

## **ABOUT** Speech-Language Pathology

Speech disorders occur when a person is unable to produce speech sounds correctly or fluently, or has problems with their voice or resonance. Language disorders occur when a person has trouble understanding others (*receptive language*), or sharing thoughts, ideas, and feelings (*expressive language*).

## **CAREERS** in Speech-Language Pathology

Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in children and adults.

## **SALARY** Information (SLP)

SLPs work in many different research, education, and health care settings with varying roles, levels of responsibility, and client populations. Because of the high demand for speech-language pathology services, part-time, full-time, and “as-needed” basis opportunities may be available depending on location, desired facility, employment flexibility, and other factors.

## **MARKET TRENDS** in Speech-Language Pathology

Excellent job opportunities in speech-language pathology are expected to grow by 18 percent from 2016 to 2026, faster than the average for all occupations. Of the 204,000 professionals whom ASHA represents, approximately 175,025 are certified speech-language pathologists and 813 hold dual certification as both audiologists and SLPs.

## **ABOUT** Audiology

Audiology is the science of hearing, balance, and related disorders.

## **CAREERS** in Audiology

Audiologists are healthcare professionals who provide patient-centered care in the prevention, identification, diagnosis, and evidence-based treatment of hearing, balance, and other auditory disorders for people of all ages. Hearing and balance disorders are complex with medical, psychological, physical, social, educational, and employment implications.

## EMPLOYMENT Settings

Audiologists work in many different types of facilities; most work 40–50 hours per week; some work part-time. They frequently work with other medical specialists, speech-language pathologists, educators, engineers, scientists, and allied health professionals.

## SALARY Information (Audiology)

Salaries of audiologists vary depending on education, experience, work setting, and geographical location.

## MARKET TRENDS in Audiology

Job growth for audiology is expected to grow by 21% from 2016 to 2026—much faster than the average for other occupations. However, because it is a small occupation, the fast growth will result in only about 3,100 new jobs over the 10-year period. Of the 204,000 professionals whom ASHA represents, approximately 13,407 are certified audiologists and 813 hold dual certification as both audiologists and SLPs.

## B.S. in Communication Sciences & Disorders

The Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD) major at Thiel College provides an interdisciplinary curriculum that prepares students for admission to graduate school and prepare for a career in the profession. Clinical practicum at Thiel's on-campus speech and language clinic enables students to apply theory to practice at the undergraduate level. The broad background provided by this major is an important first step in preparing students to provide quality care for the children and adults with whom they will work.

## REQUIREMENTS

The CSD major consists of a minimum of 78 credit hours in CSD and other interdisciplinary courses. Students need to complete a total of 124 for graduation.

## The THIEL ADVANTAGE

- **Graduate Admission:** Students may be accepted into the 5-year BS-CSD/MS-SLP program at Thiel College as incoming freshmen based on high school records, test scores, and successful interview with program faculty.
- **Faculty:** The faculty are highly-qualified in clinical practice, teaching, and research with areas of expertise across the SLP and audiology scopes of practice and are actively involved in professional service at state and national levels.
- **Undergraduate Clinical Practicum:** All CSD students will have the opportunity to have multiple semester-long clinical practicum experiences in Thiel College's on-campus Center for Speech-Language Services.
- **Opportunities:** Students can join the Thiel Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and conduct, present, and publish research findings at campus, state, and national venues.

# M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology

The Master of Science in Speech-Language Pathology Program (MS-SLP) at Thiel College serves to prepare students to enter the workforce as speech-language pathologists. The program includes requirements needed for certification and licensure. Students will have a combination of academic and clinical coursework focusing on professional issues and disorders across the speech-language pathology scope of practice, lifespan, and diverse populations.

## SEQUENCE of Courses

**CSD 500:** Neuropathology of Comm. Disorders with Lab  
**CSD 510:** Research Methods in CSD with Lab  
**CSD 511:** Speech Sound Disorders with Lab  
**CSD 512:** Language-Based Comm. Disorders in Children with Lab  
**CSD 515:** Clinical Practice I  
**CSD 521:** Fluency Disorders with Lab  
**CSD 522:** Aphasia and Cognitive-Communicative Disorders in Adults with Lab  
**CSD 570:** AAC with Lab  
**CSD 541:** Dysphagia with Lab  
**CSD 550:** Professional Practicum (1 credit)  
**CSD 580:** Capstone in SLP (1 credit)  
**CSD 525:** Clinical Practice II  
**CSD 531:** Motor Speech Disorders  
**CSD 550:** Professional Practicum (1 credit)  
**CSD 551:** Voice Disorders  
**CSD 580:** Capstone in SLP (1 credit)  
**CSD 555:** Externship I, Pediatric-Focused  
**CSD 550:** Professional Practicum (1 credit)  
**CSD 580:** Capstone in SLP (1 credit)  
**CSD 565:** Externship II, Adult-Focused

## The THIEL ADVANTAGE

- No application fee
- High-quality program with no out-of-pocket fees
- Graduate assistantships offered to all students
- Program completion in 15 months
- Excellent full-time faculty with clinical experience
- Campus-based Center for Speech-Language Services

## QUESTIONS

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