

Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology

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What do Speech-
Language Pathologists
do?



Role of a SLP

“Speech-language pathologists (SLPs) work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in children and adults.”

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

“Speech-language pathologists are specialists trained at the graduate level to provide assessment and intervention services to people of all ages who present with communication and/or swallowing disorders.”

Nova Scotia College of Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists

“Speech-language pathologists and audiologists work with people of all ages to identify, assess and treat a wide range of communication disorders.”

Speech-Language and Audiology Canada

Pediatric Population

Speech/Articulation

Voice

Language

**Augmentative &
Alternative
Communication**

Motor Speech

Swallowing

Reading & Writing

Fluency

**Hearing
Impairment/Difference**

Adult Population

Speech

Voice

Language

Augmentative &
Alternative
Communication

Motor Speech

Swallowing

Hearing
Impairment/Difference

Fluency

Cognitive
Communication

Settings



School Boards
Universities



Hospitals
Rehabilitation Centres
Long-Term Care Facilities



Private Clinics
Home Visits



Virtual Care

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What do Audiologists
do?

Role of an AUD

An audiologist is an independent professional provider of primary healthcare for both adults and pediatric populations.

Identify, assess and diagnose...

- hearing disorders
- tinnitus
- balance disorders



Manage and treat with...

- hearing aids
- aural (re)habilitation
- implantable devices



Role of an AUD

Newborn Hearing Screenings

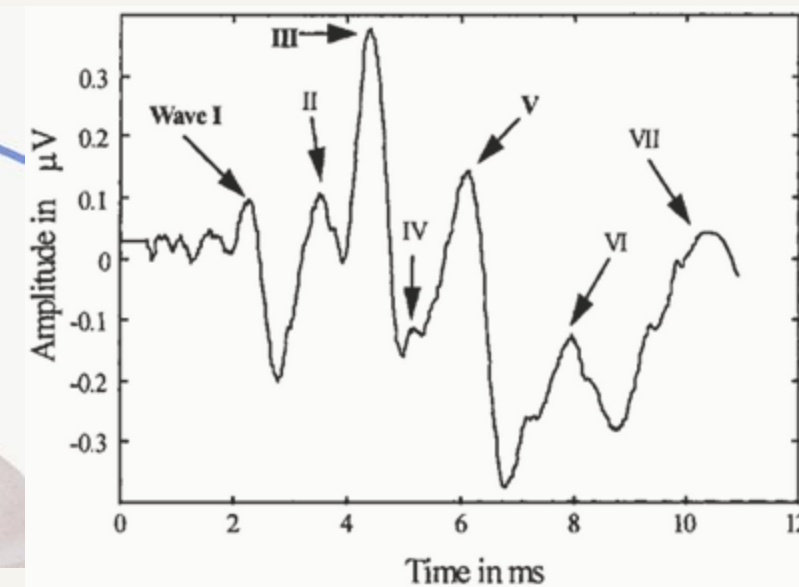
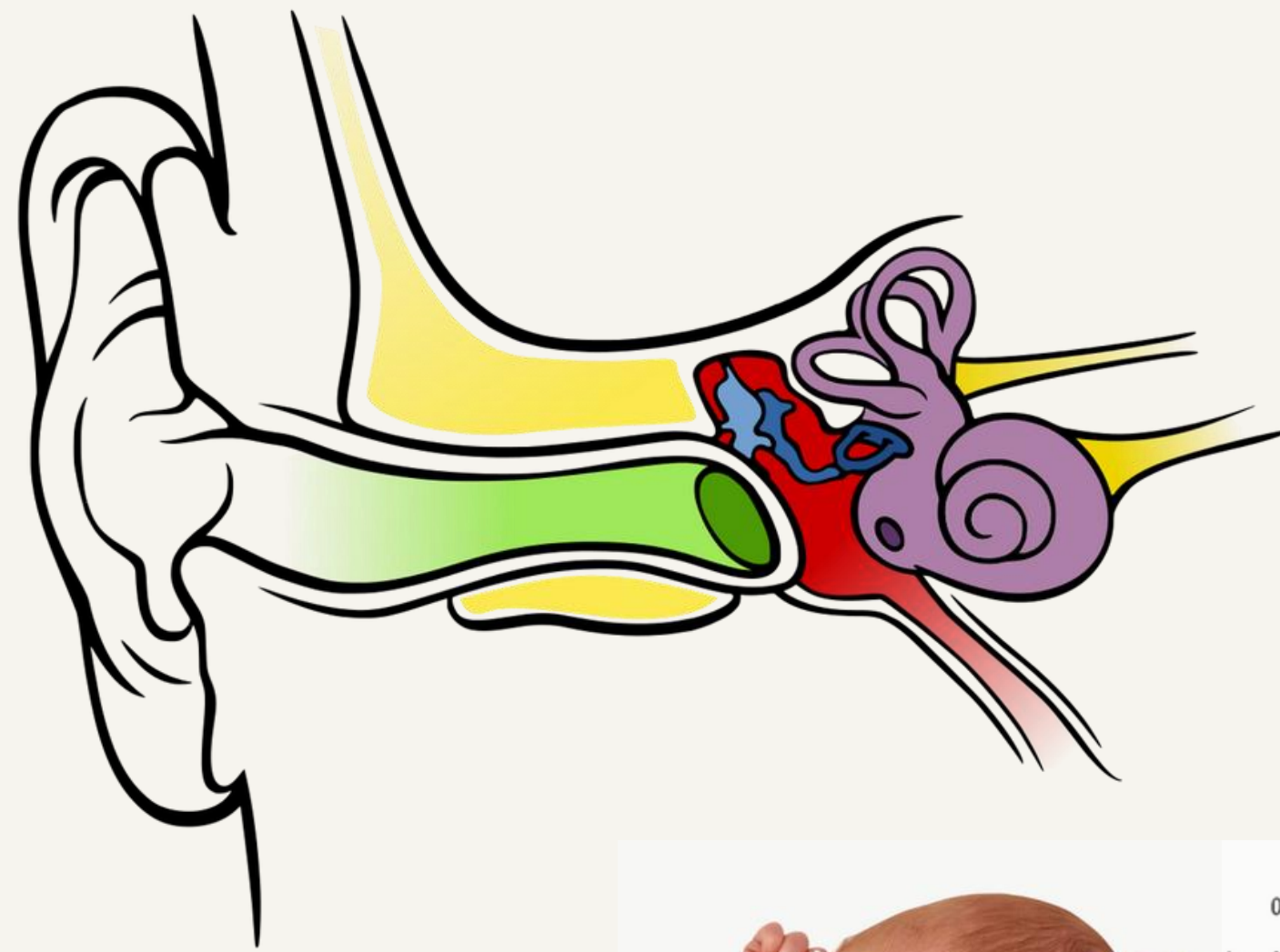
- otoacoustic emissions (OAEs)
- auditory brainstem response (ABR)

Neurodiagnositics

- neuropathies / tumors
- electrocochleography

Vestibular Testing

- VNG/ vHIT/ oVEMP/ cVEMP
- posturography
- rehabilitation



Settings



Universities
Schools



Hospitals
(Re)habilitation Centres
Public Clinics



Private Clinics



Industry



How do I become a
SLP or Audiologist?

Undergraduate Degree

- Does not need to be specific to communication or science
- Typical undergraduate degrees include: Psychology, Neuroscience, Linguistics



Master's Degree

- SLP: 12 programs in Canada
AUD: 6 programs in Canada
- Most require prerequisites in Anatomy, Physiology, Statistics, Research Methods, Phonetics, and Child Development
- Many require CASPER test scores
- Dalhousie is the only English program with no prerequisites

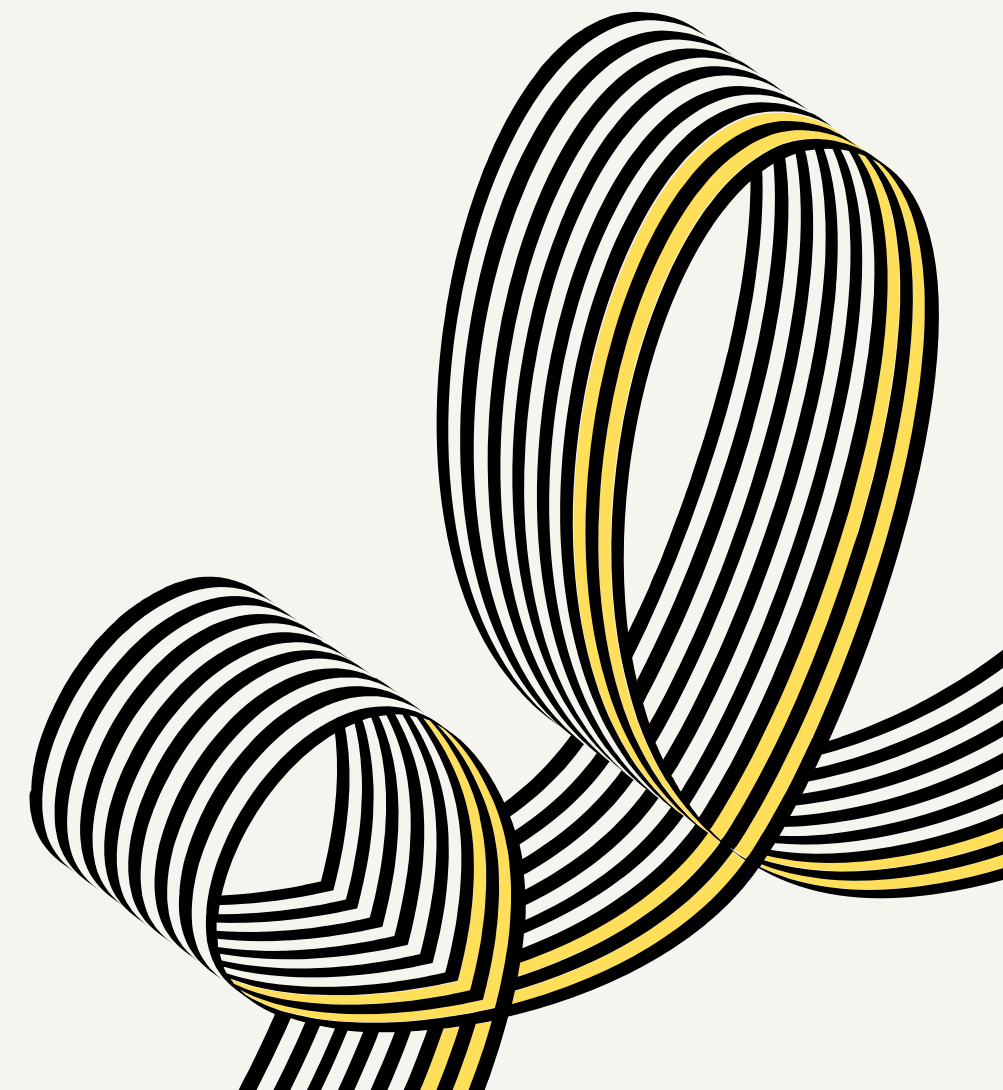
Register for Licensure

- Licensure is completed provincially



Considerations When Applying

- GPA
- Evidence of interest in the field/with a specific population
- Past work and volunteer experience
- Examples of personal skills
 - Communication
 - Interpersonal
 - Cultural Responsiveness
- Letters of recommendation



Studying at Dalhousie



Clinical Education



Research



**Focus on cultural and linguistic
diversity**

1st Year



2nd Year



3rd Year

- Various observations through fall and winter semester
- Summer off

- Fall & Winter Semesters: placement 1 day a week
- Summer Semester: 10-12 week Internship in Atlantic Canada only

- Winter Semester: 12-week Externship (takes place mostly in Atlantic Canada, placements in Canada or internationally may be possible)

Equitable Admissions Statement

The SCSD Admissions Committee gives special consideration to applicants who are Canadian citizens from the following historically under-represented and underserved groups: Indigenous peoples (e.g., Mi'kmaq) and members of racialized minority groups (e.g., African Nova Scotians). Accordingly, students who belong to one of these groups are invited to self-declare at the time of their application. Candidates who do so will be considered individually according to SCSD's requirements.



Why SLP & AUD?

- Multiple options within the field
- Salary
 - Canada: \$44/hour
 - Nova Scotia: \$48.08/hour
- Good job prospectives
- Making an active difference in other's daily lives



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Speech-Language & Audiology Canada

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Canadian Academy of Audiology

<https://canadianaudiology.ca>

Dalhousie School of Communication Sciences and Disorders

<https://www.dal.ca/faculty/health/scsd.html>

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Questions?

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Thank You