



Pathway: Communicative Disorders

Get the Facts:

Audiologists identify hearing loss and assess hearing and balance, and provide appropriate fitting of amplification (e.g. hearing aids, cochlear implants, other assistive listening devices) across the lifespan.

Speech-Language Pathologists work with individuals of all ages who have developmental or neurological disorders relating to articulation, fluency, voice and resonance, language development, swallowing, and cognitive or social aspects of communication.

ASL/English Interpreters help hearing impaired or deaf individuals understand a spoken language by converting it into sign language. Interpreters are needed in both one-on-one situations as well as group settings.

Workforce Trends:

Work settings include hospitals, schools, rehabilitation centers, nursing facilities, home health care centers, and private practice settings.

Employment of Audiologists, Speech-Language Pathologist and Interpreters is projected to GROW 29 percent from 2014 to 2024, much faster than the average for all occupations.

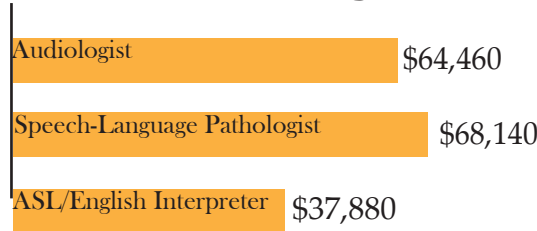
Communicative Disorders is:

- High demand
- Medium to High wage
- High skill

Occupation Outlook:



The Utah statewide annual median wage:



Sample Career Occupations:

- Audiologist
- Speech-Language Pathologist
- ASL/English Interpreters
- Deaf Education
- Speech and Hearing Therapist

Because so many positions in the Communicative Disorders field require master and doctoral degrees, most bachelor and degree programs in Communicative Disorders are designed to prepare students to go on to graduate programs.

College and Career:

There are a number of options for education and training beyond high school, depending on your career goals.

The following colleges offer Communicative Disorders programs:

- **BYU – BS Communication Disorders**
- **USU – BS Communicative Disorders; BS Communicative Disorders & Deaf Education—ASL Interpreting Track**
- **U of U – BS Speech & Hearing Science**
- **UVU – BS General Deaf Studies; BS Deaf Studies Interpreting; BS ASL & Deaf Studies Education; BIS ASL Emphasis; Interpreter Certification**
- **DIXIE – BIS ASL Interpreting Emphasis**
- **SLCC – AS American Sign Language; AAS American Sign Language/English Interpreting**