

A.S. in Speech Communication

DESCRIPTION OF THE SPEECH COMMUNICATION PROGRAM

The Associates degree of Speech Communication (A.S.) is a 60-credit program at Kingsborough Community College designed to provide KCC students with the opportunity to complete the first two years of course requirements for the Brooklyn College B.A. program in SPEECH COMMUNICATION. This major is jointly registered by the State Education Department for both Kingsborough Community College and Brooklyn College. Speech-language pathologists must be able to listen to and communicate with their patient in order to determine the right course of treatment. Speech-language pathologists (sometimes called speech therapists) assess, diagnose, treat, and help to prevent communication and swallowing disorders in children and adults.

SKILLS

Analytical skills. Speech-language pathologists must select the most appropriate diagnostic tools and analyze results to arrive at an accurate diagnosis and develop an appropriate treatment plan.

Listening skills. Speech-language pathologists must listen to symptoms and concerns to decide on the appropriate course of treatment.

Compassion. Speech-language pathologists work with people who are often frustrated by their difficulties. Speech-language pathologists must support emotionally demanding individuals and their families.

CAREER INFORMATION

Speech-language pathologists (sometimes called speech therapists) assess, diagnose, treat, and help to prevent communication and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Speech, language, and swallowing disorders result from a variety of causes, such as a stroke, brain injury, hearing loss, developmental delay, Parkinson's disease, a cleft palate, or autism.

Speech-language pathologists work with children and adults who have problems with speech and language, including related cognitive or social communication problems. They may be unable to speak at all, or they may speak with difficulty or have rhythm and fluency problems, such as stuttering. Speech-language pathologists may work with people who are unable to understand language or with those who have voice disorders, such as inappropriate pitch or a harsh voice.

Speech-language pathologists also must complete administrative tasks, including keeping accurate records and documenting billing information. They record their initial evaluations and diagnoses, track treatment progress, and note any changes in a individual's condition or treatment plan.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Employment of speech-language pathologists is projected to grow 27 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations. As the large baby-boom population grows older, there will be more instances of health conditions that can cause speech or language impairments, such as strokes or dementia.

CAREER PATH

Speech-language pathologists typically need at least a master's degree. Most states require that speech-language pathologists be licensed. Requirements vary by state. Some speech-language pathologists work in schools. Most others worked in healthcare facilities, such as hospitals. The median annual wage for speech-language pathologists was \$77,510 in May 2018.

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