



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 2024 schools survey).

Median salary with 1-5 years experience was \$63,000, with 10-20 years experience median salary was \$75,000. 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! (2023 Bureau Labor Median= \$89,290)

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 2023, 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 2023 health care survey)

Median salary with 1-3 years experience was \$74,000, with 19+ years experience median salary was \$98,000-\$100,000. Median salary clinical service provider \$82,000, for admin/supervisors \$105,000. Median hourly pay (rather than salary & benefits) was \$50 per hour.

