Bachelor of Science in Speech - Language Pathology

(Formerly known as Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences)

JUPAS code: JS6157

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Outline

• The profession of speech-language pathology.

• The curriculum of BSc(SLP) at HKU.

• The requirements and procedures to apply to the programme.

• Sharing from current students.
The profession of speech-language pathology

What do speech-language pathologists (SLPs) do?
Where do SLPs work?
Where did our graduates go?
What do speech-language pathologists do?

- Speech
- Language
- Reading & Writing
- Voice
- Hearing
- 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
  - Parkinson’s disease
  - Cancer ......
Work settings

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

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<td>Community, Social &amp; Personal Services (NGOs, nursing homes, private clinics)</td>
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<td>Educational Institutions (Mainstream schools, special schools)</td>
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<td>36.6%</td>
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<td>Civil Service (Hospital Authority, Education Bureau)</td>
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Data from Careers and Placement Section, Centre of Development and Resources for Students at HKU (CEDARS)
Basic monthly salary (in HKD)

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Data from Careers and Placement Section, Centre of Development and Resources for Students at HKU (CEDARS)
Number of Job Offer Received

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How to become a speech-language pathologist?
BSC. IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

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.
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<th>Course Content</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</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>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Aphasia, Motor Speech Disorders, Swallowing Disorders, Complex Cases, Adult Clinical Practicum.</td>
<td>Clinical placements</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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Experiential learning

- Embedded in coursework.
- Visits at external organizations, clinics and schools.
- Simulation clinic.
- Events (e.g., School Fun Day, Green Voice Day, World Swallowing Day).
- Wuhan clinic experience.
Final year research project (Capstone)

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

- 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.
- Emphasize 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 (HKIST).

• 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”.

HKIST
HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SPEECH THERAPISTS

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Admissions Requirements & Application Procedures
Admissions requirements

- 48 places (for 2024-25 intake).
- No fixed quota for JUPAS and non-JUPAS applicants.
- Must attend an interview.
JUPAS admissions requirements

- Only consider applicants who have put our programme in their Band A choices.
- **Best 5 subjects:**
  - Level 4 or above in English.
  - Level 3 or above in Chinese
  - Level 2 or above in Mathematics
  - Attained CZ / Level 2 or above in LS
  - Level 3 or above in HKDSE Biology / Combined Science with a Biology component
- Check the JUPAS website for updated information on the DSE admissions scores in the past years.
- Interview (early to mid June, 2023).
JUPAS admissions interviews

- Early-to-mid June 2023
- Compulsory
- Group discussion

Amazing opportunity for you to show us your:

- Understanding about the curriculum and the field.
- Thinking ability.
- Communication skills.
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. (From 2022 intake)

• Case-by-case basis.

• Interviews for short-listed candidates (Dec 2022 – Jan 2023).
How to prepare yourself?

- Study the information we provide.
  - BSc.(SLP) website, HKU
    https://web.edu.hku.hk/programme/bsslpc_6157
  - Follow our IG
    @HKU_SPEECH
How to prepare yourself?

• **Online search for information.**
  - Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists
  - Video and information on communication disorders and different clinical populations (e.g., [https://www.youtube.com/clashku](https://www.youtube.com/clashku))

• **Volunteer opportunities at related organizations.**

• **Talk with current students or speech-language pathologists.**
  - Speechians’ Action – A student-led service group run in our programme.
Sharing from SHS students

Alex Tse (Year 3)
Jacqueline Chui (Year 4)
STUDENT SHARING

ALEX TSE (YEAR 3)

JACQUELINE CHUI (YEAR 4)
ROLES OF SLP

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Teach people how to speak?
SLPs provide assessments and treatments to patients with:

- Language disorders
- Speech sound disorders
- Voice disorders
- Social and cognitive communication disorders
- Swallowing problems
- Feeding problems
- And a lot more
Reasons to choose SLP

- Love Getting Along with People
- Eager for Social Change
- Small Class Size
- Medical + Linguistic Curriculum
**The International Phonetic Alphabet (revised to 2005)**

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<th>Consonants (Pulmonic)</th>
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- **Plosive**
  - p b
  - t d
  - k g

- **Nasal**
  - m n j
  - n j

- **Trill**
  - B R

- **Tap or Flap**
  - r

- **Plosive**
  - f v
  - z s

- **Lateral Approximant**
  - l j

- **Approximant**
  - j

- **Lateral Approximant**
  - l

Where symbols appear in pairs, the one to the right represents a voiced consonant. Shaded areas denote articulations judged impossible.

**therapist** /ˈθiərəpɪst/
Important cerebral landmarks and organizations

Muscles of the Pharynx
Pediatric Clinical Practicum
Adult Clinical Practicum
Experiential Learning
Throwback Time
SEE YOU IN HKU!
THANK YOU
If you have any questions, please email bscslp@hku.hk or ask now!
APPENDIX
• **Best 6 Subjects for JUPAS 2023:**
  • Upper quartile = 39
  • Median = 38
  • Lower quartile = 36
- The standards below are required for **consideration**.
- **Not a guarantee** for admissions to the University.

| Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood Education and Special Education | 32 | 3A | 3AP (Grade 3) + SAT 1380 OR 5AP (Grade 3) |
| Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education in Language Education - English | 32 | 3A | 3AP (Grade 3) + SAT 1380 OR 5AP (Grade 3) |
| Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education in Language Education - Chinese | 32 | 3A | 3AP (Grade 3) + SAT 1380 OR 5AP (Grade 3) |
| Bachelor of Education and Bachelor of Science | 32 | 3A | 3AP (Grade 5) + SAT 1380 OR 3AP (Grade 5) + 2AP (Grade 4) |
| Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology | 37 | 3A | 3AP (Grade 3) + SAT 1380 OR 5AP (Grade 3) |