BSc in Speech & Hearing Sciences

JUPAS code: BSc (SPEECH) 6157
Outline

• The profession of speech therapy
• The curriculum of speech and hearing sciences at HKU
• The requirements and procedures to apply to the program
What do speech therapists do?

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

Clients
Family
Health professionals
Teachers
What populations do we serve?

- People across the life span
- Different clinical populations
  - Autism Spectrum Disorder
  - Down syndrome
  - Intellectual disabilities
  - Stroke
  - Cancer ...
Work settings

- Government organizations
- Pre-school centers
- Schools
- Nursing homes
- Hospitals
- Private clinics
- Universities

2019
97% employed
3% further studies
## Employment sectors

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<th>Sectors</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2018</th>
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<td>Non-governmental organizations</td>
<td>37%</td>
<td>49%</td>
<td>36%</td>
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<td>Educational institutions</td>
<td>27%</td>
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<td>24%</td>
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<td>Private Practice</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<td>Civil service / Hospital Authority</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>9%</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<td>Others (further studies)</td>
<td>3%</td>
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Data from Careers Education and Placement Center & BSc Program of Speech & Hearing Sciences, HKU
## Basic monthly salary

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<td>Mean</td>
<td>31,370</td>
<td>29,549</td>
<td>29,763</td>
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<td>Median</td>
<td>31,685</td>
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<td>13,000</td>
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<td>Max.</td>
<td>35,000</td>
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How to become a speech therapist?
BSc. in Speech & Hearing Sciences
5 years, full-time
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 Contents</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>Classrooms</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Evidence-based Practice, Research Methods &amp; Statistics, Neurology, Cognition, Introduction to Clinical Practice Common Core Curriculum, English for SHS</td>
<td>Clinical observations</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Speech &amp; Language Development and Disorders, Audiology, Voice disorders Pediatric Clinical Practicum</td>
<td>Classrooms</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Adult Communication and Swallowing Disorders Adult Clinical Practicum</td>
<td>Clinical placements</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Inter-professional Practice, Advanced Clinical Practicum Research in Communication Disorders</td>
<td>Classrooms Capstone experience: Dissertation + Clinical placements</td>
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Clinical practica

• Supervised
• In a variety of settings, including the internal clinic, external sites and hospitals
• Emphasize evidence-based and scientific practice
Our clinic

- Internal clinic at the Kennedy Town Centre
Final year research dissertation

Complete a research project
Submit a proposal and final report
Professional Recognition

• The program 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

• 56 places
• 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 program 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
  - ✓ DSE admissions scores in the past years: check our JUPAS website for updated information

• Attend an interview
JUPAS admissions interviews

• On June 12, 2020 (July 31, 2020)

• Compulsory

• A half-day event

• Individual interviews and group activities
Non-JUPAS admissions requirements

• Mainly consider applicants who have listed us as their First Choice

• Proficient in English and Cantonese, written Chinese

• Must have a Biology component

• Case-by-case basis

• Interviews for short-listed candidates (Dec, 2019; May, 2020)
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

• Volunteer opportunities at related organizations

• Talk with current SHS students or speech therapists
  o Facebook of Speechians’ Action – A service group run by students in our program
Questions?
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