Pursuing a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology is highly encouraged but not the only path that students can pursue. In addition to a career as a speech pathologist or audiologist, students are able to work at child development centers, work with individuals with autism, pre-schools, or various positions in healthcare administration.

**COMMON EMPLOYERS & OCCUPATIONS**

- Hospitals
- Schools/Universities
- Behavioral Therapy for children with autism
- Early Intervention
- Gerontology
- Occupational therapy
- Public health
- Rehabilitation counseling
- Social work
- Special Education
- Teacher of the Deaf
- Teaching of English as a Second Language

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- American Academy of Audiology
- American Academy of Private Practice in Speech Pathology and Audiology
- American Auditory Society
- American Speech Language Hearing Association
- American Speech Language Hearing Foundation
- Audiological Resource Association
- National Center for Voice and Speech
- State Speech and Hearing Association

**STRATEGIES ON ENTERING THE FIELD**

- Shadow various professionals in the field to see what the everyday work entails
- Volunteer in healthcare settings or other helping roles
- Earn excellent grades for when applying to graduate school
- Develop communication and computer skills
- Gain experience with medical technology and database systems through internships