



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?



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



2018
96% employed
4% further studies



Employment sectors

Sectors	2018	2017	2016
Non-governmental organizations	49%	36%	57 %
Educational institutions	27%	24%	6 %
Private Practice	11%	21%	29 %
Civil service / Hospital Authority	9%	15%	6 %
Others (further studies)	4%	4%	2 %

Data from Careers Education and Placement Center & BSc

- Program of Speech & Hearing Sciences, HKU



Basic monthly salary

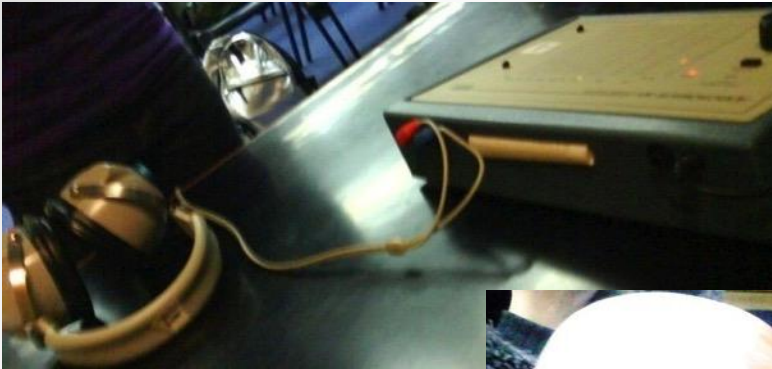
	2018	2017	2016
Mean	29,549	29,763	30,665
Median	30,000	30,000	30,000
Min.	14,000	22,000	25,000
Max.	35,000	32,470	36,000

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How to become a speech therapist?





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5 years, full-time



Translational learning

- To facilitate students to become independent and critical thinkers
- To equip students with the abilities to pursuit life-long learning
- To allow students to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills to provide evidence-based and person-centered services



Curriculum structure



Year	Course Contents	Delivery Methods	
1	Human Development, Clinical Linguistics, Introduction to Communication Disorders, Anatomy & Physiology Common Core Curriculum, University English	Classrooms	Clinical observations
2	Evidence-based Practice, Research Methods, Neurology, Cognition, Introduction to Clinical Practice Common Core Curriculum, English for SHS	Classrooms	
3	Speech & language development and disorders, Audiology, Voice disorders Pediatric Clinical Practicum\		Clinical placements
4	Adult Communication and Swallowing Disorders Adult Clinical Practicum		
5	Advanced Clinical Practicum Research in Communication Disorders	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

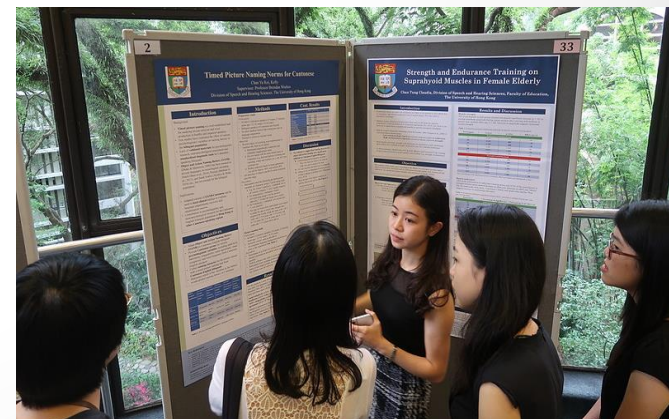
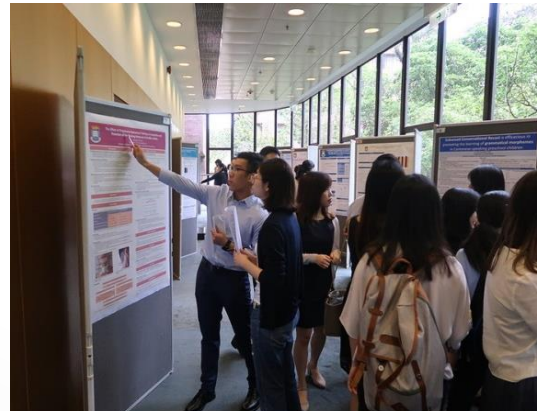
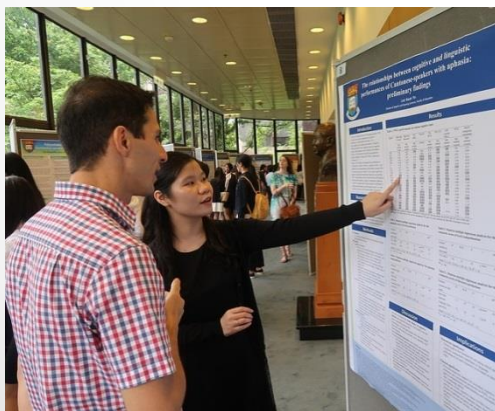
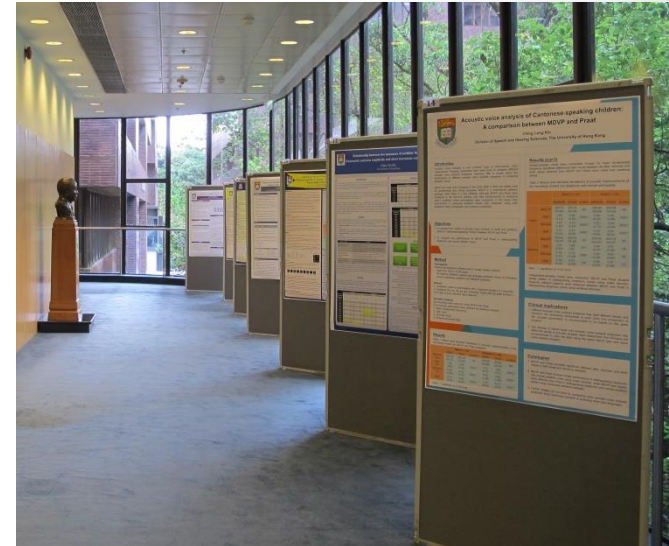


- Internal clinic at the Kennedy Town Centre



Final year research dissertation

Complete an individual research project, submit a 30-page dissertation and present at a conference





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 in Band A
- Attend the JUPAS interviews on **June 12, 2020**
- 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



JUPAS admissions interviews

- On **June 12, 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
 - BSc. in Speech and Hearing Sciences, HKU
 - JUPAS admissions at HKU
 - Hong Kong Association of Speech Therapists
- Volunteer opportunities at related organizations
- Talk with current SHS students or speech therapists
 - Facebook of Speechians' Action –A service group run by students in our program



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Questions?

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