

Speech-Language Pathologists

Speech-language pathologists are autonomous professionals who have expertise in typical development and disorders of communication and swallowing, as well as assessment and intervention for these areas.

Speech-language pathologists:

- diagnose communication disorders (comprehension and expression) and swallowing disorders
- plan and implement treatment in language, speech, voice, and/or swallowing disorders
- design and employ augmentative and alternative communication
- facilitate accent reduction
- consult regarding language stimulation, inclusion strategies and teaching adaptation for students with language impairments

Speech-language pathologists may work directly with clients, and/or with their caregivers or other persons who regularly interact with them (e.g. friends, relatives, professionals, colleagues, supportive personnel etc.), for the purpose of creating environments that promote optimal communication and swallowing.

Speech Language Pathology is offered at the professional Masters Level at nine universities in Canada. This program is two - three years in length. In some provinces/territories, speech-language pathologists are governed by a regulatory body and must meet regulatory requirements to practice.

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For more information, visit the websites listed below:

Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists - <http://www.nlaslpa.ca/>

Canadian Association of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists - <http://www.caslpa.ca/>