

Employment Rates for CSDI Graduates

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for speech-language pathologists is excellent (<http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos099.htm>) due to the ageing population and the number of children who will need services in the future. The graduate students in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders are very fortunate to have excellent resources at their disposal for finding employment upon graduation. The ECU Career Center (<http://www.ecu.edu/e3careers/>) assists students throughout their graduate program by having career fairs and resume blitzes. Students have every opportunity to meet with career center staff to prepare professional resumes prior to making their first contact with a future employer.

Students also receive information about resumes and interviewing during their second year of the program in CSDI 6900/6901. All job announcements that come to the department are displayed on the bulletin board in the student workroom. Students also receive guidance from faculty and externship supervisors about job vacancies.

Based on responses from our 2008 graduates, over 50% of students had signed contracts before graduation day. All other students were actively seeking employment, had offers, or were expecting offers in the near future. As far as we know, all of our students who wanted to work, had employment secured by August 2008.

We like to hear from our graduates as well as employers. If you would like to contact the CSDI Department, please email Dr. Rose Allen at Allenro@ecu.edu. Tell us about your career successes so that we may share them with other alumni who read the "*Alliance*" which is the official newsletter of the College of Allied Health Sciences. We can also share with you upcoming events sponsored by CSDI for continuing education units.