

## Speech-Language Pathology And Educational Audiology

### PROFESSIONS ON FAST TRACK FOR GROWTH

- Speech-language pathology and audiology will be among the **hottest professions** in the country in the next decade according to recent employment and growth projects in the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics' 2002-03 *Occupational Outlook Handbook*.
- The professions ranked among the top 30-out of 700 fastest growing occupations over the next decade, with the number of audiology positions expected to climb 45% and the number of speech-language pathology positions to grow by 39% from 2000-2010.
- In Ohio, 270 positions annually are anticipated across all settings through the year 2008 according to the U.S. Dept. of Labor and Statistics.

### **SALARY EXPECTATIONS**

- The median annual salary for a speech-language pathologist employed on an academic-year basis (9 or 10 month contract) was \$43,000.
- The median annual salary for speech-language pathologists on a calendar-year basis (11- or 12-month contract) was \$45,000.
- Educational audiologists reported a median academic-year salary of \$46,800 compared to an audiologist working a calendar year reporting \$50,000.
- The starting salary (1-3 years of experience) for speech-language pathologists was \$34,500 for an academic year (180 days) and \$38,000 for a calendar year (245 days).