

DACUM Competency Profile for Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

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Speech-Language Pathology Assistant is a member of the therapeutic service team who performs tasks as prescribed, directed and supervised by the Speech-Language Pathologist.

Duties		Tasks			
A	Implement Therapeutic Plan Prescribed by Speech-Language Pathologist	A-1 Prepare Client Environment	A-2 Provide Individual Therapy	A-3 Provide Group Therapy	A-4 Provide Collaborative Therapy
		A-5 Provide Community Based/Functional therapy	A-6 Provide Play Based Therapy	A-7 Reinforce Family/Client Education	A-8 Collect/Report Data
		A-9 Write Therapy Notes			
B	Assist with Program Management	B-1 Prepare Therapy Material	B-2 Prepare Educational Materials	B-3 Prepare Schedule of therapy	B-4 Obtain Previous Reports/History
		B-5 Provide Supportive Services to Team Members	B-6 Record Attendance		
C	Conduct Screening Test	C-1 Organize Client List	C-2 Schedule Client Screening Time	C-3 Perform Speech/Language Screening	C-4 Perform Audiometric Screening
		C-5 Report Screening Results to Speech Pathologist			
D	Monitor/Maintain Assistive Technology	D-1 Maintain Communication Board	D-2 Monitor Functioning of Hearing Aid/FM Systems	D-3 Assist with Computer Software	D-4 Program Augmentative Communication Devices
		D-5 Monitor & Setup electronic Switches/Pointers	D-6 Monitor Function of Electro Larynx	D-7 Identify & Care of Speaking Valve	
E	Maintain a Safe Environment	E-1 Manage Behavior of Client	E-2 Adhere to Universal precautions	E-3 Maintain CPR Skills	E-4 Maintain First Aid Skills
		E-5 Utilize Proper body Mechanics	E-6 Transfer Client Safely	E-7 Maintain OSHA Standards	

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Maintain Professional Responsibilities

F-1 Perform Within Ethical/legal Boundaries	F-2 Maintain Client Confidentiality	F-3 Protect Privacy of Client. Self and others	F-4 Attend Staff Meetings
F-5 Maintain Ongoing Education	F-6 Personal Hygiene & Professional Appearance	F-7 Assist with Orientation of New Staff/Students	

Future Trends

- Advanced Technology
 - Computers
 - Familiarity with Instrumentation (Fees & Biofeedback)
 - Prostheses/Devices
- Bilingualism/Cultural Awareness
- Changes in Models of Service Delivery
- Competency Exam (ASHA) & C.E.U.'s
- Expansion of Care in New Areas
- Focus on Outcomes
- Increased Need for Appropriate Supervision (liability/ethics)
- Increases in Caseload
- Internet Use:
 - Provision of Care
 - Research/Continued Education

Knowledge & Skills

- Assistive Technology
- Auditory Discrimination Skills
- Auditory Processing
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Automy & Physiology of Speech/Hearing

- Basic Math Skills
- Behavior Management
- Common Syndroms
- Communication Skills
- Family Dynamics
- Fluency Disorders
- Geriatric Issues
- Hearing Impairment
- Language Disorder/Delays
- Learning Disabilities
- Medical Terminology
- Morphology
- Multi Cultural Awareness Including Deaf Culture
- Multi Tasks
- Neurogenic Disorders
- Normal Language & Cognatial Development
- Oral Motor Functioning
- Organizational Skills
- Phonetic Alphabet
- Phonology
- Pragmatics
- Prelinguistics
- Semantics
- Speech vs Language vs Commun.
- Syntax
- Voice Disorders

Tools, Equipment, Supplies and Materials

- Audiometer
- Auditory Hoop
- Books - Large & Small

- Communication Board:
 - Cardboard
 - Magnetic
 - Object
- Computer
- Copy Machine
- Data Collection Forms
- Devices
 - Computer Based
 - Dedicated AAC
 - Dynamic Display
 - Note Taker Alternative Keyboard
 - Picture Based
 - Scanning vs. Direct Select
 - Text Speech
- Digital Cameras
- Educational Software:
 - Anti-Static Treatments
 - Assistive Listening Devices
 - Auditory Feedback Devices
 - Dialscan
 - Electro Larynx
 - Hearing Aids/FM Systems
 - Internet
 - Mounting Equipment
 - Pointers
 - Speaking Valves
 - Touch Screen
- Electronic Switches
- Fax Machine
- Felt Boards
- File Boxes
- Flash cards
- Flash light
- Gloves
- Index cards
- Laminator
- Laryngeal mirror
- Markers
- Masks
- Microphone
- Mirror
- Office Forms
- Ora Swabs/Lemon Swabs
- Oral-Motor Therapy Materials
 - Bubbles
 - Cotton Balls
 - Feathers
 - Flavored Sprays
 - Floss
 - Lollipops
 - Nuk Brush
 - Ora Swabs/Lemon Swabs
 - Pinwheels
 - Straws/Tubing/Toothettes
 - Tongue Depressors
- Paper
- Paper Clips
- Pencils/Pens

- Printer
- Rewards
- Scissors
- Storage Boxes
- Switch Toys
- Tape Player/CD
- Tape/Glue
- Telephone
- Telephone Device for Deaf (TTY/TDD)
- Tissues
- Toys- 1"-1'
- Transparencies
- VCR/Camcorder
- Velcro
- Voice Mail
- Whistles
- Worksheets

Worker Characteristics and Traits

- Adaptable
- Assertiveness
- Caring
- Consistent
- Creativity
- Dependable
- Efficient
- Enthusiastic
- Flexibility
- Focused
- Follows Instructions
- Good Listening Skills
- Handles Stress
- Initiative
- Intelligent
- Interpersonal Skills
- Motivated
- Open Minded
- Organized
- Patient
- Positive Attitude
- Problem Solver
- Professional
- Quick Thinker
- Resourceful
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Self Starter
- Supportive
- Team Player
- Willing to Ask for Help

