

What Can I do with a Bachelor of Science Degree in SLHS?

There are many employment opportunities available to students who complete a bachelor's degree in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences (SLHS). In addition to the knowledge specific to your major, your SLHS experience has also equipped you with many valuable skills, such as critical thinking, oral and written communication, leadership, and teamwork. The next step of your career depends on **your unique interests and abilities**. This handout lists a variety of career and educational paths you can explore. Use it as a starting point. Think broadly about your future goals, pursue your dreams, and let us know about your progress!

POSSIBLE CAREERS

Hospital/Medical Setting

- Hospice/respite care provider
- Hospital unit coordinator, patient/family advocate, rehabilitation aide
 - Some examples of medical clinics and hospital departments include speech-language pathology, audiology, PT/OT, GI, neurology, otolaryngology, pediatrics, pulmonology, nursing homes, and homes for developmentally disabled adults

University Setting

- Research assistant/technician
- Project coordinator
- Lab manager
- Disability resource center specialist

Corporate/Commercial Setting

- Develop, market, and sell clinical materials and devices at the following types of companies:
 - Augmentative and alternative device manufacturers
 - Standardized assessment publishers
 - Hearing aid and cochlear implant manufacturers

Nonprofit Organizations

- Event planner, fundraiser, or volunteer coordinator for nonprofit organizations at the local, state, or national level, such as
 - Autism Society
 - Best Buddies
 - Multiple Sclerosis Society
 - Special Olympics
 - Brain Injury Association
 - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association
 - Muscular Dystrophy Association
 - The Arc

School Setting

- Classroom assistant
- Daycare center and preschool aide
- Paraprofessional/personal care attendant
- English as a second language specialist
- Applied behavior analysis specialist
- Speech therapy assistant/aide
- Response to intervention specialist
- Substitute teacher

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Master's Degrees

- Speech-Language Pathology
- Applied Behavioral Analysis
- Counseling
- Linguistics
- Public Health
- Social Work
- Special Education
- Student Affairs/Higher Education Administration

Doctoral Degrees

- Doctor of Audiology
- Doctor of Philosophy in SLHS, Psychology, Cognitive Science, Neuroscience, Linguistics

MORE RESOURCES

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

<http://www.asha.org/>

Indiana State Jobs

<http://www.in.gov/spd/careers/>

Occupational Outlook Handbook

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

Purdue Center for Career Opportunities

<https://www.cco.purdue.edu/>