

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES  
Porterville Developmental Center

**DEPARTMENT:** Medical Department

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**LOCATION:** Medical Department

**JOB TITLE:** Speech Pathologist I

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Administers diagnostic tests to determine the nature and extent of speech disorders; provides individual and group communication services to clients; prepares reports and summaries on diagnosis, prognosis, progress, and recommendations for assigned cases; confers with teachers, parents, and employees regarding progress and treatment; trains parents and employees in therapeutic procedures and methods of motivating clients toward communication strategies. Responsible for maintaining a current license.

**SUPERVISION RECEIVED:** Medical Director

**SUPERVISION EXERCISED:** Holds credentials that allow supervision of RPE candidates and may hold credentials for ASHA Certification of candidates.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** Must possess and maintain sufficient strength, agility, endurance, and sensory ability to perform the duties contained in this duty statement.

**TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS:** On-going interaction with clients. Potential exposure to communicable diseases, blood borne pathogens, medicinal preparations, and other conditions common to clinical nursing environment.

**ESSENTIAL DUTIES:**

- 40% Provides assessment and remediation of communication needs of clients which includes speech, voice, fluency, language, and evaluate needs for augmentative communication devices that might be necessary.
- 35% Provides assessment of swallowing, staff education, dysphagia remediation.
- 5% Maintains professional license and certificates needed for Speech Pathologist position and can supervise Speech Pathology candidates for RPE and CFY requirements.
- 5% Provides training in communication skills for identified priority candidates through the Limited Term Communication Assistance (LTCA) Program.
- 15% Consults with other members of the Interdisciplinary Team concerning the development of and maintenance of a physical, social, and educational environment conducive to optimal communication and swallowing.

**TYPICAL TASKS:**

In order to maximize clients' communication skills, the Speech Pathologist I is responsible for the following:

- Providing annual communication assessments and recommendations for those clients under the age of 22 years for IEP development.
- Ordering communication materials, supplies, and equipment as needed.
- Functioning as a liaison with State Departments, district and county schools, regional centers, college, and university staff, as appropriate to the provision of communication training.
- Membership on Physical Nutritional Committee and other committees as directed.
- Performing other duties as required.

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