BSc in Speech & Hearing Sciences

JUPAS code: BSc (SPEECH) 6157

Updated in May 2021
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
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
- Nursing homes
- Non-government organisations
- Hospitals
- Private clinics

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 organisations</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>Civil service / Hospital authority</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Private practice</td>
<td>14%</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>21%</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 programme 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-language therapist?
BSc in Speech & Hearing Sciences

5 YEARS, FULL-TIME
The curriculum
Translational learning

Goals

• Become independent, critical and reflective thinkers
• Able to integrate and apply their knowledge and skills to provide evidence-based and person-centered services
• Become self-directed learners and have the abilities to pursue life-long learning
## Curriculum structure

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<th>Course Contents</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>3</td>
<td>Speech &amp; Language Development and Disorders, Audiology, Voice disorders, Complex Cases, Fluency, Laryngectomy &amp; Craniofacial Disorders Pediatric Clinical Practicum</td>
<td>Classrooms Clinical placements</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Adult Communication &amp; Swallowing Disorders, Complex Cases, Adult Clinical Practicum</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: Final year research project + Clinical placements</td>
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Clinical practica

Supervised

In a variety of settings, including the internal clinic, external sites and hospitals

Emphasise 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
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 2021

Only consider applicants who have put our programme in their Band A choices

Best 6 subjects (https://admissions.hku.hk/apply/jupas)

✓ 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.

✓ The requirements for 2022-2023 are under review. Check the website.

Must attend an interview (June 18, 2021)
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
自閉症學生語言溝通的強和弱

在主流小學上課的自閉症學生通常具備基本的學習能力。然而，在繁忙的課堂中，這些學生會遇到哪些困難？家長及教師應使用甚麼方法以支援自閉症學生，讓他們在學習上發揮得更好？

日期：2021年6月26日(星期六)
時間：上午10時至上午11時30分
形式：以ZOOM Webinar進行
講者：香港大學教育學院溝通、發展與資訊科學學部副教授杜潔森博士

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Thank you.