

CDA: Communicative Disorders Assistant (School-Based)



Who We Are:

- We are formally trained support personnel who assist with the delivery of speech-language pathology services
- We work under the supervision of speech-language pathologists (SLPs)
- We are educated about speech, language, and hearing development as well as communication disorders
- We can be members of the Communicative Disorders Assistant
 Association of Canada which provides continuing education and
 networking opportunities for CDAs, advocates for the CDA profession,
 and educates the public on topics related to speech, language and hearing



• We are qualified to carry out a range of clinical activities (see below)



What We Do:

- We support students, school staff, multidisciplinary teams and parents
- We provide 1:1 or group treatment for communication disorders. We plan, execute and document the treatment sessions based on the client-specific goals established by the supervising SLP
- We prepare augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) systems (e.g., communication boards, picture symbols, layouts, programming devices). We also create augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) resources
- We prepare materials for use in assessment, therapy, home programs and classrooms
- We provide suggestions and support to the school staff or parents in order to help the student achieve the goals established by the supervising SLP