

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY CAREER FACT SHEET



A speech and language therapist (SLT) is a healthcare professional who works with people of all ages who have difficulties with communication, eating, drinking, or swallowing. They also support individuals with cleft palate, stammering, language delay, voice disorders and dysphagia.

AT LEAST FIVE GCSES OR EQUIVALENT (AT GRADE 4/C OR ABOVE), INCLUDING MATHS, ENGLISH AND SCIENCE

A LEVELS/ BTEC/ T LEVELS/ INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE/ OR EQUIVALENT

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN A RELEVANT SUBJECT

POSTGRADUATE DEGREE IN SLT (2 YEARS)

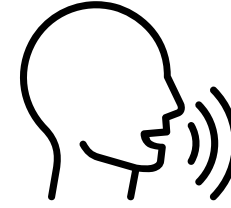
UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN SLT (3-4 YEARS)

REGISTER WITH THE HEALTH & CARE PROFESSIONS COUNCIL (HCPC)

DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

- Speech and Language Therapy programmes combine both theory and clinical practice, and typically cover a range of topics, including:
- Anatomy and physiology
 - Phonetics and phonology
 - Linguistics
 - Psychology and counselling
 - Speech, language and communication disorders:
 - Dysphagia:

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY JOB SPECIFICATION



TYPICAL SALARY

£27,055 to £32,934 (January 2024)



JOB SPECIFICATION

- Identify the speech and communication difficulty or disorder.
- Assess the cause and nature of the problem, for example, congenital problems or acquired disorders after a stroke or injury.
- Create and deliver a suitable treatment programme. SLT's may work on a 1-1 basis or in groups.
- Monitor and evaluate clients progress.
- Write case notes and reports, as well as information for clients, carers and other professionals.
- Work as part of a multidisciplinary team alongside other health professionals, such as doctors and nurses, psychologists, teachers, mental health professionals and dietitians.



KEY SKILLS

- Excellent interpersonal, communication and listening skills
- Patience and the ability to remain calm under pressure
- Creativity and problem-solving skills
- The ability to work collaboratively
- Organisation and time management skills
- Empathy and assertiveness

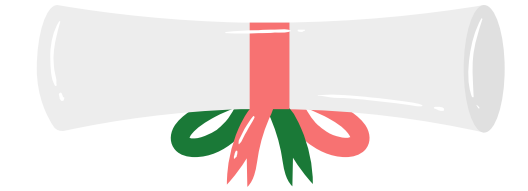
WHERE WOULD I WORK?

SLT's work in a variety of settings, including hospitals, schools, nurseries and pre-schools, clinics, and private practice.



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SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY DEGREE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS



UNIVERSITY OF READING

'MSCI (HONS) SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY'

- A levels: AAB
- BTECs: DDD
- International Baccalaureate: 34 points
- GCSEs: Grade B or 5 in English Language, Mathematics and a Science.
- Accept tariff points achieved for many other qualifications.

PLYMOUTH MARJON UNIVERSITY

'BSC (HONS) SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY'

- UCAS Points: 120
- A levels: BBB
- T levels: M
- BTECs: DDM
- International Baccalaureate: 28-30 points
- GCSEs: Grade C or 5 in English Language, Mathematics and a Science
- Accept tariff points achieved for many other qualifications

UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX

'BSC SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY'

- UCAS Points: 112-120
- A levels: BBB or BBC
- BTECs: DDM or DMM
- International Baccalaureate: 29-30 points
- GCSEs: Grade C or 4 in English Language, Mathematics and a Science
- Accept tariff points achieved for many other qualifications

UNIVERSITIES THAT OFFER POSTGRADUATE DEGREES

- University of Reading
- University of Essex
- City, University of London
- University College London
- Manchester Metropolitan University

UNIVERSITIES THAT OFFER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIPS

- University of Essex
- Birmingham City University
- The University of Sheffield

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT MY UCAS POINTS ARE?

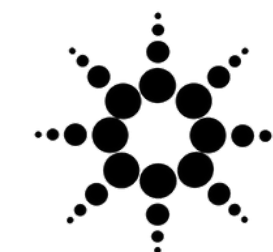
Head to the UCAS Tariff Points website where you can find a tariff points calculator which will tell you how much your qualification and grades are worth -

<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/tariff-calculator>

Search for a university course -
<https://digital.ucas.com/search>

Find out more about the role
of a **Speech and Language
Therapist** here:

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/speech-and-language-therapist>



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