

## Professional Certification Speech-Language Pathologists

- Master's Degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders
- State Licensure issued by the NC Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
- Certificate of Clinical Competence from American Speech & Hearing Association
- A Speech-Language Pathologist screens, evaluates and treats patients with communication and/or swallowing disorders

## Screening

- Pass/Fail procedure
- Identifies need for speech-language evaluation
- Identifies need for referral to other medical services

## Infant/Toddler Evaluation

- Evaluate strengths/weaknesses of early communication interactions.
- Evaluate pre-speech and language function
- Identifies need for referral to other medical services

## Speech-Language & Swallowing Evaluation

- Indicated by screening, physician or parent/caregiver referral
- Indicated when evidence suggests impairments affecting structure/function and/or activities/participation
- Comprehensive assessment of the major areas of communication, swallowing and AAC

## Areas of Impairment

- Articulation & Phonology
- Fluency
- Pragmatic Language
- Receptive & Expressive Language
- Voice
- Swallowing Function
- Need for Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC)

## Speech-Language Therapy

- Funding requires physician orders for SLP skilled therapy
- Therapy provided to address needs identified in evaluation
- Private therapy is generally provided individually
- Therapy provided in schools to address educational impairments only and is generally provided in group format.
- Frequency: 1-3 times per week, based upon severity of disorder
- Frequency may be determined by insurance limitations.