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SPEECH PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT

A **speech pathologist** assistant is a person trained to assist a speech pathologist or a speech and language pathologists (SLP) in their work. They perform a wide variety of duties while under the direct supervision of a speech pathologist.

The job duties and treatment of communicative disorders in adults and children are varied. Their duties may include performing screening tests, writing reports, preparing therapeutic activities, as well as, providing actual treatment for their clients.

SPA's may work in clinics, hospitals, daycares, schools and various other health care settings. Although this occupational career field may not be too physically demanding, it can be stressful and busy at times.



An SPA may have to travel to varied locations to provide treatment to individuals of all ages with many different speech deficits. This particular occupational field is still very dominated by females. The educational requirements for this field can also vary from state to state. Educational requirements can range from a diploma to a bachelor's degree level with graduate credits.



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