

## Find the Perfect Job

Arizona has 220 school districts and 550 charter schools looking for dedicated SLPs and SLPAs. Information about certification, licensure, and employment may be found at:

- Teach In AZ: [www.teachinaz.com](http://www.teachinaz.com)
- Arizona Education Employment Board: [www.arizonaeducationjobs.com](http://www.arizonaeducationjobs.com)
- Arizona Department of Education: [www.azed.gov](http://www.azed.gov)
- Arizona Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ArSHA): [www.arsha.org](http://www.arsha.org)

Each geographic zone in the state is unique. No matter where you live and work, Arizona offers adventure and a place in the sun for everyone!

- 1) Western Arizona
- 2) Central and Northern Arizona
- 3) Southeast Arizona
- 4) Phoenix Metro Area



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## School-Based Speech Language Pathologists



Are You a Speech-Language  
Pathologist Looking to  
Make a Change?

**Arizona's Students  
Need You!**

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Exceptional Student Services  
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## Why Work in Arizona's Schools?

**Great Need, Great Opportunities, in a Great Place to Live!**



There is a growing need for school-based speech-language pathologists (SLPs) in Arizona schools. Approximately nine percent of school-based speech-language positions go unfilled every school year. Arizona schools are actively recruiting dedicated professionals year-round. Make a difference in the lives of Arizona's children by working as a school-based SLP.

### Benefits:

- ❖ Many districts offer separate pay scales for SLPs and/or salary addendums for Certificates of Clinical Competence (CCCs), bilingual endorsements, etc.
- ❖ Professional development opportunities, including an active state professional association
- ❖ Affordable medical, dental, vision plans
- ❖ State retirement
- ❖ Work-life balance friendly
- ❖ School calendar/school hours

### Benefits of Living in Arizona:

- ❖ City or country! Choose from metropolitan, suburban, or rural communities.
- ❖ The cost of living and housing in Arizona typically runs at or below the national average for our larger cities and well below the national average for our rural communities. The median home cost for Arizona is \$132,900, as reported by bestplaces.net. This is \$20,000 less than the national median home cost.
- ❖ The median annual academic year salary for SLPs in Arizona is approximately \$58,000\* and for SLPAs \$32,000\*\*.
- ❖ Snow or no snow. . . you decide! Lay out by the pool in Phoenix or Tucson, or ski on Flagstaff's majestic mountains. Arizona has more than 200 sunny days every year, no matter where you live.
- ❖ The Grand Canyon is just the beginning. Arizona offers natural wonders and adventures within hours of every location.



\*ASHA 2012 Schools Survey \*\*America's Career InfoNet

### Requirements in Arizona Schools:

#### Licensure

Arizona school SLPs must hold a license from the Department of Health Services. Information regarding obtaining a license to practice in Arizona is available at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/als/hadispl/>

#### Department of Education Certificate

In addition, Arizona SLPs in schools must hold a certificate from the Department of Education, which requires:

- ❖ A master's degree in speech pathology or communication disorders from an accredited program;
- ❖ A minimum of 250 clinical clock hours supervised by a university or a speech language pathologist with a CCC;
- ❖ One of the following:
  - A Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC)
  - A passing score on the Praxis II Speech-Language Pathology Test
  - A passing score on the speech and language impaired special education portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA)
- ❖ A valid Arizona IVP fingerprint card.

The Department of Education certificate is valid for six years and may be renewed with completion of sixty clock hours of relevant professional development. Additional information about certification can be found at: <http://www.azed.gov/educator-certification>