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I first heard the term “ speech pathologist” when my little brother developed Eosinophilic Esophagitis at a young age. Prior to any treatment, my brother dealt with multiple problems including swallowing and communication disorders. Once a speech therapy team diagnosed my brother with this disorder and started performing treatment, we saw an immediate improvement. Fast forward nearly 10 years later, and I find myself preparing to impact somebody’s life as the speech therapy team impacted my brother’s life.

I originally began college not knowing what exactly I wanted to pursue as a major. I felt really discouraged going into the summer before my Sophomore year, so my advisor encouraged me to meet with a career counselor. I sat down with career services and began identifying things I knew true about myself: I love people, I am driven by a desire to fix problems, and I want to make a positive impact on others’ lives. I went home that summer still not knowing exactly what I wanted to do, but kept in mind the list about what fueled my passions. That summer, I shadowed a number of professionals in different fields. My mentor, speech pathologist Hannah Reed, allowed me the opportunity to shadow at a hospital, private practice, and a specialized school. After a few days of seeing all the areas a speech pathologist works in, I knew a career as a speech pathologist fit exactly what I wanted. Speech pathology joined all of my passions into one career, making it the perfect profession for myself.

This field incorporates everything I want in a career, and allows me to use my strengths to better the lives of my patients.