



Faculty of **Education**
The University of Hong Kong
香港大學教育學院

Bachelor of Science in *Speech & Hearing Sciences*

JUPAS code:
[BSc (SPEECH)] 6157

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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?





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

Sectors	2020	2019	2018
Community, Social & Personal Services (NGOs, nursing homes, private clinics)	54%	67%	66%
Educational Institutions (Mainstream schools, special schools)	34%	28%	29%
Civil Service (Hospital Authority)	11%	5.6%	0.0%
Commerce & Industry	0.0%	0.0%	5.7%

Data from Careers and Placement Section,
Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS)



Basic monthly salary (in HKD)

	2020	2019	2018
Mean	33,198	31,370	29,549
Median	33,350	31,685	30,000
Min.	30,000	13,000	14,000
Max.	36,770	35,000	35,000

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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 pursuit life-long learning.



Curriculum structure

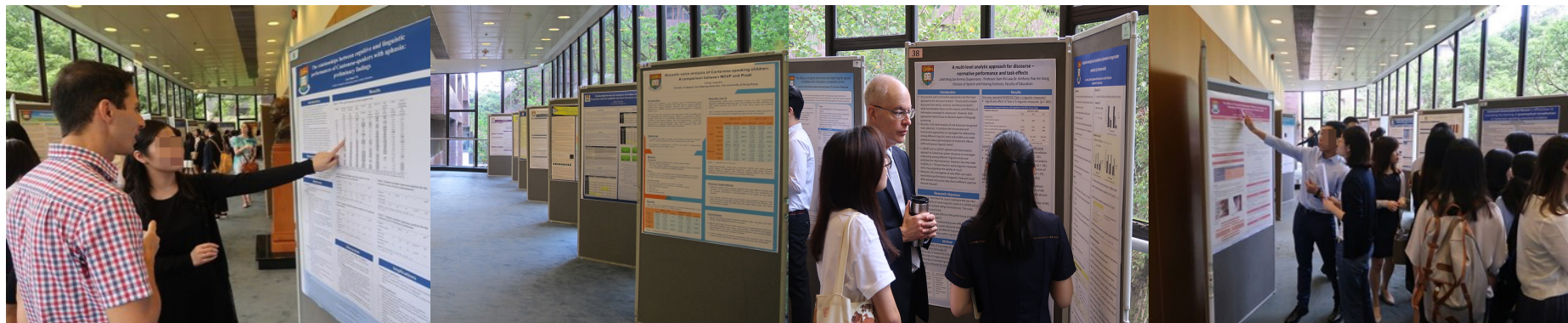
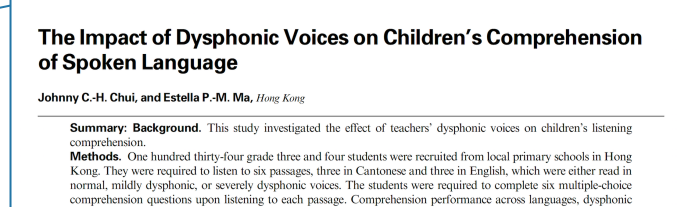
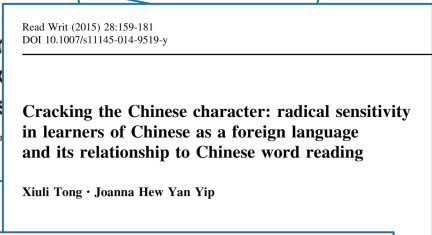
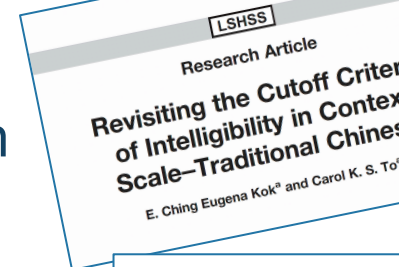


Year	Course Content	Delivery Methods	
1	Human Development, Clinical Linguistics, Introduction to Communication Disorders, Anatomy & Physiology. Common Core Curriculum, University English.	Lectures & workshops	Clinical observations
2	Speech Science, Neurology, Cognition, Evidence-based Practice, Research Methods & Statistics, Introduction to Clinical Practice. Common Core Curriculum, English for SHS.		Clinical placements
3	Speech & Language Development and Disorders, Audiology, Voice disorders, Complex Cases, Fluency, Laryngectomy & Craniofacial Disorders Pediatric Clinical Practicum.		
4	Aphasia, Motor Speech Disorders, Swallowing Disorders, Complex Cases, Adult Clinical Practicum.		
5	Inter-professional Practice, Multilingualism. Capstone courses: i) Research in Human Development & Communication Disorders, & ii) Advanced Clinical Practicum.	Lectures & workshops, Research	13



Final year research project (Capstone)

- Complete a research project.
- Submit a proposal and a research report.
- Give a presentation.





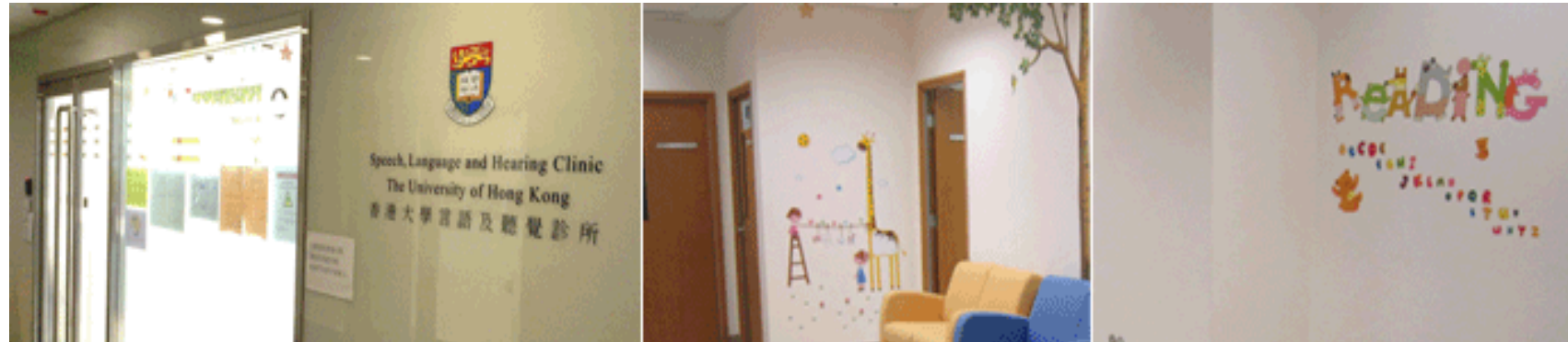
Clinical practica

- 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
 - BSc. in Speech and Hearing Sciences, HKU
 - JUPAS admissions at HKU
 - Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists
 - 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
 - Facebook of Speechians' Action – A service group run by students in our programme



Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences Taster Workshop

VISIT US
IN PERSON!


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](https://www.facebook.com/education.hku)



[hku_education](https://www.instagram.com/hku_education)



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Sharing from SHS students and graduate

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