

Top 5 reasons to be a speech-language pathologist in Queensland state schools

1. Inspiring career choice

- Develop long-term relationships with students, education personnel and families.
- Gain satisfaction by helping students to succeed at school, knowing that it will have a positive impact throughout their lives.

2. Work-life balance

- Enjoy flexible, family-friendly work schedules including the option of taking leave in school holidays.
- Take advantage of accrued time off and purchased leave options.

3. Wide range of experiences and opportunities

- Work with students of all ages and diverse needs.
- Choose between metropolitan, regional, rural and remote locations.
- Engage in a range of unique and innovative service delivery models.

4. Develop professionally

- Advance your professional knowledge through regular professional development and learning activities, including mentoring and coaching.
- Access up-to-date technology for professional development and knowledge sharing.
- Enjoy collegial support and networking with fellow therapists.
- Develop specialisation in your areas of interest.

5. Work as a professional team member whilst maintaining autonomy

- Collaborate, build relationships and learn from a multi-disciplinary education team.
- Enjoy acknowledgement for your contributions as a valued member of the school and wider community.



Employment requirements

To work as a speech-language pathologist in Queensland state schools you will need:

- a qualification in speech-language pathology from an accredited university
- eligibility for practising membership of Speech Pathology Australia

www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au

- Blue Card for child-related employment
www.ccyipcq.qld.gov.au

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Working in education in Queensland

Speech-language therapy in education

Working as a speech-language pathologist in Queensland state schools is a rewarding career choice that can make a real difference to the education outcomes of students with special needs in communication or with eating and drinking difficulties. As a speech-language pathologist working for the Department of Education, Training and Employment you will:

- help schools to determine the education needs of students who experience barriers to learning as a result of special needs in communication
- work as a member of the education team to enhance students' communication skills so they can access and participate in the curriculum
- consult with and provide resources to school staff, parents, carers and the school community
- liaise with other agencies outside the school
- work as part of a regional team visiting a range of schools to provide services to their students and professional development activities for education staff.



Real life stories



'I was attracted to my job because of the support network – the idea of having other speech-language pathologists across the state to collaborate with and learn from.'

I also like the education focus in our therapy services. It gives us a clear purpose for our work.'

Amelia Kennedy

'I like being part of a school community. My base school is very friendly and supportive.'

We get some "down time" during the school holidays and have the flexibility to use this time to catch up on paperwork, update resources, do some professional development or take leave. I really like working this way.'

Sharyn Holm



Rural opportunities

There are a number of special incentives available for speech-language pathologists working in rural locations, including:

- subsidised housing
- appointment and relocation expenses (travel and removal costs) in most circumstances
- locality allowances for service in specified rural and remote locations
- an additional week of annual leave in specific rural and remote locations.

'The experiences open to therapists working in rural and remote locations are incredibly diverse.'

New team members that take up remote placements enjoy great support from mentors, school teams and colleagues across the region.'

Go for it! I'd encourage anyone to take up this exciting opportunity.'

Kathryn O'Heir



'Being a speech-language pathologist gives me a lot of diverse paediatric experience. I also get plenty of support from my colleagues and lots of professional development opportunities.'

It's great for people who like having flexible hours in their job.'

Amanda Li