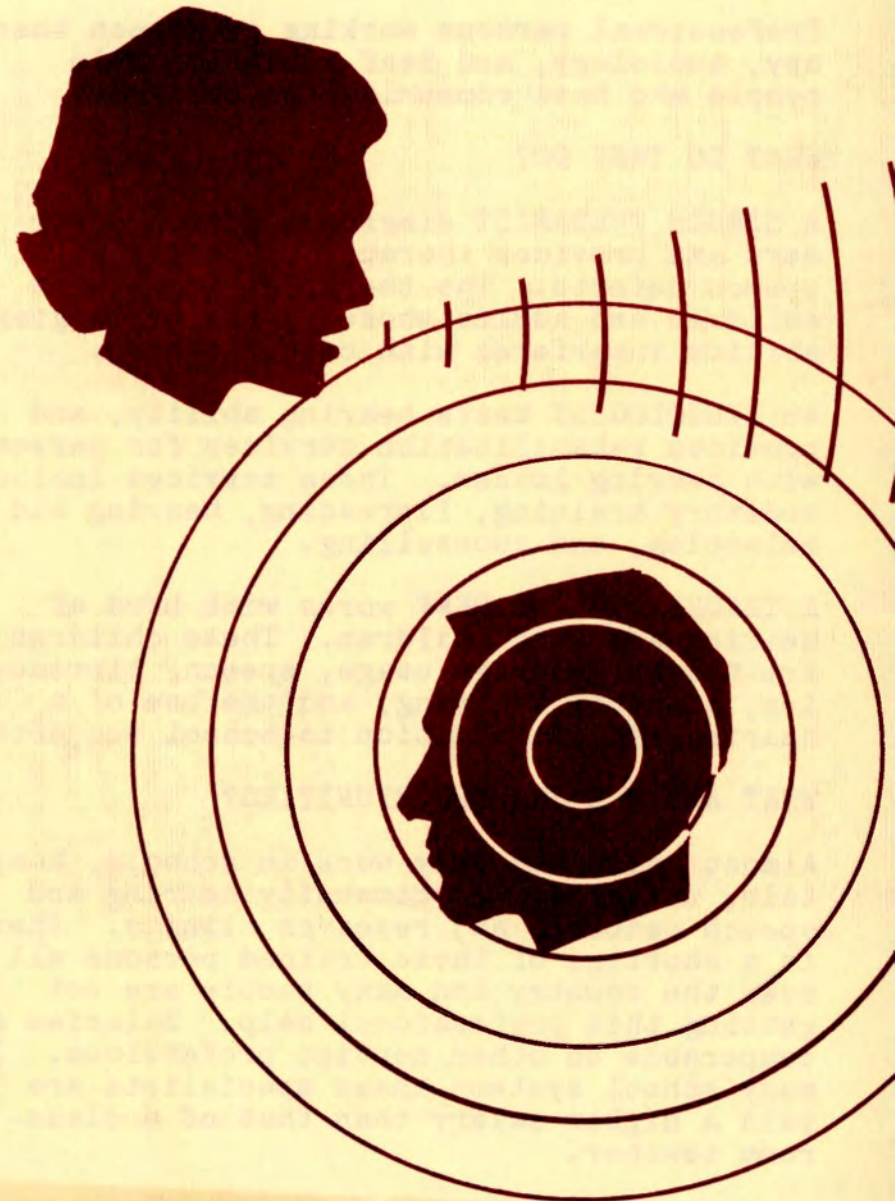


CAREERS in SPEECH and HEARING

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SPEECH THERAPY

DEAF EDUCATION

AUDIOLOGY



WHAT ARE THEY ALL ABOUT?

Professional persons working in speech therapy, audiology, and deaf education help people who have communication problems.

WHAT DO THEY DO?

A **SPEECH THERAPIST** diagnoses speech disorders and provides therapy for people with speech defects. The therapist works with children and adults whose speech or language ability interferes with communication.

An **AUDIOLOGIST** tests hearing ability, and provides rehabilitation services for persons with hearing losses. These services include auditory training, lipreading, hearing aid selection, and counselling.

A **TEACHER OF THE DEAF** works with hard of hearing and deaf children. These children are taught language usage, speech, lipreading, auditory training, and the use of a hearing aid, in addition to school subjects.

WHAT ARE THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES?

Almost unlimited-They work in schools, hospitals, universities, community hearing and speech centers, and research clinics. There is a shortage of these trained persons all over the country and many people are not getting this professional help. Salaries are comparable to other service professions. In many school systems these specialists are paid a higher salary than that of a classroom teacher.

WHAT TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

All of these fields have a bachelor's degree as a minimum requirement. Additional specialized training, leading to a master's degree, may also be needed. Academic subjects will include: anatomy of speech and hearing mechanism, phonetics, speech disorders, psychology, hearing tests and auditory training, language methods, lipreading, and clinical practice. Scholarships, traineeships, and grants from the federal government and private organizations are available for graduate study.

WHAT ABOUT PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS?

A speech therapist, an audiologist, or a teacher of the deaf must have a desire to help people and enjoy working with them. Patience, a sense of humor, imagination, emotional stability, abundant energy, and creativeness are desirable qualities. Another important asset is a keen understanding of people in need of these special services.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Your school counselor can tell you what universities offer these training programs, advise you about academic requirements and assist with admission applications. Information can also be obtained from speech therapists in school system or from staff members of your local hearing and speech center.