



TOP REASONS YOU SHOULD STUDY SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

YOU'LL LEARN FROM THE BEST

Our faculty have years of experience in schools, hospitals, and teaching, and are experts in their fields. There are therapy abroad, volunteer, and honor's program options.



EIU IS THE ONLY ILLINOIS PUBLIC UNIVERSITY WITH CLINICAL EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADS

Don't just watch videos or watch other people doing therapy! EIU lets you help a graduate clinician in therapy for a whole semester and then treat your own client for a whole semester with the guidance of a faculty member

EIU HAS STUDY PLANS TO EXPLORE YOUR INTERESTS & KEEP CAREER OPTIONS OPEN

Pre-Therapy Study Plan. Apply to grad school for Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and/or Physical Therapy.

Non-Teaching Education Study Plan. Apply to grad school for Speech Therapy, School Psychologist and/or School Counselor with Communication Disorders major & electives

Pre-Med/Pre-Healthcare Study Plan. Take pre-med courses with Communication Disorders major. Can apply to med school, physician assistant school, audiology or speech therapy grad programs

Bilingual or Business Administration Study Plan (and more). Take courses in another language to be a bi-lingual speech therapist or business courses for expertise for private practice or therapy administration job options.

Additionally, there are **accelerated 3-year** options and **early admit** to grad school

YOU'LL BE WELL-PREPARED

Faculty will know you well! Students consistently score very high on professional exams. 100% of EIU graduate students prepared in the field of speech language pathology were employed in the profession within 3 months of graduation.

IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU. APPLY TODAY AT MY.EIU.EDU.



SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS:

- POSITIVELY IMPACT THE LIVES OF OTHERS
- WORK IN SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, PRIVATE PRACTICE, EARLY INTERVENTION & MORE
- EARN GOOD PROFESSIONAL SALARIES
- HAVE MULTIPLE JOB OFFERS TO CHOOSE FROM BECAUSE OF SHORTAGES IN FIELD
- EXPERIENCE HIGH JOB SATISFACTION
- WORK INDIVIDUALLY OR WITH A TEAM

2022 U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT RANKS SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY:

#10 OUT OF THE TOP 100 JOBS

#3 AMONG THE TOP 10
HEALTHCARE JOBS



**COMMUNICATION
DISORDERS & SCIENCES**
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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, career flexible study plans for many options and 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.

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! (2020 Bureau Labor Median= \$80,480)

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 29% between 2020 and 2030 (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 2021, 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 2021 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 \$78,000, for admin/supervisors \$105,000. Median hourly pay (rather than salary & benefits) was \$50 per hour.

