



In most states, an SLP is required to have a master's degree to practice. Look for these initials after the name of the SLP; MS- Master of Science or MA-Master of Art.



Some SLPs have a focus area. Be sure the SLP you select has experience treating the special needs of your child.



## How to choose a speech language pathologist.



To earn an ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competency (CCC) the SLP must complete a competitive academic course load, complete 350 hours of supervised clinical practicum, complete 36 weeks clinical fellowship and pass a national exam. To maintain the CCC credentials, SLPs must participate in 30 hours of continuing education every three years.



For children with multiple needs, SLPs must be willing to take a team approach, working collaboratively with the pediatrician, occupational therapist, behavioral therapist, educators and the entire family to optimize outcomes.

Selecting a speech and language pathologist can be one of the most important decisions that you have to make regarding your child. Getting the proper attention and treatment as early as possible can make all the difference. Most importantly, find a SLP who you and your child can connect with. Good Luck.

Questions? Call for Clarification

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