

# Speech Language Therapist/Pathologist

## Description:

Our Speech Language Therapist/Pathologist volunteers have a wide range of depth 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.

## Qualifications (all applicants):

To be eligible as a Speech Language Therapist/Pathologist volunteer with Operation Smile, you must fulfill the following criteria:

- Graduate of a college/university with academic degree program that includes clinical observations and practicums for the degree or, has obtained the basic degree required to work in home country in speech language therapy, communication sciences and disorders and/or, have equivalent degree with residency or fellowship in phoniatry, or logopedics, as recognized in home institution.
- Have and maintain valid certification/licensure and/or registration as speech provider as recognized in home country.
- Minimum 2 years as speech provider in a setting with patients with various problems that can occur before and after intervention for a cleft lip, cleft palate, velopharyngeal dysfunction, and/or other craniofacial anomalies and syndromes.
- Basic knowledge of feeding issues related to cleft lip and cleft palate.
- Operation Smile recognizes that the Speech Language Therapist/Pathologist profession in healthcare settings may or may not exist in some countries. The application process is very intentional to understand an individual's full educational and professional background. Assessment and determination of these qualifying factors will be considered.
- Background check as regulated by foundation office.

## Specialty Qualifications (SLT/P-VPD)

- Advanced knowledge and experience with instrumental methods of velopharyngeal dysfunction (VPD) assessments, including interpretation of direct methods such as endoscopy and radiological imaging.
- Experience in interpreting nasoendoscopy. Experience in placing a nasoendoscope is beneficial but not required.

## Application documents needed:

- Completed Operation Smile Application form.
- Curriculum vitae (resume) detailing current experience, in English.
- Certificate/degree and/or licensure in profession, as recognized by country of residence.