# Rewarding Work. Remarkable Opportunities.



Explore Health Care Careers in Communication Sciences and Disorders (CSD)

# Few Careers Offer So Many Options



### **ENJOY PEOPLE?**

CSD professionals care for patients ranging from newborns to the elderly, counsel their families and caregivers, and collaborate with other health care professionals.



#### LOVE SCIENCE?

You can choose to do research or work with a variety of technology tools to evaluate and treat communication and related disorders.



#### WANT FLEXIBILITY?

CSD professionals are vital in a range of health care settings, including pediatric and acute-care hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and private practices, military facilities, and more.

"I started as a speech-language pathology assistant and I enjoyed it but I felt I could do more to help students. During my undergraduate coursework, I began volunteering at a hearing clinic in Rosarito, Mexico. While I still enjoy speech pathology very much, I loved seeing a person's face light up when they hear a sound they hadn't heard in a very long time. I also love looking at people's eardrums!"

> LUZ ORELLANA Audiology Student



### CSD Professionals Work in Two Disciplines

### AUDIOLOGY

Audiologists help children and adults who have difficulty hearing and/or have balance disorders.

#### What training will I need?

ASHA-certified audiologists must:

- Earn a graduate degree in audiology from a CAA-accredited program
- Pass a national exam
- Apply for a state license where required

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY (SLP)

SLPs help children and adults who have speech and language communication problems, including stuttering or difficulty swallowing.

#### What training will I need?

ASHA-certified SLPs must:

- Earn a graduate degree from a CAA-accredited program
- Complete a supervised postgraduate clinical fellowship
- Pass a national exam
- Apply for a state license where required



# Help People With Speech, Language, and Hearing Disorders Everyday

There is a huge need for CSD professionals everywhere from schools to corporations. But the need is especially great in health care – and the benefits are particularly attractive.

### **GREAT PERKS AND PAY**

CSD professions offer excellent job security, benefits and salaries – especially when you choose to work in the health care field.

## How Do I Get Started?

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> "I volunteered with children with disabilities when I was in the second grade. I knew that I wanted to help individuals with disabilities in some way, whether through special education or through the medical profession. When I was in the sixth grade, my mom showed me a newspaper article about the career of speech-language pathology and how it was helping a boy with autism that I knew. I love that speech-language pathology allows me to merge the creative side as well as the medical side into science. It's integrated in one really beautiful profession."

> > REBECCA WILLER SLP Student

Learn about a typical day for an audiologist or SLP. Video at **asha.org/students** 

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