

Appendix 1. Questionnaire

Demographic Details

Age:

Gender: Male, Female, Other, Prefer not to say

What is the location background of your home?

- a) Rural b) Urban

Nationality:

In which educational board did you study?

- State
- CBSE
- ICSE

What was your percentage score/cumulative GPA in your plus II/ pre university?

What is the highest level of education your father has completed? (Please specify the degree)

What is the highest level of education your mother has completed? (Please specify the degree)

What is the occupation of your father?

What is the occupation of your mother?

Institution you are currently studying in:

I am currently studying:

Bachelor in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology [BASLP/B.Sc. (Speech and Hearing)]

- I Year
- II Year
- III Year
- Internship

Factors that influenced career choice and perspectives before joining Audiology and Speech Language Pathology course

1. Who introduced you to the field of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (ASLP)?

- a) Personal experience (consulted an Audiologist and/or Speech Language Pathologist for self or accompanied someone for consultation) (People choosing this option will also answer Q2)
- b) Parents/Family member/Relative/Friend
- c) Teacher/Career guidance
- d) Audiologist/Speech Language Pathologist (SLP)/Student of ASLP
- e) Parent of a child with communication disorder/Individual with communication disorder
- f) Newspaper/Media/Internet/Social media
- g) Others (Please specify)

2. Please tell briefly in one or two sentences why had you consulted an Audiologist and/or SLP.

3. How did you get more information regarding the course to make an informed decision about applying to the course?

(Select all that apply)

- a) Parents/Family member/Relative/Friend
- b) Speech and Hearing Institute/Clinic/Audiologist/SLP
- c) Internet/Social Media
- d) Did not search for more information
- e) Others (Please specify)

4. Were you informed/aware about the following at the time of applying to the course of ASLP? (Select all that apply)

- a) Work settings
- b) Scope of practice
- c) Academic curriculum
- d) Financial remuneration
- e) Course fees
- f) Chances to be employed by foreign countries

5. Was ASLP your first choice when you applied for higher education? (Required)

- a) Yes (If yes, skip Q7)
- b) No

6. What are the factors that attracted you to join the course? (Select all that apply)

- a) Work settings
- b) Scope of practice
- c) Academic curriculum
- d) Financial remuneration
- e) Course fees
- f) Chances to be employed by foreign countries
- g) Service oriented field
- h) I had not perceived the course attractive
- i) Others (Please specify)

7. What was your first choice?

- a) Medicine
- b) Engineering
- c) Others (Please specify)

8. How many other courses had you applied for before joining ASLP?

- a) None (Please proceed to Q11)
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) 3
- e) Others (Please specify)

9. List the courses that you had applied for before joining the course in ASLP. _____

10. Were you selected for other courses that you had applied for?

- a) Yes
- b) No

11. What was the most influential factor on your choice of career?

- a) Parents/Family member/Relative/Friend
- b) Teacher/Career guidance
- c) Experience with a parent of a child with communication disorder/individual with communication disorder
- d) Personal experience with an ASLP
- e) My desire to work in a helping/service oriented profession
- f) Others (Please specify)

Please rate the influence of following factors on your career decision on a 5–point rating scale.

0=not an influence and 4=considerable influence

12. Personal influences

- a) Parents
- b) Immediate family/Relatives
- c) Friends
- d) Personal experience with an ASLP
- e) My desire to work in a helping/service oriented profession
- f) Experience with a parent of a child with communication disorder/individual with communication disorder

13. Educational influences

- a) Teacher in school
- b) Career guidance
- c) Academic curriculum (interesting subjects, difficulty level of subjects)
- d) Length of the program (4 years of UG and 2 years of PG)
- e) Course fees
- f) Location of the institute

14. Employment influences

- a) Financial remuneration
- b) Job availability
- c) Diversity of professional work settings
- d) Working hours per day/work load
- e) Opportunities for professional advancement
- f) Chances to be employed by foreign countries
- g) Scope of practice

15. Have you ever been diagnosed with any communication disorder before joining the course?

- a) Yes
- b) No

16. What was the diagnosis?

17. Have any of your family member/relative/friend ever been diagnosed with any communication disorder before you joined the course?

- a) Yes
- b) No

18. What was the diagnosis?

19. Please indicate how the diagnosis of communication disorder in you/your family member/relative/friend has influenced your decision to become an Audiologist and/or SLP (Please answer this question if your answer to Q15 or Q17 is Yes):

- a) It has made me feel empathic for others with communication disorder
- b) I/they have overcome my/their communication difficulties and I want to help others do the same
- c) It has introduced me to the field
- d) It does/did not have an influence on my career choice
- e) Others (Please specify)

**20. Are you planning to continue in the field and work as Audiologist and/or SLP after completing the course?
(This question will not appear for I and II year BASLP student)**

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Not sure