

# Financial Incentives and Tuition Programs for Speech-Language Pathology Personnel

## Virginia Incentive Program for Speech-Language Pathology (VIP-SLP)

The Department of Education has allocated funds to attract qualified speech language pathologists (SLPs) to Virginia's public schools. These funds are available to speech language pathologists who have accepted a contract with a Virginia school division for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school year and who have not been employed by a Virginia School division during the past three years and who are not participating in a special education personnel preparation program funded by the Virginia Department of Education. Participants can receive up to \$3,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years. Applications and additional information are available at <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2007/inf061.html>

## VTSLP Virginia Teaching Scholarship Loan Program

The primary purpose of the VTSLP is to provide financial support to students who are preparing to teach in one of Virginia's critical shortage fields. The critical shortage fields include all areas of special education including speech-language pathology. **Students who are eligible for the VTSLP must be nominated by the college or university to receive the award.**

Through the VTSLP, eligible students may receive a scholarship-loan for as much as \$3,720. When the student completes his/her teacher preparation program, the scholarship-loan may be totally forgiven if the student teaches for four semesters in the public schools of Virginia in the critical shortage field. Recipients may teach in any public school in Virginia. If, upon completion of the program, the student does not teach, the scholarship-loan must be paid back to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/newvdoe/vtslp.pdf>

## Virginia Tuition Assistance Program for Special Educators **Speech-language pathologists working with school-age students (ages 5 to 21)**

The Department of Education has budgeted a portion of Virginia's Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Part B grant funds, to provide tuition assistance of up to \$500 per course for a maximum of three courses per year for special educators. These funds are available to speech-language pathologists working with school-age students (ages 5 to 21) who hold a provisional license and have a full-time contract with a school division for the 2005-2006 school year and are not participating in a special education personnel preparation program funded by the Virginia Department of Education.

<http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf113.html>

**Speech-language pathologists working with early childhood special education students ( ages birth to five)**

The Department of Education has budgeted a portion of Virginia's Section 619 Preschool Grant funds to provide tuition assistance up to \$600 per course for a maximum of three courses per year for early childhood special educators. Eligible speech and language pathologists are those for whom preschoolers with disabilities make up at least 50 percent of their caseloads and who are enrolled in graduate-level coursework directly related to the area in which they are providing services or in early childhood special education.

These funds are available to personnel who have a full-time contract with a school division for the 2005-2006 school year and are not participating in a special education personnel preparation program funded by the Virginia Department of Education <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/suptsmemos/2005/inf180.html>

**Virginia College and University Tuition Support**

Accredited programs may offer tuition assistance, graduate assistantships, or tuition waivers to students who will teach or are currently employed in Virginia's public schools. For more information on specific tuition assistance programs, contact the college or university representative directly.

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