



BSc in Speech & Hearing Sciences

JUPAS code: BSc (SPEECH) 6157

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Outline

- The profession of speech therapy
- The curriculum of speech and hearing sciences at HKU
- The requirements and procedures to apply to the programme





What do speech 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





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

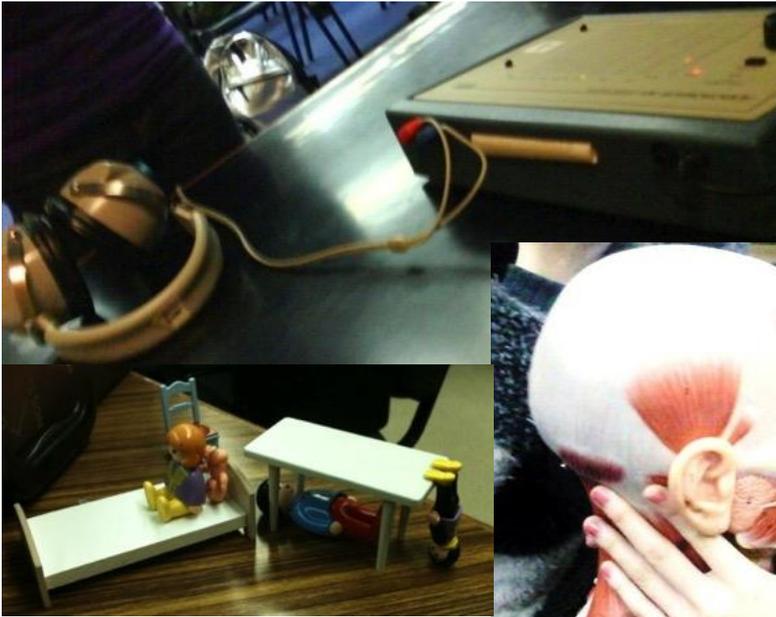
	2019	2018	2017
Mean	31,370	29,549	29,763
Median	31,685	30,000	30,000
Min.	13,000	14,000	22,000
Max.	35,000	35,000	32,470

Data from Careers Education and Placement Center, HKU



How to become a speech therapist?





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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 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

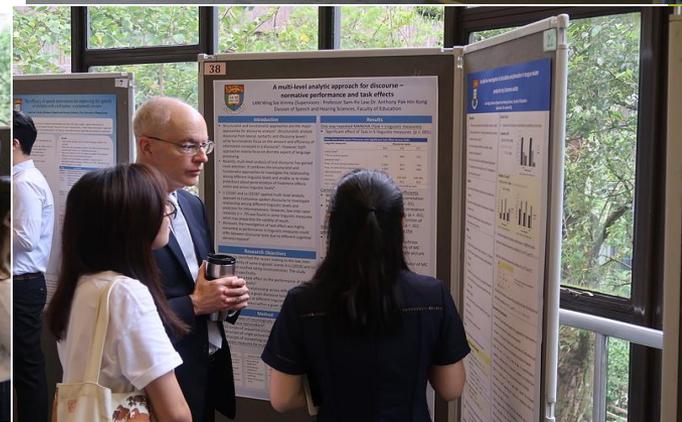
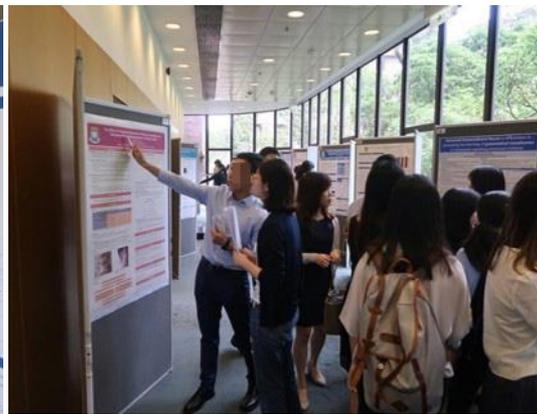
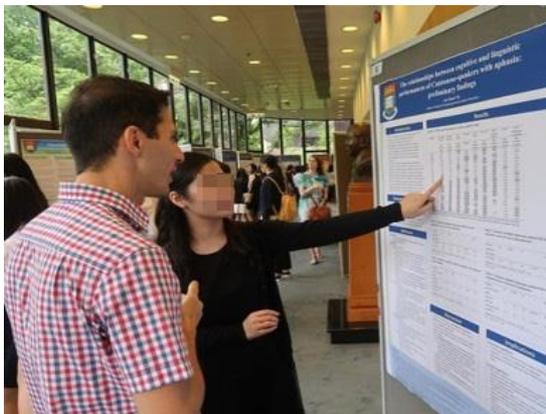


- Internal clinic at the Kennedy Town Centre



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



- 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
- 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
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