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# What jobs and activities might graduates do?

Graduates can work as a Speech-language therapist in Aotearoa New Zealand and in a number of countries worldwide. They will be recognised as a professional in the health sector. They will work in a variety of settings including hospitals, community health centres, schools, and private practice.

Graduates will have been employed in a range of job settings and will have a range of skills.

## Speech-language therapy

- Regulate the development of speech-language therapy skills and the following responsibilities:
  - Help clients with communication, swallowing, and eating
  - Educate clients and their families
  - Develop and implement therapy plans, monitor progress and evaluate
  - Speech-language therapy may also lead to research in the field.
- Specific responsibilities can also depend on the setting, for example:
  - In a hospital, a therapist may assess and diagnose communication and swallowing difficulties following an acute stroke or a traumatic brain injury. They may also provide education/advice to staff.
  - In a school, a paediatric speech-language therapist may work with children and young people and a child or young person with a communication disorder.

## Speech, language, and communication disorders

- In the general communication and swallowing

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