background –

Speech Language Pathologists work to assess, diagnose, treat and help to prevent communication and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Daily duties of a speech language pathologist include evaluating and identifying treatment options, teaching individuals how to make sounds and improve their voices and maintaining fluency, and counseling individuals and families how to cope with their disorder*.

What can I expect to make in this career? \$74, 680**

What classes at GVSU may help prepare me to work in this career? Discuss with your advisor which courses among those on this list, along with other courses not listed here, would best serve your career goals.

1. **CSD 100:** Introduction to communication disorders
2. **CSD 200:** Introduction to Hearing Science
3. **CSD 220:** Communication Development
4. **GVSU Speech Language Emphasis:** Information on Grand Valley's Website
<https://www.gvsu.edu/csd/undergraduate-program-3.htm>
5. **PSY 301:** Child Development
6. **PSY 303:** Psychopathology
7. **PSY 357:** Study of Language
8. **PSY 367:** Health Psychology

What additional education is required? In Michigan, a license is required to work as a Speech Language Pathologist. Requirements include:

1. Master's or Doctoral level degree in Speech Language Pathology
2. Nine month supervised clinical experience in Speech Language Pathology
3. Examination

What skills are applicable to this field of work? Critical thinking, listening, attention to details and communication skills (oral and written) are important for someone working in this field.

Employer Possibilities: Many speech language pathologists work in schools, physical, occupational, speech therapy offices, hospitals, or nursing facilities.

*Bls.gov (2016) for Speech Language Pathologist

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