Bachelor of Science in Speech & Hearing Sciences

JUPAS code: [BSc (SPEECH)] 6157

Updated in October 2021
Outline

• The profession of speech-language therapy.

• The curriculum of speech and hearing sciences at HKU.

• The requirements and procedures to apply to the programme.

• Sharing from students and graduate.
The profession of speech-language therapy

What do speech-language therapists (SLTs) do?
Where do SLTs work?
Where did our graduates go?
What do speech-language therapists do?

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

Clients
Family
Health professionals
Teachers
What populations do we serve?

- People across the life span (from newborn to elderly).
- Different clinical populations:
  - Autism Spectrum Disorder
  - Down syndrome
  - Intellectual disabilities
  - Stroke
  - Cancer ...
Work settings

- Government organisations
- Pre-school centers
- Schools and universities
- Non-government organisations
- Nursing homes
- Hospitals
- Private clinics

2020
98% employed
2% further studies
## Employment sectors

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<th>Sectors</th>
<th>2020</th>
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<td>Community, Social &amp; Personal Services</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<td>(NGOs, nursing homes, private clinics)</td>
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<td>Educational Institutions</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<td>(Mainstream schools, special schools)</td>
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<td>Civil Service</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>5.6%</td>
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<td>(Hospital Authority)</td>
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<td>Commerce &amp; Industry</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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Data from Careers and Placement Section, Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS)
## Basic monthly salary (in HKD)

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<td>Mean</td>
<td>33,198</td>
<td>31,370</td>
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<td>Median</td>
<td>33,350</td>
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<td>30,000</td>
<td>13,000</td>
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<td>Max.</td>
<td>36,770</td>
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How to become a speech-language therapist?
BSC. IN SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCES

5 years, full-time
The curriculum
Translational learning

**Goals**

- Become independent and critical thinkers.
- Able to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills to provide evidence-based and person-centered services.
- Have the abilities to pursue life-long learning.
## Curriculum Structure

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<th>Course Content</th>
<th>Delivery Methods</th>
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<td>Human Development, Clinical Linguistics, Introduction to Communication Disorders, Anatomy &amp; Physiology. Common Core Curriculum, University English.</td>
<td>Lectures &amp; workshops, Clinical observations</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Speech &amp; Language Development and Disorders, Audiology, Voice disorders, Complex Cases, Fluency, Laryngectomy &amp; Craniofacial Disorders Pediatric Clinical Practicum.</td>
<td>Lectures &amp; workshops, Research</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Aphasia, Motor Speech Disorders, Swallowing Disorders, Complex Cases, Adult Clinical Practicum.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Inter-professional Practice, Multilingualism. Capstone courses: i) Research in Human Development &amp; Communication Disorders, &amp; ii) Advanced Clinical Practicum.</td>
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Final year research project (Capstone)

• Complete a research project.
• Submit a proposal and a research report.
• Give a presentation.
Clinical practica

• Complete more than 300 hours of direct client contact under the supervision of an experienced clinical educator.

• In a variety of settings, including the internal clinic, external sites and hospitals.

• Emphasise evidence-based and scientific practice.
Our clinic:

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

• The programme is fully endorsed by the Hong Kong Institute of Speech Therapists.

• Graduates are qualified speech therapists upon graduation.

• They are eligible to apply to be Member of Register of Speech Therapists accredited by the Department of Health.
Admissions Requirements & Application Procedures
Admissions requirements

- 48 places (for 2022-23 intake).
- No fixed quota for JUPAS and non-JUPAS applicants.
- Must attend an interview.
- Include a personal statement in the application.
JUPAS admissions requirements

• Only consider applicants who have put our programme in their Band A choices.

• Best 6 subjects:
  ✓ Level 4 or above in English.
  ✓ Level 3 or above in HKDSE Biology / Combined Science with a Biology component (* Note: Subject to the University’s approval)

• Check our JUPAS website for updated information on the DSE admissions scores in the past years.

• Must attend an interview (early to mid June, 2022).
JUPAS admissions interviews

- In June 2022
- Compulsory
- A half-day event
- Individual interviews and group activities
Non-JUPAS admissions requirements

• Mainly consider applicants who have listed our programme as their First Choice.

• Proficient in English and Cantonese, written Chinese.

• **Must have a Biology component.** (*Note: Subject to confirmation*)

• Case-by-case basis.

• Interviews for short-listed candidates (**Dec 2021**).
How to prepare yourself?

• Online search for information
  o BSc. in Speech and Hearing Sciences, HKU
  o JUPAS admissions at HKU
  o Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists
  o Video and information on communication disorders and different clinical populations (e.g., https://www.youtube.com/clashku)

• **Volunteer opportunities** at related organisations

• Talk with current SHS students or speech therapists
  o Facebook of Speechians’ Action – A service group run by students in our programme
Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences Taster Workshop

Date: November 4, 2021 (Thu)
Time: 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm
Venue: Meng Wah Complex, HKU

Taster activities
Research lab tour
Sharing from Speechians’ Action

Seats are limited and registration is required.

Updates can be obtained from:

https://web.edu.hku.hk
education.hku
hku_education
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educkehku
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Sharing from SHS students and graduate

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