Speech Pathologist

**Industry Demand of Speech Pathologist**

* Speech Pathologists work with people across different age groups: infants, toddler, pre-schoolers, school-aged, adults, and elderly
* Speech Pathologists can work in a variety of different settings like school, hospitals, private clinics, nursing homes, rehab clinics, etc.
* The scope of practice is large. Speech pathologists work with individuals that have issues with speech, language, feeding impairments, and swallowing impairment.
* A growing field especially of pandemic where a lot of people (children especially) are having impairments in their speech development due to decreased social interactions.

**Salary (Range)**

* Entry Level Salary in the United States: $ 66,000/Year
* Mid Career Salary in the United States: $ 79,000/Year
* Average Salary in Indonesia: Rp244.800.000,00/Year

**Core Tasks**

* Assess and diagnose speech, language, communication, swallowing, and feeding disorders in patients.
* Treat speech, language, communication, swallowing, and feeding disorders in patients.
* Provide training and education to caregivers, family members and others.

**Working Conditions**

* Usually work on counseling with clients; 1-on-1 or community/family.
* Work with other professionals (doctors, nurses, teachers, physical therapists, occupational therapists) in a team called multidisciplinary team.
* Carry out intervention which is divided into screening, evaluation, assessment, and therapy.
* Make referrals to ENT/ pediatricians/ or other specialists if the client has any other medical complications outside of speech/language/swallowing problems.

**Skills Required**

* Phon
* Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES)
* Deep Listening Skills
* Empathy
* Creativity

**Career progression data**

* Pathway (US):
  + Undergraduate Degree in any related major (Pre Speech Pathology is recommended)
  + Earn a Master’s Degree in Speech Pathology
  + One year of Clinical Fellowship Year (Similar to Residency)
  + Pass Praxis Exam to certify for CCC-SLP(Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech Language Pathology).
  + Further down in the career could become a senior speech pathologist with more responsibilities like training junior speech pathologists, taking over harder cases, and managerial duties.

**Possible University Major**

* Master’s Degree of Speech Pathology
  + Undergraduate Degree in any related major (Pre Speech Pathology is recommended)

**School subjects required**

* Biology (anatomy)