American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) describes speech language pathologists (SLPs) as healthcare providers that work to prevent, assess, diagnose, and treat speech, language, social communication, cognitive-communication, and swallowing disorders in children and adults. Typically SLPs can work in a variety of environments such as research, education and health care settings. SLPs often work as part of an interdisciplinary team, which may include physicians, audiologists, social workers, physical and occupational therapists, teachers and more. Please visit the ASHA (https://www.asha.org/Students/Speech-Language-Pathology/) website for details.

To become a speech language pathologist you must graduate from an accredited masters level speech language pathology program. Typically a SLP graduate degree is a two year program after your bachelor's degree. There are over 300 accredited speech language pathology masters degree programs in the United States.