

The VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System Audiology and Speech Pathology (VAPHS ASP) Research Program is currently recruiting a speech-language pathologist to work on funded research protocols in the area of aphasia and apraxia of speech. The VAPHS ASP Research Program includes 6 investigators with active projects funded by the VA Rehabilitation Research and Development Service and the National Institutes of Health. We are seeking a speech-language pathologist to work on one or more of the following projects:

1. An investigation of the effects of dosage and cognitive, psycholinguistic, and neuroanatomical predictors on naming treatment outcomes in aphasia;
2. A study of intensive vs. distributed sound production treatment for apraxia of speech;
3. An investigation of relationships between structural white matter connectivity, naming impairment, and naming treatment outcomes in aphasia;
4. An investigation of the validity and responsiveness of a new patient-reported outcome measure for aphasia.

The successful applicant will (1) have a master's degree or Ph.D. in Communication Science and Disorders, Speech and Hearing Science, or Speech-Language Pathology, (2) hold a current CCC-SLP, (3) have interest and experience in working with individuals with aphasia and/or apraxia of speech, (4) possess a working knowledge of current theories and evidence-based approaches to the assessment and treatment of aphasia and apraxia of speech, (5) have strong organizational and interpersonal communication skills, (6) demonstrate initiative and flexibility in identifying successful strategies for accomplishing work-related goals and objectives.

We are interested in potential applicants at all levels of experience, including master's level clinicians who may have only recently completed the CFY, mid or late-career clinicians, and post-doctoral applicants. For all applicants, this position represents an opportunity to work with a team of experienced researchers and clinicians in a supportive and stimulating environment. For Ph.D. applicants who meet eligibility requirements, there is also the potential opportunity to pursue independent research funding via the VA RR&D Research Career Development Program. These positions are term-limited appointments of 4-5 years duration.

Interested applicants should contact patrick.doyle@va.gov Associate Director for Research, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System