

What Can I do with a Bachelor of Science Degree in SLHS?

A wide range of employment opportunities are available to students who complete a bachelor's degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS). The following handout lists a variety of career and educational paths students can explore based on the knowledge and skills gained from this degree. Students are encouraged to use the examples below as a starting point for their career exploration based on their individual interests and abilities.

SKILLS ACQUIRED WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN SPEECH, LANGUAGE, HEARING SCIENCES

- Analyzing
- Collaboration
- Critical Thinking
- Leadership
- Oral Communication
- Organization
- Information Literacy
- Research
- Counseling and Motivating
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Teamwork
- Time Management
- Written Communication
- Understanding/using data

CAREER OPTIONS

Hospital/Medical Setting

- Hospice/Respite care provider
- Hospital/Outpatient Departments: Speech-language, Audiology, PT/OT, GI, Neurology, Otolaryngology (ENT), Pediatrics, Pulmonology
 - Hospital Unit Coordinator (HUC): manages incoming orders and communicates with medical staff
 - Patient/family advocate
 - Rehab aide: Work with therapists, order supplies, set up, take down, and assist in sessions
 - Support staff, scheduling, billing, etc.

University Setting

- Research Assistants/Technicians
- Lab managers
- Project Coordinators
- Research Associates

Corporate/Commercial Setting

- Medical sales/medical equipment sales
- Support staff, marketing, trade show representative, etc. for publishing companies that develop, market, and sell therapeutic materials
 - Ablenet
 - Hearing aid companies-Starkey; Phonak
 - PRO-ED
 - Prentche Romich (AAC equipment)
 - Super Duper Publications
 - Thinking Publications
 - Tobii DynaVox (AAC equipment)
 - Pearson Assessments

Nonprofit Organizations

- Event planner, fundraiser, or volunteer coordinator for various nonprofit organizations at the local, state, or national levels. Some examples:
 - Autism Society of Indiana
 - Best Buddies International
 - Multiple Sclerosis Society
 - Special Olympics
 - Brain Injury Association (BIA)
 - ALS Association
 - MDA-Muscular Dystrophy Association
 - The Arc

School Setting

- Classroom assistant
- Daycare center and preschool aide
- Paraprofessional/Personal care attendant (PCA)
- Speech therapy assistant/aide (states differ on qualifications and requirements)
- RTI Interventionist
- English as a Second Language specialist
- Substitute teacher (requires licensure or emergency licensure)

Additional Areas

- Activity coordinator in a nursing home
- Aide, coordinator, or manager in home for developmentally disabled adults
- Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapist
- Personnel at Disability Resource Centers
- Personal care worker (private)
- Professional Associations Staff (e.g., American Speech-Language-Hearing Association)

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Associate's or Bachelor's Degrees

- Associate's Degree in American Sign Language (ASL) – Vincennes University
- Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA)
- Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA)
- Radiology Technician
- Respiratory Therapy
- Second Degree Accelerated Baccalaureate Program in Nursing*

Master's Degree

- Speech-Language Pathology*
- Applied Behavioral Analysis
- Counseling
- Linguistics*
- Master of Public Health Program*
- School Counseling*
- Social Work (MSW)
- Special Education*
- Student Affairs/Higher Education Administration
- Vocational Rehabilitation

Advanced Degree

- Audiology Doctorate AuD*
- PhD in field of Communication Disorders*

Certificates

- American Sign Language/English Interpreting Certificate – IUPUI
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Child Life Specialist
- English as a Second Language (ESL)*
- Graduate Certificate in Gerontology*
- Medical Coding/Health Information Technicians
- Special Education/Deaf and Hard of Hearing

*Offered at Purdue University

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) & State Licensing Requirements

<http://www.asha.org/>

<http://www.asha.org/advocacy/state/info/>

Indiana State Jobs

<http://www.in.gov/spd/careers/>

Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Purdue Center for Career Opportunities

<https://www.cco.purdue.edu/>

Pearson Assessments

<http://pearson.jobs>