

Audiologist and Speech-Language Pathologists

An Audiologist is a professional who identifies, treats, and manages individuals with hearing loss or balance problems. Audiologists are also involved in prevention and research for hearing disorders. Their academic and clinical training provides the foundation for patient management from birth through adulthood. Audiologists determine appropriate patient treatment of hearing and balance problems by combining a complete history with a variety of specialized auditory and vestibular assessments. Based upon the evaluation, the audiologist presents a variety of treatment options to patients with hearing impairment or balance problems. Some audiologists dispense and fit hearing aids as part of a comprehensive (re) habilitative program. Audiologists are required to have a Master's or Doctoral degree or equivalent to practice in Canada. The profession is regulated in six Canadian provinces.

Speech-Language Pathologists are professionals who are engaged in the prevention, identification, evaluation, assessment, counseling, treatment, management, and education regarding communication and/or swallowing disorders and research in these areas. Communication disorders include disorders of speech, language, voice and fluency in individuals from all age groups. Speech-Language Pathologists work in various settings such as hospitals, schools, community health centers, nursing homes, childcare facilities, and in private practice. Speech-Language Pathologists are required to have a Master's degree or equivalent to practice in Canada. The profession is regulated in six Canadian provinces.