BSc. (Speech & Hearing Sciences)

JUPAS code: BSc (SPEECH) 6157

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• What is a speech therapist?
• Curriculum: How will you learn?
• Admissions requirements
What do we do?

- Speech
- Hearing
- Language
- Voice
- Reading & Writing
- Swallowing

Clients
Family
Health professionals
Teachers
Department of Health
Pre-school centers
Schools
Education Bureau
Hospitals
Private clinics
Universities

100% Employment rate
Basic monthly salary

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<th>2016</th>
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Data from Careers Education and Placement Center, HKU
## Employment sectors

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<td>Educational institutions</td>
<td>6 %</td>
<td>21 %</td>
<td>18 %</td>
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<td>Non-governmental organizations</td>
<td>57 %</td>
<td>48 %</td>
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<td>Private Practice</td>
<td>29 %</td>
<td>29 %</td>
<td>38 %</td>
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<td>Civil service / Hospital Authority</td>
<td>6 %</td>
<td>0 %</td>
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<td>Others (further studies)</td>
<td>2 %</td>
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Data from Careers Education and Placement Center, & Division of Speech & Hearing Sciences, HKU
Speechians’ Action

SPEECHIANS’ ACTION

HKU
Make Whole-Hearted Dialogue Among Children and Elderly
How to Become a Speech Therapist?
BSc. (Speech & Hearing Sciences)
5 years full-time
Translational learning

Facilitates learners as independent, critical thinkers to analyze problems, gain new information and integrate with prior knowledge.
## Curriculum Highlights

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<th>Course Contents</th>
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<td>Human Development, Clinical Linguistics, Introduction to Communication Disorders, Anatomy &amp; Physiology, Common Core Curriculum, University English</td>
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<td>Evidence-based Practice, Research Methods, Neurology, Cognition, Introduction to Clinical Practice, Common Core Curriculum, English for SHS</td>
<td>Clinical observations</td>
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<td>Speech &amp; language development and disorders, Audiology, Voice disorders, Pediatric complex cases, Pediatric Clinical Practicum</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Adult Communication and Swallowing Disorders, Adult complex cases, Adult Clinical Practicum</td>
<td>Clinical placement</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Advanced Clinical Practicum, Research in Communication Disorders</td>
<td>Capstone experience (Dissertation + Clinical placement)</td>
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Clinical practicum

- Supervised clinical practicum in a variety of settings, including our internal clinic and external placements.
- Integrate theory and clinical practice
- Development of the necessary interpersonal skills
Clinical Practicum

- Internal clinic at Kennedy Town Centre
Final year research dissertation

Individual research project with a final product as a 30 pages dissertation and conference presentation.
Admissions requirement (JUPAS)

- 53 places
- Mainly consider applicants in Band A
- Best 6 subjects
  - Level 3 or above in HKDSE Biology / Combined Science with Biology component
  - Level 4 in English
- DSE admissions scores in the past years: 34-40
- No interviews for JUPAS applicants
Admissions requirement (Non-JUPAS)

- No fixed quota
- Mainly consider applicants who have listed us as First Choice
- Proficient in English and Cantonese, written Chinese
- Must have Biology component
- Case-by-case basis
- Interviews for short-listed candidates (Dec, April)
For More Information

Websites:

- Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences, HKU
- Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists
- Speechians’ Action (students’ service group Facebook page)
Questions and Answers
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