



# BSc in Speech & Hearing Sciences

JUPAS code: BSc (SPEECH) 6157



# 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





# The profession of speech-language Pathology

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# What do speech-language therapists do?



# 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 organisations

Pre-school centers

Schools and universities

Non-government organisations

Nursing homes

Hospitals

Private clinics



2019  
97% employed  
3% further studies



# Employment sectors

Sectors	2019	2018	2017
Non-governmental organisations	37%	49%	36%
Educational institutions	27%	27%	24%
Private practice	14%	11%	21%
Civil service / Hospital authority	19%	9%	15%
Others (further studies)	3%	4%	4%

Data from Careers Education and Placement Center & BSc programme of Speech & Hearing Sciences, HKU



# Basic monthly salary

	2019	2018	2017
Mean	31,370	29,549	29,763
Median	31,685	30,000	30,000
Min.	13,000	14,000	22,000
Max.	35,000	35,000	32,470

Data from Careers Education and Placement Center, HKU





# How to become a speech-language therapist?





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# BSC. IN SPEECH & HEARING SCIENCES

5 years, full-time



# The curriculum

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# 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

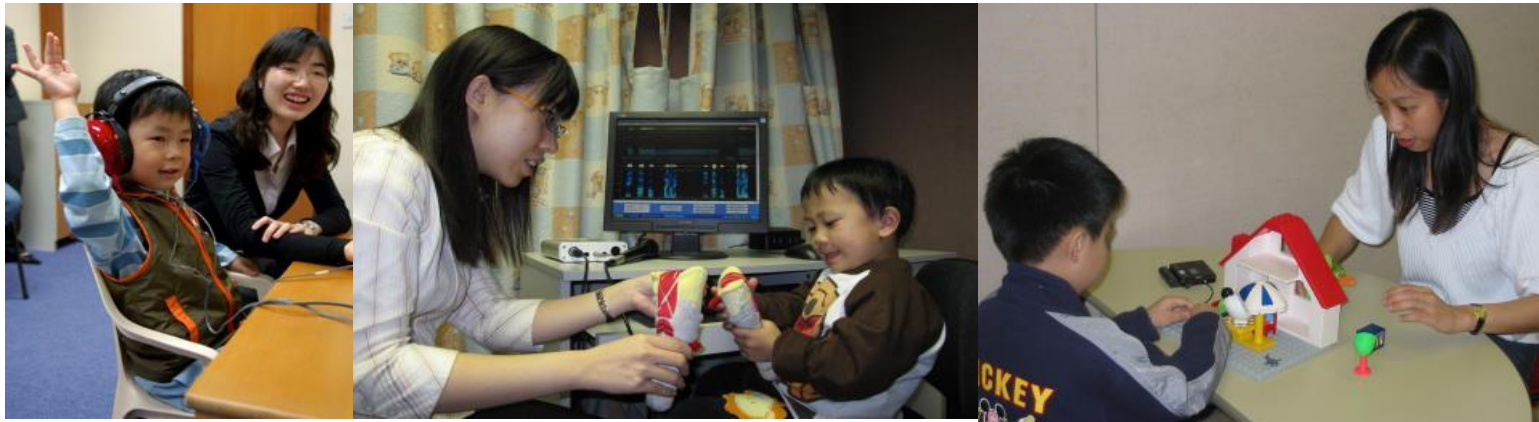


Year	Course Contents	Delivery Methods	
1	Human Development, Clinical Linguistics, Introduction to Communication Disorders, Anatomy & Physiology Common Core Curriculum, University English	Classrooms	
2	Evidence-based Practice, Research Methods & Statistics, Neurology, Cognition, Speech Science, Common Core Curriculum, English for SHS Introduction to Clinical Practice,	Classrooms	Clinical observations
3	Speech & Language Development and Disorders, Audiology, Voice disorders, Complex Cases, Fluency, Laryngectomy & Craniofacial Disorders Pediatric Clinical Practicum		Clinical placements
4	Adult Communication & Swallowing Disorders, Complex Cases, Adult Clinical Practicum		
5	Inter-professional Practice, Multilingualism Research in Human Development & Communication Disorders Advanced Clinical Practicum	Classrooms Capstone experience: Dissertation + Clinical placements	

# Clinical practica



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



# Our clinic

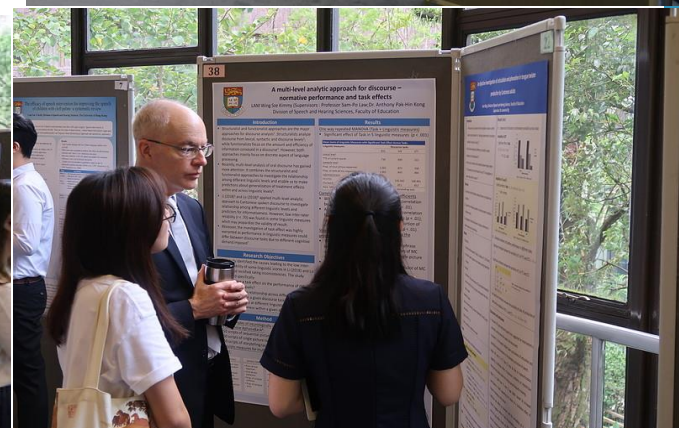
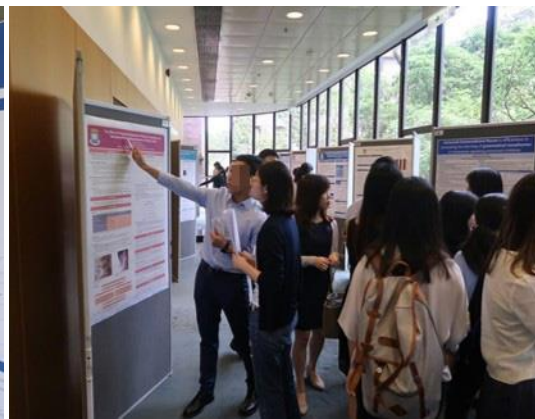
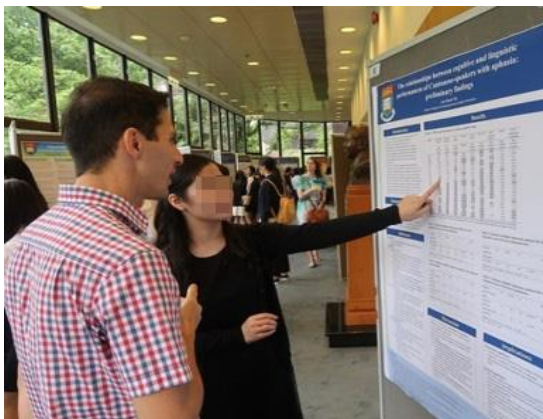
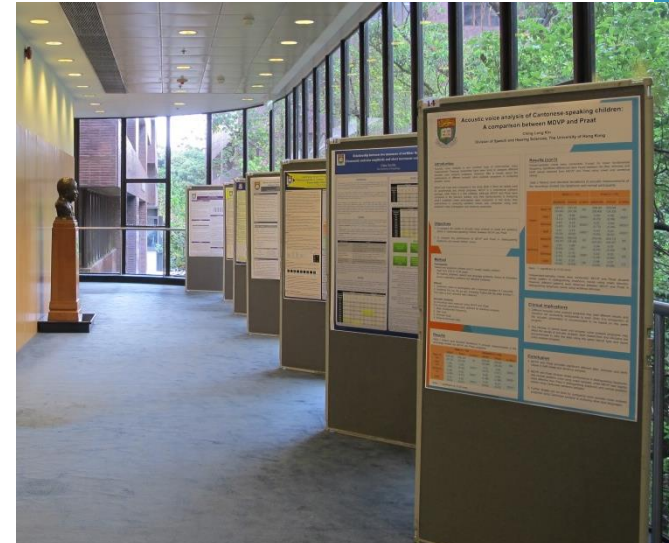


- Internal clinic at the Kennedy Town Centre



# Final year research project

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







# 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 and application procedures

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# Admissions requirements



- 48 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 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
  - ✓ Check our JUPAS website for updated information on the DSE admissions scores in the past years.
- Must attend an interview (June, 2021)

# JUPAS admissions interviews



- **In June 2021**
- 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 2020**)



# 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



If you have any questions, please email

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