



SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST

Assess and treat persons with speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. May select alternative communication systems and teach their use. May perform research related to speech and language problems.

Knowledge and Skills Needed

In addition to courses required for high school graduation, essential skills and knowledge needed for a career as a speech-language pathologist are reinforced by taking rigorous and relevant courses, as well as participating in work-based experiences and student organization activities.

(See the Sample Personal Plan of Study for suggested coursework, activities, and knowledge and skills to pursue in preparation of an occupation in this Career Cluster.)

Education Requirements

| Occupation | Percent of Missouri employees aged 25 to 44 in the occupation whose highest level of educational attainment is: | | |
|--|---|--------------|-------------------------|
| | High School or Less | Some College | Bachelor Degree or More |
| Speech-language pathologists | 0.0% | 0.0% | 97.9% |
| Health diagnosing and treating practitioners | 1.3% | 11.4% | 87.4% |
| Healthcare practitioner and technical | 9.9% | 31.0% | 59.1% |

Most Common Educational Level: Master's degree

Note: Be sure to learn whether your occupation has a specific requirement for education or licensing.

National and State Wage Information

| Location | Pay Period | 2007 | | |
|---------------|------------|----------|----------|---------------|
| | | Entry* | Median | Experienced** |
| United States | Hourly | \$23.45 | \$29.18 | \$36.63 |
| | Yearly | \$48,800 | \$60,700 | \$76,200 |
| Missouri | Hourly | \$20.70 | \$26.00 | \$31.47 |
| | Yearly | \$43,100 | \$54,100 | \$65,500 |

Based on (*) lower 25% and (**) upper 25% percentile of wages

National and State Employment Trends

| Speech-Language Pathologist | Employment | | Percent Change | Job Openings* |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------|----------------|---------------|
| | 2006 | 2016 | | |
| United States | 109,700 | 121,300 | + 11% | 3,280 |
| Missouri | 2,440 | 2,700 | + 11% | 90 |

*The estimate for Job Openings includes both turnover that results from people who leave the occupation (e.g. quit, retire, death) and new jobs that are created.

Educational Opportunities

Note: This list may not be all inclusive. For more information about Missouri schools and programs, visit www.dhe.mo.gov

Fontbonne University

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 862-3456
www.fontbonne.edu

Missouri State University

Springfield, MO
(417) 836-5000
www.missouristate.edu

Rockhurst University

Kansas City, MO
(816) 501-4000
www.rockhurst.edu

Saint Louis University -Main Campus

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 977-2222
www.imagine.slu.edu

Southeast Missouri State University

Cape Girardeau, MO
(573) 651-2000
www.semo.edu

Truman State University

Kirkville, MO
(660) 785-4000
www.truman.edu

University of Central Missouri

Warrensburg, MO
(660) 543-4111
www.ucmo.edu

University of Missouri-Columbia

Columbia, MO
(573) 882-2121
www.missouri.edu

Washington University in St Louis

Saint Louis, MO
(314) 935-5000
www.wustl.edu



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