

## Find Your Dream Job (100 Points)

Let's find your dream job! You will do research to find your dream job in the health field and what type of education and skills you will need to get this job. The purpose of this activity is to help you gain a better understanding of how your intended major, future education goals, and skills need to be applied to the career you want. **You will need to download your completed assignment as a PDF and add it to your ePortfolio under the "Dream Job" section in Assignments.**

1. To get started, complete the following quiz:

<https://advance.appily.com/careers/healthcare/quiz>

- What were your results?
  - My result was the Educator type.
- Did they surprise you? Why or why not?
  - This was not terribly surprising, because I have several teachers in my family so it would make sense that I picked up some things that would make me lean towards an educator, but I also want to be a Speech-Pathologist so that kind of falls under the same category.

2. Find at least 3 job postings that you would be interested in applying to that requires the degree you are currently pursuing or a degree you're interested in pursuing. Examples of where to search: Indeed.com, LinkedIn, USA Jobs, Glassdoor, or just Google the job you want to find! Copy and paste the job postings below. Answer the questions under each link in complete sentences.

- Job 1 Link: <https://www.chkdcareers.org/jobs/1836388-speech-pathologist-prn>
- Identify the salary range: \$44.18/hour, or about \$94,000 a year
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
  - On the page it does not indicate how many years of experience would be necessary for this job, but it does have education requirements.
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?
  - A Master's in Speech-Language Pathology or Communication Disorders
  - Licensed by the state of Virginia
  - Certification of completion of clinical fellowship (or can be actively in a fellowship)
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?
  - From the website, "tests, evaluates, treats, diagnoses and prescribes treatment for patients experiencing speech, language, cognition, swallowing and/or communication disorders." You also have to be okay

with working in a hospital and the associated dangers (blood, bacteria, vomit, etc.)

- Job 2 Link: <https://norfolkpsd.tedk12.com/hire/ViewJob.aspx?JobID=2071>
- Identify the salary range: \$45/hour with \$3,500/year stipend for those with a Master's degree.
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
  - There is not an exact amount of experience required for this job.
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?
  - A Master's in Speech-Language Pathology
  - State licensure (Virginia)-as a part of the state licensure, SLPs must do a clinical fellowship under a mentor for a set amount of time before applying for licensure.
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?
  - Be able to meet with up to 68 children at one or more of the Norfolk Public Schools.
  - Develop and implement plans for children requiring therapy.
  - Due to the fact that this is a school environment, there may be deadlines to meet and quick-turnaround times on paperwork.
  - Must be able to work well with other teachers and show professionalism to students.
  - Assess and treat children who show a need for speech therapy.
  
- Job 3 Link:  
<https://www.glassdoor.com/Overview/Working-at-Metro-Therapy-EI-IE741565.11,24.htm>
- Identify the salary range: \$81k-\$109k a year
- How much experience would be required to apply for that job?
  - Experience is preferred, but not required.
- What degrees, certifications or training is required?
  - Master's in Speech-Language Pathology.
  - State licensure from Virginia.
  - Completion of a clinical fellowship.
- What skills are and tasks are involved in performing the job you have found?
  - Must be able to work well with children and their parents.
  - Provide treatment to children who display a need for it in a professional manner.

- Be able to diagnose different disorders.

**Reflection:** From the 3 job postings you found, choose one job you want the most. Why does this job appeal to you the most? What skills do you already possess that would help you to get this job? Identify skills you are still building or need more experience performing. Discuss options to sharpen or learn the skills you will need to gain.

Out of all of the job postings that I found, I think that the CHKD one is the one I would want the most. Right now I have some customer service experience, as well as childcare experience, and I believe that both of those would be skills that would serve me well in this field. I definitely would need more medical training like CPR certification or something along those lines, and I would definitely have to finish my schooling. The best way for me to increase my skills would probably be just to get more experience in a health related setting, either by interning or volunteering.