

The Profession of Speech-Language Pathology

Who we are

- We are autonomous professionals who have expertise in typical development and disorders of communication and swallowing, as well as assessment and intervention for these areas.
- We are clinicians, professors, managers, administrators, researchers and business professionals working in rural and urban centers across Canada. We must be licensed in most provinces/territories in Canada in order to practice.
- We are professionals with a common commitment to research and public education together with a belief in mentoring new graduates and supportive personnel.
- We are professionals in rewarding and challenging careers.

What we do

Speech-language pathologists screen, assess, identify and treat speech, language, voice, fluency (stuttering), swallowing and feeding problems for all age groups in addition to advocating for the prevention of these disorders. Communication health assistants play an important and valued role in our profession by working in a supportive capacity with speech-language pathologists.

Where we work

We work independently or as part of interprofessional teams in: hospitals, clinics, schools, rehabilitation centres, nursing homes, early intervention programs, universities, colleges, research centres, and private practices.

Where we study in Canada

Dalhousie University
Université du Québec à Trois Rivières
Université Laval
Université de Montréal
McGill University
McMaster University
Université d'Ottawa
University of Toronto
Western University
Université Laurentienne
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia

A minimum of a master's degree (or equivalent) is required to practice speech-language pathology in Canada.