

Career Alternatives to SLP

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So why the switch?

- ❑ Do you genuinely not want to pursue this as a future career? Why?
- ❑ Are you not able to get into a graduate program as a result of your academic record?
- ❑ Is there anything you can do to improve? Look at your application and consider your weaknesses.
- ❑ Are there other schools that you can consider? Safety schools?

Why did you choose speech in the first place?

- Self assessment – Why did you chose this career in the first place? What are/were your future goals?

KEY QUESTIONS!

- What types of populations are you interested in working with?
- What type of problems/issues are/were you interested in addressing?
- What type of environment would you prefer to work in?

Do your homework!

- ❑ What are some realistic options for you to consider? This means options you are willing to pursue
- ❑ Do you have the academic record and/or experiences/skills to get into other graduate programs? If so, which ones?
- ❑ Do you need to retake your GRE's – How can you improve your score?

So what ARE my options?

Where can I work? Anywhere!

- ❑ Schools k-12
- ❑ Correctional Institutions
- ❑ Business and industry
- ❑ A variety of social service agencies
- ❑ Private practices
- ❑ Group homes
- ❑ Hospitals
- ❑ Nursing Homes
- ❑ Residential facilities
- ❑ Federal facilities – VA, NIH, Dept of Health and Human Services, Dept of Education, Armed Services
- ❑ Health Maintenance Organizations, Public Health Depts.
- ❑ Rehabilitation Centers
- ❑ Early childhood centers

Some “typical” career possibilities...

- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Social Worker
- Mental Health Counselor
- Adult Education
- Teaching
- Employment services
 - Voc Rehabilitation Counselor
 - Career Counselor
 - Job Coach

Some “typical” career possibilities...

- ❑ Occupational Therapist
- ❑ Art/Music/Dance Therapist
- ❑ Recreation Therapist
- ❑ School Counselor
- ❑ Guidance Counselor
- ❑ College Student Affairs Professional
- ❑ Probation/Parole Officer
- ❑ Literacy specialist

Resources

Graduate School Information

<http://www.gradschools.com/>

<http://www.petersons.com/>

Occupational Information

❑ Occupational Outlook Handbook -

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

❑ ONet - <http://online.onetcenter.org/find/>