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 programme
What do speech therapists do?

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

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

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<td>Civil service / Hospital authority</td>
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Data from Careers Education and Placement Center & BSc programme of Speech & Hearing Sciences, HKU
Basic monthly salary

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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 pursuit life-long learning
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<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>Adult Communication &amp; Swallowing Disorders, Complex Cases, Adult Clinical Practicum</td>
<td>Clinical placements</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Inter-professional Practice, Multilingualism, Research in Human Development &amp; Communication Disorders, Advanced Clinical Practicum</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 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 email bscshs@hku.hk