



Communicative Disorders Assistants' Scope of Practice

A one-year **Post Graduate** Certificate covers:



- Child language
- Neurogenic communication disorders
- Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech mechanism
- Dysphagia
- Articulation & Phonology
- Fluency
- Voice
- Augmentative & Alternative Communication
- Anatomy & Physiology of the Hearing mechanism
- Audiology and Amplification systems
- Aural (re)habilitation
- **Roles and Scopes** of S-LPs, AUDs and CDAs
- Therapy and Programming

And a minimum of **490** field placement hours

In **SPEECH**, a CDA's **clinical services** could include:



Direct intervention

- *Therapeutic intervention in all areas of communication and severity based on an S-LP's goals;*
- *Home programming*
- *Carryover for S-LP-only programs*
- *Screening following established protocols without interpretation*
- *Assistance in Assessment "four-handed assessment"*

Indirect Intervention

- *Material prep*
- *AAC system programming*
- *Administrative*

Education of clients and caregivers

- *Suggestions and support to the caregivers*

Under the **supervision** of a certified **Speech-Language Pathologist** or **Audiologist**, CDAs work at:



- Children's Rehabilitation Centres
- Health Centres
- Schools
- Private Practice
- Hospitals
- Hospices
- Health Units

They work with:

- Children
- Adolescents
- Adults
- Seniors

They work:

- In conjunction with the S-LP and/or AUD
- Within an Interprofessional team

CDAs can also:

- Provide general information to the public
- Supervise students
- Work as an Instructor at academic institutions.



In **AUDIOLOGY**, a CDA's **clinical services** could include:



Hearing screening and testing without interpretation

Ear mould impressions

- *Following adequate training and AUD's competency check*

Amplification systems

- *Loading settings, electro-acoustic analysis, basic troubleshooting and maintenance*

Education of clients and caregivers

- *caregivers who may be involved in supporting a client with his or her hearing aid(s)*

Supportive Services