



Speech–Language Pathologist

Consider majoring in **speech-language pathology/communication disorders & sciences** at **Eastern Illinois University**. Universities offer very different experiences in the major. EIU has undergraduate clinical experience, high acceptance to grad school, back-up plans, full-time 14-week internships in BOTH the school and medial setting in graduate school, very high scores on national exam, and much more — see brochure about EIU’s program

Help Children in Schools, Early Intervention, Clinics

SLPs work with **Children in a Variety of Settings** including: birth-3 early intervention home or clinic services, pre-schools, elementary schools, high schools, hospitals, NICU, clinics, private practice.

SLPs work with Children with: speech sound errors, spoken language delays, autism, reading difficulties, augmentative communication, stuttering, feeding and swallowing difficulties, hearing impairments

Salary in Schools or other 9-10 month setting (ASHA 2020 schools survey).

Median salary with 1-5 years experience was \$56,000, with 10-20 years experience median salary was \$70,000. Higher salaries in urban compared to rural settings. Median hourly pay (rather than salary & benefits) was \$50-55 per hour

GREAT JOB !!! High Job Satisfaction– helping people, changing lives with ability to communicate
Good salary! (2019 Bureau Labor Median= \$79,120)
Job flexibility/variety—full time, 9 or 12 months, part-time/hourly, choose different settings, ages
100% Employment, often multiple job offers, SLP job opportunities growing 27% between 2018 and 2028 (Bureau Labor Statistics)



Help Adults in Medical Settings, Home Health, Clinics

SLPs work with **Adults in a Variety of Settings** including: hospitals, home health care, residential health care facilities, clinics, private practice. In 2019, 40% of SLPs worked in some type of health care setting.

SLPs work with Adults with: Aphasia, apraxia, dysarthria, cognitive and executive function disorders, swallowing difficulties, stuttering, voice disorders, hearing impairments. Many clients have had strokes, traumatic brain injury, head & neck cancer, neurological conditions that affect speech motor system such as Parkinsons, ALS, etc.

Salary in Health Care 12-month (ASHA 2019 health care survey)
Median salary with 1-3 years experience was \$66,000, with 19 + years experience median salary was \$83,000-\$100,000. Median salary clinical service provider \$74,000, for admin/supervisors \$100,000. Median hourly pay (rather than salary & benefits) was \$50 per hour.

