



Nurturing future speech-language pathologists

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How does BSc (SLP) nurture our students to become:

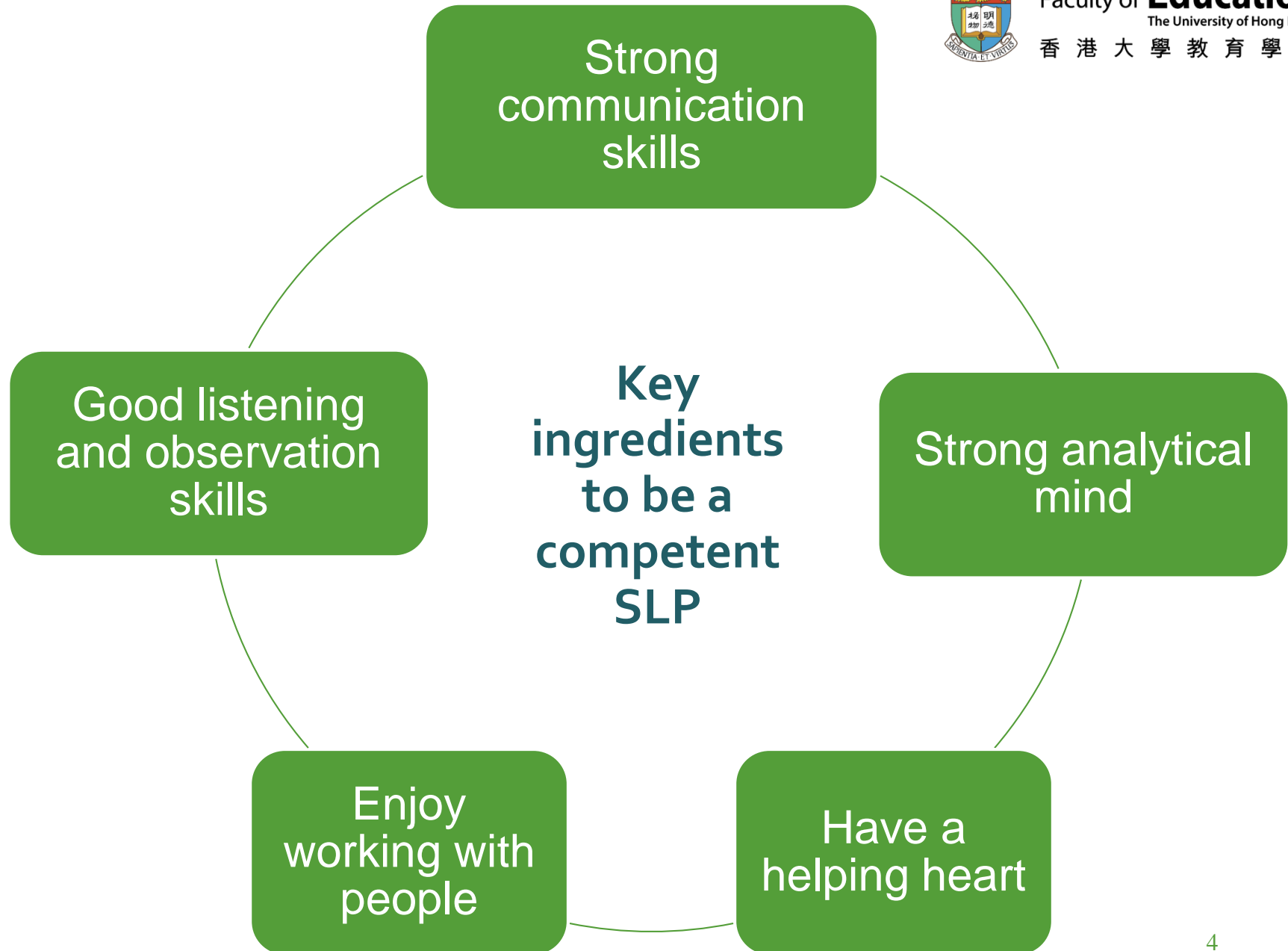
1. A competent speech-language pathologist
2. The future leaders in the field





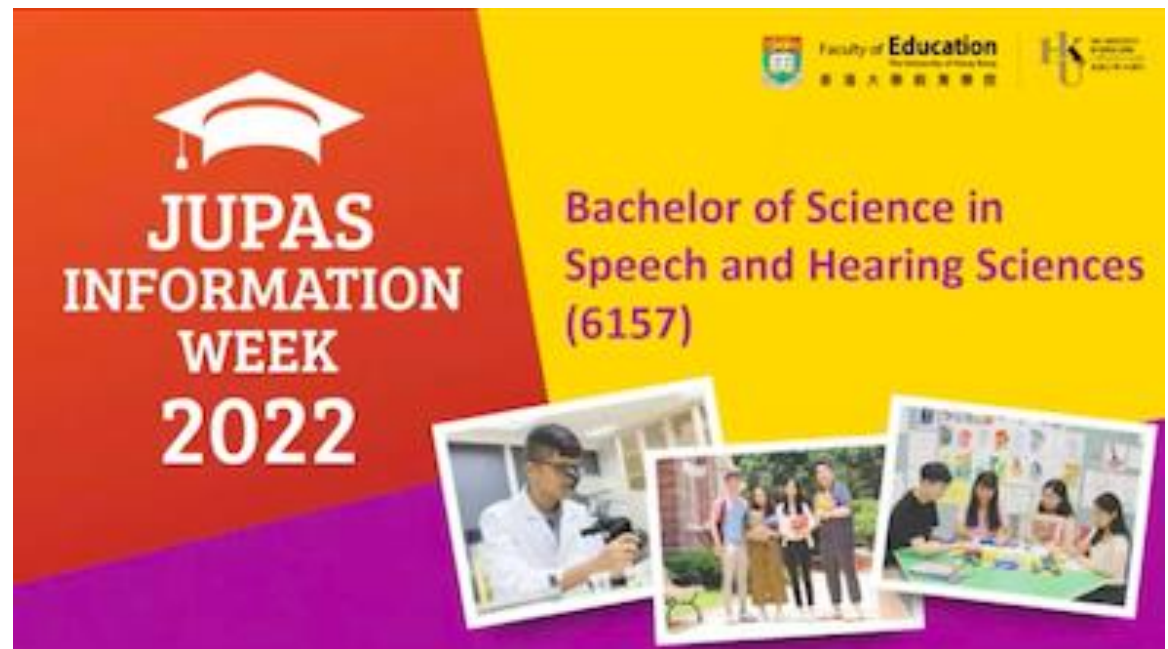
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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY





Recap of the “Key ingredients to be a competent speech-language pathologist”



Curriculum structure



Year	Course Content
1	Human Development, Anatomy & Physiology for SHS, Clinical Linguistics, Introduction to Communication Disorders. Foundation
2	Speech Science, Neurology & Neuroscience, Cognition and Language Processing, Evidence-based Practice, Research Methods & Statistics, Introduction to Clinical Practice. Foundation
3	Speech & Language Development and Disorders, Voice disorders, Audiology & Aural Rehabilitation, Pediatric Complex Cases Management, Pediatric Clinical Practicum. Pediatric
4	Aphasia, Motor Speech Disorders, Swallowing Disorders, Fluency, Laryngectomy & Craniofacial Disorders, Adult Complex Cases Management, Adult Clinical Practicum. Adult
5	Inter-professional Practice, Multilingualism. Two capstone courses: 1) Research in Human Development & Communication Disorders, 2) Advanced Clinical Practicum. Inter-professional

Curriculum structure



Year	Course Content	Delivery Methods	
1	Human Development, Anatomy & Physiology for SHS, Clinical Linguistics, Introduction to Communication Disorders. Foundation	Lectures & workshops	Clinical observations
2	Speech Science, Neurology & Neuroscience, Cognition and Language Processing, Evidence-based Practice, Research Methods & Statistics, Introduction to Clinical Practice. Foundation		
3	Speech & Language Development and Disorders, Voice disorders, Audiology & Aural Rehabilitation, Pediatric Complex Cases Management, Pediatric Clinical Practicum. Pediatric		Clinical placements (KTC clinic, schools, NGOs, nursing homes, hospitals, etc.)
4	Aphasia, Motor Speech Disorders, Swallowing Disorders, Fluency, Laryngectomy & Craniofacial Disorders, Adult Complex Cases Management, Adult Clinical Practicum. Adult		
5	Inter-professional Practice, Multilingualism. Two capstone courses: 1) Research in Human Development & Communication Disorders, 2) Advanced Clinical Practicum. Inter-professional	Lectures & workshops. Research	

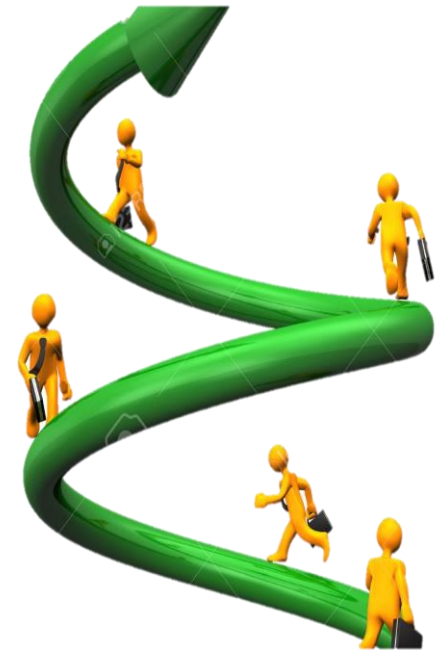
How do we nurture our students?

Strong theoretical knowledge

- Reinforce your theoretical knowledge across years through spiral learning.

Clinical practicum

- Complete more than 300 hours of direct clinical contact under the supervision of an experienced clinical educator.
- In a variety of settings, including internal clinic (KTC), external sites and hospitals.
- Put strong emphasis on evidence-based and scientific practice.



Our internal clinic:



Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic at Kennedy Town Centre (KTC)





Clinical placements at external sites

Pre-school centers, kindergartens

Schools (mainstream, special)

Non-governmental organizations

Nursing homes / Old-age homes

Rehabilitation centers

Hospitals

Government organizations



Some examples:



香港特別行政區政府
衛生署



醫院管理局
HOSPITAL
AUTHORITY



中華人民共和國香港特別行政區政府
教育局



匡智會
Hong Chi Association

匡扶智障 FOR people with intellectual disabilities



扶康會
Fu Hong Society



家福會
HKFWS



香港盲人輔導會
The Hong Kong Society for the Blind



香港基督教服務處
HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE



基督教家庭服務中心
Christian Family Service Centre



基督教香港信義會社會服務部
Evangelical Lutheran Church
Social Service - Hong Kong



香港聖公會
HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI



香港明愛
Caritas
HONG KONG



救世軍
THE SALVATION ARMY



聖雅各福群會
St. James' Settlement



仁愛堂
YAN OI TONG



東華三院
Tung Wah Group of Hospitals



保良局
PO LEUNG KUK



SAHK
香港耀能協會
We advance in rehabilitation 卓越展新



協康會
CHEE HONG SOCIETY



How do we nurture our students?

Experiential learning

- Embedded in coursework.
- Events (e.g., School Fun Day, World Voice Day, World Swallowing Day).
- Visits at external organizations and clinics (e.g., Gerontechnology centre).
- Experiential learning service trip to Wuhan.



Visiting the gerontechnology center



Initiatives in curriculum development



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Inter-professional education



**HKU
Med**

LKS Faculty of Medicine
Bau Institute of Medical & Health
Sciences Education
香港大學鮑氏醫學及衛生教育研究所



Interprofessional Education
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Cases on:

dementia (adult)

developmental delay (pediatric)



Initiatives in clinical education

Telehealth clinic



The SLP (top-right corner) is conducting a communication treatment for the patient. She is showing flash cards to teach the patient how to pronounce words.



Initiatives in clinical education



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Simulation clinic

Speech Therapists x ActoR Teachers (START) Partnership in Clinical Education

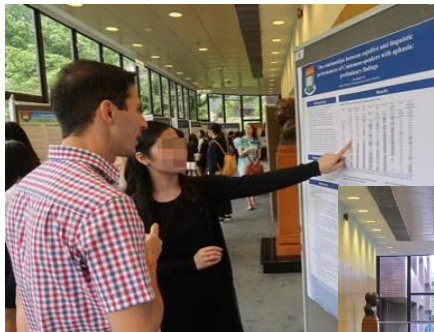




How do we nurture our students?

Research opportunities

- Research project in year 5.
- Research laboratories.
- University-level research fellowships.
(Laidlaw Research & Leadership Programme)
(University Research Fellowship Programme)



**The choice of musical instrument matters:
Effect of pitched but not unpitched
musicianship on tone identification and
word learning**

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The Impact of Dysphonic Voices on Children's Comprehension of Spoken Language

Johnny C.-H. Chui, and Estella P.-M. Ma, Hong Kong

Summary: Background. This study investigated the effect of teachers' dysphonic voices on children's listening comprehension.

Methods. One hundred thirty-four grade three and four students were recruited from local primary schools in Hong Kong. They were required to listen to six passages, three in Cantonese and three in English, which were either read in normal, mildly dysphonic, or severely dysphonic voices. The students were required to complete six multiple-choice comprehension questions upon listening to each passage. Comprehension performance across languages, dysphonic severities, genders, and question types were examined.

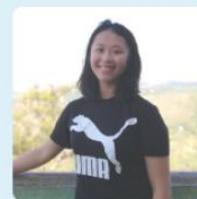
Results. The results showed that listening comprehension was significantly poorer even when speaker's voice quality was mildly impaired. Performance in Cantonese was generally better than that in English but no significant difference in the pattern of decline was found. Both boys and girls suffered to similar extent under dysphonic situations. Differen-



Innovations and awards



**Our student is the 1st runner-up of the
AI Future Tense: Pitching InnoTech Solutions
competition**



Yue Hang Chi, Rachel



Lee Hoi In, Lesley



"MotOral" mobile app

**Faculty of Education students win
the Pitching Contest for Engineering Undergraduates
and InnoHub members 2022**

**Education student receives award as
Top 10 Outstanding Tertiary Student
of Hong Kong 2022**



Yue Hang Chi, Rachel
[Bachelor of Science in
Speech and Hearing Sciences]



Admissions Requirements & Application Procedures

Admissions

- 48 places (for 2025-26 intake).
- No fixed quota for JUPAS and non-JUPAS applicants.
- Must attend an interview.
- Only consider applicants who put B.Sc.(SLP) in their:
 - Band A choices [JUPAS]
 - First choice [non-JUPAS]



Interview dates:

SNDAS (completed)

Non-JUPAS (completed)

JUPAS (18 Jun; 24 July)



Admissions scores

JUPAS

- **Best 5 subjects** in Category A (including M1/M2).
- English: Level 4 or above.
- All subjects counted equally.
- 2024-2025 JUPAS scores:
 - Lower quartile: 32
 - Median: 32
 - Upper quartile: 34

Conversion of levels into scores:

5**=8.5, 5*=7, 5=5.5, 4=4, 3=3, 2=2, 1=1, others=0.

Source: https://www.jupas.edu.hk/f/page/3667/af_2023_JUPAS.pdf



Interview Tips

Group interview (JUPAS)

We look for students with:

- Strong communication skills.
- Strong analytical mind.
- Logical thinking.
- Good listening & observation skills.
- Ability to work with people.

Avoid doing these:

- Non-engagement.
- Dominating.
- Aggressive/confrontational
- Not following instructions
- Dismiss others' opinions

How to prepare yourself?

- Study the information we provide.
 - BSc.(SLP) website, HKU
https://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/bsslp_6157
 - Follow our IG



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STUDENT SHARING



ALEX TSE (YEAR 4)

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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