

## What is Speech-Language Pathology

**Speech-language pathology is the profession dealing with the assessment and management of communication disorders due to speech and language breakdown.**

As a speech-language pathologist you will assess and treat children and adults who have a wide range of communication difficulties. These difficulties may include stuttering, problems with speech sound production or acquiring language; voice disorders; the loss or impairment of speech and language in adults who have a stroke or brain injury. A further important aspect of speech-language pathology is the assessment and management of children and adults who have difficulties with feeding or swallowing.

If you are passionate about communication and want to make a difference in peoples' lives then this may be the career for you! The field offers wide clinical and research opportunities. Speech-language pathologists work with individuals, groups and communities of all ages, not only on assessment and management of communication disorders, but also promoting health and communication and disability prevention. Speech-language pathologists may work in pre-schools, schools, special schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centres, community clinics or private practice. Students who can speak languages in addition to English will find these languages a very important asset.

## Did you know...?

- Speech-language Pathologists work with children and adults with dyslexia.
- Speech-language Pathologists can help prevent stuttering in young children.
- Speech-language Pathologists work with young babies who cannot feed or swallow properly.
- Speech-language Pathologists set up alternative communication systems for individuals who can not speak.
- Speech-language Pathologists work with children who are born with a cleft lip/palate.
- Speech-language Pathologists work with adults who have impaired communication after a car accident.

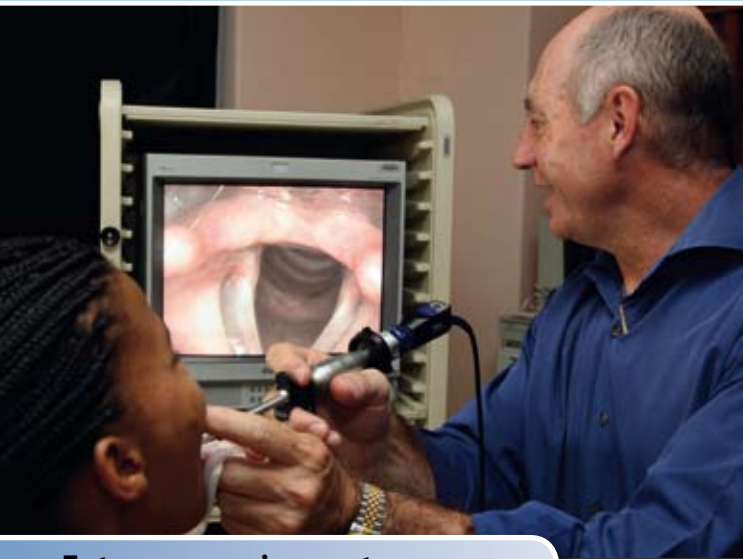


## The BSc in Speech-Language Pathology

The BSc in Speech-language Pathology is a four-year course of full time study. Your training involves a thorough grounding in the medical, scientific, social and psychological aspects of speech, language and hearing. You will learn about the anatomy and physiology of speech; linguistics; normal communication development; early intervention; assessment and therapy for child and adult clients with different speech-language problems.

The Speech-language pathology programme is one of the programmes offered by the Division of Communication Sciences and Disorders. In the first two years of the programme, you will share some courses with students from the Audiology programme. Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology fall into the broad area of communication sciences and disorders. These are two separate but related professions and are studied as two separate degree programmes.

If you obtain the BSc Speech-Language Pathology degree, you will be registered with the Health Professions Council as a Speech-language Pathologist.



### Entrance requirements

- Matriculation exemption.
- Pass in English at level 4.
- Pass in Physical Science OR Life Sciences at level 4.
- Pass in Mathematics at level 4 OR in Mathematical Literacy at level 5.
- Pass in 3 other subjects (excluding Life Orientation) at level 4.

### Applications

If you need more information about our programme, or about studying at the University of Cape Town, please contact the admissions office on (021) 406 6328 or 406 6347 or email: [gail.sinden@uct.ac.za](mailto:gail.sinden@uct.ac.za)

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