

Career Paths for Hearing and Speech Sciences Majors

While many graduates in the Hearing and Speech Sciences (HESP) program at the University of Maryland go on to pursue graduate school in Speech Pathology or Audiology, these are not the only options for someone with a Bachelors in HESP. Review additional resources at BSOS's [Your Career](#)

Titles/Industries of Recent Alumni *(Sample)*

Career paths in hearing and speech often require an advance degree. However, past HESP undergraduates have been successful in the following fields: *education, federal government, health care, sales, communications, youth programs, banking* based on their in-classroom learning and co-curriculum activities.

- Activities Assistant
- [Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapist](#)
- Certified Caregiver
- [Child Life Specialist](#)
- Computer Clerk
- Corps Member
- Development Associate
- Early Intervention Instructional Therapist
- ESL teacher/substitute
- Health Care Administration jobs
- Medical Sales Consultant
- Office Manager
- Preschool Assistant
- Program Analyst
- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Research Assistant
- Research Assistant/Lab Manager
- Special Education Teacher
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant
- Substitute teacher

If you are interested in pursuing a career in Speech-Language Pathology or Audiology, but do not want to go to graduate school quite yet, the titles below may be a good “in between.”

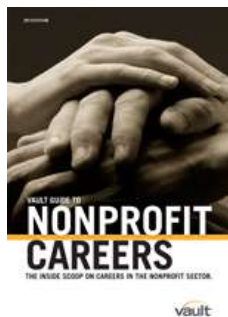
- [Speech Language Pathology Assistant](#), [qualification requirements](#) for an SLPA. Requirements vary by state.
- [Audiology Technician](#) (Assistant), includes information on becoming an audiology assistant.

Explore career options: Resources

Use the sample job titles listed in this document to start exploring career paths. The links below provide search boxes for you to locate more information on the titles as well as search for other options.

- [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#), a career title dictionary
- [O*NET Online](#), the nation's primary source of occupational information
- [FOCUS2](#), explore career paths using self-assessment questionnaires
- [Terrapins Connect](#), talk with professionals working in the field through UMD's alumni network

[Vault Guides](#) - browse 100's of industry guides to gain tips from insiders (*see examples below*).



Not sure where to start in planning your post-graduation activities? Start by reviewing these resources.

- ASHA: [Explore Careers in Communication Sciences and Disorders](#)
- [CSD Major Guide](#)
- Maryland Board of [Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech Language Pathologists](#)
- [Careers in Healthcare, US Department of Labor](#)
- [ABA Therapist](#)
- [Read more about career paths](#): Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology, Speech, language and hearing sciences, Audiology and SLP Assistants (ASHA)

Other Careers Related to HESP/Allied Fields

Many HESP students choose to pursue careers in other fields that still require graduate school:

- [Gerontology](#)
- [Medical School](#)
- [Occupational Therapy](#)
- [Physical Therapy](#)
- [Psychology \(Counseling, Clinical Psychology, School Psychology\)](#)
- [Social Work](#)

Skills Developed

Skills lead to jobs. Which skills do you possess?

- [Assess your](#) skills, abilities, interests, and values and explore how they relate to career options.
- Complete this [skills inventory](#) to get started.

HESP majors have skills in...

- Accumulating and interpreting information
- Analytical skills
- Basic Statistics
- Contending analytical and theoretical approaches
- Critical thinking
- Interpersonal communication skills
- Oral and written communication
- Proactive and display initiative
- Quantitative and qualitative methods
- Research
- Research methods
- Understanding of multidisciplinary work
- Writing skills



Add to your skill set with [these learning videos/courses](#).



Graduate School Program

Start researching your career path of interest to identify the educational requirements. The list below includes programs/degrees that UMD HESP undergraduates have pursued.

Adelphi University	Speech-Language Pathology	MS
George Washington University	Speech Language Pathology	MS
Hunter College	Speech Language Pathology	MS
Ithaca College	Speech/Language Pathology	MS
James Madison University	Speech/Language Pathology	MS
Kean University	Speech/Language Pathology	MS
Loyola University, Maryland	Speech/Language Pathology	MA
Massachusetts College of Pharmacy	Nursing	MS
MGH Institute of Health Professions	Hearing and Speech Sciences	MS
Molloy College	Speech/Language Pathology	MS
Montclair State University	Audiology	Doctoral
New York Medical College	Speech/Language Pathology	MS
New York University	Communicative Sciences & Disorders	MS
Northeastern University	Speech/Language Pathology	MS
Purdue University	Speech/Language Pathology	Ph.D.
Rush University	Speech/Language Pathology	MS
St. Johns University	Speech Language Pathology	Master's Degree
Towson University	Speech/Language Pathology	Ph.D.
University of Alabama- Tuscaloosa	Speech/Language Pathology	MS
University of Kansas	Speech/Language Pathology	Ph.D.
University of North Carolina	Speech/Language Pathology	Master's
University of Maryland	Audiology	Au.D.
University of Maryland	Speech/Language Pathology	MA
University of Pittsburgh	Speech/Language Pathology	MS
University of Pittsburgh	Audiology	Au.D.
University of South Florida	Audiology	Doctoral
University of Wisconsin-Madison	Speech/Language Pathology	MA
Vanderbilt University	Speech Language Pathology	Master's

Graduate School Resources

The resources below offer a brief overview of the graduate school application process and information on some of the more popular Hearing and Speech Sciences graduate degrees.

- [Graduate degrees in Speech-Language Pathology](#)- provides tips to consider from ASHA
- [Considering a PhD](#), by ASHA
- [UMD HESP](#) provides additional information to consider when preparing to apply for a graduate program

Graduate School Resources

Researching programs: [Peterson's Graduate School](#)

Application tips:

- [Questions to consider](#)
- [Application timeline](#): stay on track with your graduate school application
- [Tips](#) for the application
- [Financing](#) ideas for graduate school

Employers of HESP Undergraduates

The *sample* list below includes employers who have recruited UMD Hearing and Speech Sciences graduates.

AmericCorps	Montgomery County Public Schools
AT&T	National Archives and Records Administration
Bank of America Corporation	New York University
Brookings Institute	Skilled Nursing Facility
CSAAC	Sunrise Senior Living Inc.
DC Teaching Fellows	Teach For America
Disney	The Children's Place
George Washington Hospital	The Forbush School
Howard County General Hospital	The Lab School of Washington
Hunt Consulting LLC	The Whole Self Center
LanguageCorps, Inc.	Transportation Security Administration
Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes	U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Little Leaves Behavioral Services	U.S. Department of State
Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc.	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
MedStar Washington Hospital Center	University of Delaware
MIT	University of Maryland

Need help starting your career exploration or job search? Schedule a [career consultation appointment](#) with the University Career Center. Get started mapping your [career action](#) plan today!



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