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

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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.

Americorps
AT&T
Bank of America Corporation
Brookings Institute
CSAAC
DC Teaching Fellows
Disney
George Washington Hospital
Howard County General Hospital
Hunt Consulting LLC
LanguageCorps, Inc.
Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes
Little Leaves Behavioral Services
Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc.
MedStar Washington Hospital Center
MIT

Montgomery County Public Schools
National Archives and Records Administration
New York University
Skilled Nursing Facility
Sunrise Senior Living Inc.
Teach For America
The Children's Place
The Forbush School
The Lab School of Washington
The Whole Self Center
Transportation Security Administration
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
University of Delaware
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!