

Clinical Assistant Professor
(Speech-Language Pathology, Head and Neck Cancer Focus)
Non-Tenure Eligible

The Roxelyn and Richard Pepper Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Northwestern University is searching for a full-time speech-language pathologist to join the dynamic team of clinical faculty as an assistant clinical professor. The successful applicant will provide clinical care, supervise graduate students, and support research and educational missions of the Department's Center for Audiology, Speech, Language, and Learning and the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders. The position will be housed in the Voice, Speech, Language Service, and Swallowing Center located at Northwestern University's downtown Chicago medical campus in the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. The Head and Neck Multidisciplinary Cancer Center provides specialized care to inpatients and outpatients at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and serves as an exceptional educational setting for graduate students. The Center has strong partnerships with world-renowned research scientists housed within the Northwestern University Communication and Sciences Disorders Department and the Feinberg School of Medicine. Candidates must have extensive experience in evaluating and managing speech and swallowing disorders related to head and neck cancer.

Employment term: One (1) year appointment beginning January 1, 2024, renewable on an annual basis.

Qualifications:

- Earned Master's, SLPD, or Ph.D. in Speech-Language Pathology, as well as an ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology
- Eligibility for Illinois SLP licensure
- Extensive clinical experience in the management of speech, voice, and swallowing disorders in the head and neck cancer population, with specific proficiency in the areas of:
 - Laryngectomy (artificial larynx, TEP management, esophageal speech)
 - Post-surgical and post-radiation dysphagia
 - Tracheostomy, speaking valves
- Proficiency in conducting and interpreting Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) and Modified Barium Swallow Studies (MBSS)

Duties:

- Provide exceptional, evidence-based diagnosis and treatment for patients with head and neck cancer treatment in an acute-care hospital and outpatient multidisciplinary otolaryngology head and neck cancer clinic setting.
- Build and maintain a full caseload of head and neck outpatients.
- Coordinate with inpatient SLP team to provide seamless care for inpatients with head and neck cancer.
- Perform and interpret diagnostic swallow examinations via Modified Barium Swallow Studies and Flexible Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing.

- Collaborate with head and neck surgeons, radiation oncologists, medical oncologists, and researchers on the Chicago and Evanston campuses.
- Participate in research for funded and non-funded research projects, with a primary emphasis on head and neck cancer.
- Attend weekly tumor board to identify patient needs and potential research subjects.
- Maintain a database of head and neck cancer patients who meet the eligibility criteria for ongoing research projects.
- Attend weekly progress meetings with the research study team.
- Develop the clinical skills of graduate students via direct instruction and supervision within a team-based educational model.
- Assist in student advising and other activities related to student development.
- Participate in professional activities and service to the University, community, and the profession.

Salary: Competitive, depending on qualifications and experience.

Application procedure: Applications and supporting documents will be accepted only by [online submission here](#). Materials should include a cover letter outlining qualifications relevant to the position, current vitae, and the names and email addresses of three (3) references who may submit confidential letters of recommendation. Email your questions to the [Search Committee Chair, Kristin Larsen](#). For more information about the department, please visit our [website](#).

The Department: The Roxelyn and Richard Pepper Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Northwestern University is widely recognized for its excellence in research, education, and clinical training in the field of communication sciences and disorders. The department's commitment to excellence is reflected in its rankings, with the program being recognized as the 2nd best speech-language pathology program and 4th best audiology program by U.S. News and World Report. As a leading institution in this discipline, the department is committed to fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and innovative clinical and research practices. The department is co-located with the Northwestern University Center for Audiology, Speech, Language, and Learning (NUCASLL), a state-of-the-art clinical facility that offers the highest quality diagnostic and treatment procedures to clients with diverse hearing, cognitive-communication speech, language, voice, and swallowing disorders. NUCASLL also serves as a training ground for future clinical professionals while participating in innovative clinical and translational research.

The School: The [School of Communication](#) has five departments and offers a suite of interdisciplinary undergraduate, professional, and graduate programs. The departments span the communication arts and sciences including the Department of Radio-Television-Film, the Roxelyn and Richard Pepper Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, the Department of Communication Studies, the Department of Performance Studies, and the Department of Theatre (which includes music theatre and dance). The faculty of over 190 includes 109 tenure-eligible faculty. The school offers instruction to roughly 1200 undergraduate majors and 700 graduate and professional students. Founded over 130 years ago, the school has been a leader in developing the communication disciplines and professions, and continues to be a center of excellence in the communication arts and sciences. Our Dean is [E. Patrick Johnson](#).

The University: [Northwestern University](#) is one of the nation's largest private research universities. Located on the shore of Lake Michigan, the main campus is in Evanston and the medical campus is 12 miles south in downtown Chicago. There is continuing expansion of University facilities and programs, particularly in the sciences and medicine. Diverse cultural, social, and recreational activities abound on and near each campus.

Application Deadline: January 15, 2024. For full consideration, applications should be submitted by the deadline, but review of applications will continue until the position is filled.

"Northwestern strongly recommends COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters for people who can obtain them as a critical tool for minimizing severe illness. More information can be found on the [COVID-19 and Campus Updates](#) webpage."

The Northwestern campus sits on the traditional homelands of the people of the Council of Three Fires, the Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa as well as the Menominee, Miami and Ho-Chunk nations. We acknowledge and honor the original people of the land upon which Northwestern University stands, and the Native people who remain on this land today.

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Hiring is contingent upon eligibility to work in the United States. For more information, please visit the [University's Policy on Institutional Equity](#).

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