

Audiology Assistants and SLPAs

perform essential roles in serving the communication sciences and disorders community. **If you enjoy working with and helping people, these are great roles for you!**



How do you become an audiology assistant or SLPA?

Training and regulatory requirements vary state by state and by profession. Audiology assistants may require a high school diploma and/or additional trainings or degrees. SLPA general requirements may include an approved course of academic study such as a college degree or technical training program, clinical experience, and demonstration of skills.

Depending on your local need, specialized knowledge or training—such as fluency in multiple languages—may make you a preferred candidate. ASHA Certification is a great way to enhance your professional career.



Make an Impact.

Explore a career as an audiology assistant or speech-language pathology assistant (SLPA).

ASHA is here to help.

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What do audiology assistants do?



An audiology assistant is a person who, after appropriate training and demonstration of competency, performs delegated tasks that are prescribed, directed, and supervised by an ASHA-certified and/or licensed audiologist.

Audiology assistants perform a variety of tasks that can include

- interacting with patients throughout their visit and services;
- performing hearing screenings without interpretation;
- compiling and troubleshooting hearing device supplies;
- preparing patients and materials for exams and fittings; and
- administrative tasks.

What do SLPAs do?



Speech-language pathology assistants are support personnel who, following academic coursework, fieldwork, and on-the-job training, perform tasks prescribed, directed, and supervised by ASHA-certified and/or licensed speech-language pathologists.

SLPAs perform a variety of tasks that include

- carrying out treatment plans set by the speech-language pathologist (SLP);
- administering speech, language, and hearing screenings without interpretation;
- documenting patient progress; and
- various administrative tasks; and
- community advocacy.



Where do audiology assistants and SLPAs work?

Assistants work in a variety of settings—including



Schools



Private Practice



Hospitals & other health care facilities

Depending on the care setting, you could work with children or with adults.