

Speech Language Therapist/Pathologist

Description

Our Speech Language Therapist/Pathologist volunteers have a wide range of educational and clinical experience in cleft and other craniofacial anomalies. They partner with the medical team to provide insight into which types of procedures or non-surgical options ensure the best speech outcome for every patient.

Speech Volunteer Roles

1. Speech-Language Pathologist – Velopharyngeal Dysfunction (SLP-VPD)
 2. Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP)
 3. Speech-Language Pathology Associate (SLP-A)
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Minimum Qualifications (All Roles)

All applicants must meet the following general requirements:

- Valid licensure or certification in home country (if applicable).
 - Minimum of 2 years' experience with patients with cleft lip/palate, velopharyngeal dysfunction (VPD), or other craniofacial anomalies.
 - Basic knowledge of feeding issues in low-resource (LMIC) settings.
 - Current practice in a clinical or educational setting relevant to the role
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Role-Specific Requirements

1. Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP-VPD and SLP)

- May hold additional experience in instrumental VPD assessments (e.g., nasoendoscopy or radiology interpretation).
- Experience interpreting nasoendoscopy is preferred; performing it is not required.
- May be credentialed for general speech care and/or VPD care depending on experience and evaluation.

2. Speech-Language Pathology Associate (SLP-A)

- Graduate of a recognized SLP academic program that includes clinical observations and practicum - OR - holds a degree required to practice as an SLP in their home country (or equivalent), including residency or fellowship training in phoniatry, logopedics, or a related field.
- Completed coursework, diploma, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree in a relevant field (e.g., linguistics, education, nursing, psychology).
- Experience with cleft lip/palate or developmental differences preferred.
- Willingness to participate in targeted training and continuing education.
- Works under the supervision of a credentialed SLP.

Application Requirements (All Roles)

Applicants must submit the following:

- Completed Operation Smile Volunteer Application.
- Current curriculum vitae (CV) in English detailing education and relevant experience.
- Copies of degrees, transcripts, certifications, and licensure (if applicable).
- Background check as required by the Foundation office.