

## Routes to becoming a speech therapist

### For potential students

- With no prior degree
- Degree holders with relevant experience

### Bachelor's Program

Australia Universities				
University	Program Outline	Title/ Accreditation	Academic Pre-requisites	Website
The University of Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 years full-time</li> <li>- Block clinical placements in third and fourth year.</li> <li>- Honours program is a modified study program in Year 3 and 4.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Hon) OR (pass)</li> <li>- Accreditation with Speech Pathology Australia (SPA)</li> <li>- Eligible for registration with The Speech Pathologists Board of Queensland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCE "A" Levels, with one science subject.</li> <li>- GCE "A" Levels General Paper &gt; Grade C; or GCE "O" Levels English Language &gt;Grade C</li> <li>- IELTS scores: overall 7; writing 6; speaking 8</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=2034">http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=2034</a>
The University of Sydney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 years full-time</li> <li>- Clinical placements occur in second, third and fourth year.</li> <li>- Honours program is a modified study program in Year 3 and 4.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology)</li> <li>- With or without Honours</li> <li>- Accreditation with SPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Total of 10 points for 3 GCE "A" Level subjects</li> <li>- Total of 9.5 points for 4 GCE "A" Level subjects</li> <li>- A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.usyd.edu.au/courses/?detail=1&amp;course_ref_id=Bachelor_of_Applied_Science_Speech_Pathology_922">http://www.usyd.edu.au/courses/?detail=1&amp;course_ref_id=Bachelor_of_Applied_Science_Speech_Pathology_922</a>

La Trobe University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 years full-time</li> <li>- Clinical observations in first year. Clinical placements in subsequent years.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bachelor of Speech Pathology</li> <li>- Accreditation with SPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCE "A" Levels: AB</li> <li>- IELTS: 7.5.(No individual band score less than 7.0; or equivalent)</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.latrobe.edu.au/cs/bachelor.htm">http://www.latrobe.edu.au/cs/bachelor.htm</a>
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Please refer to <http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/Content.aspx?p=30> for a complete list of universities.

## UK Universities

University	Program Outline	Title/ Accreditation	Academic Pre-requisites	Website
University of Wales Institute Cardiff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 years full-time</li> <li>- Clinical Practice starts from Year 2.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bachelor of Science (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy</li> <li>- Accredited by Health Professions Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 GCE "O" Level passes; at least B in Maths; A-C in 4 other subjects AND</li> <li>- 3 "A" Level subjects. Minimum BBB (including 1 science) OR</li> <li>- 3 "A" Level subjects. Minimum ABB (no science subjects)</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.uwic.ac.uk/courses/health/Speech_Language_Therapy.asp?subsection=undergrad">http://www.uwic.ac.uk/courses/health/Speech_Language_Therapy.asp?subsection=undergrad</a>
Birmingham City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 3 years full-time</li> <li>- 6 years part-time Bachelor Program</li> <li>- Clinical placement in Year 2 (8 weeks) and Year 3 (15 weeks) for full-time students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Speech and Language Therapy</li> <li>- Accredited by Health Professions Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 5 GCSE passes at least C and above, including English and Mathematics AND</li> <li>- 3 A-Level passes including 1 science subject</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/health/speech_language.html">http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/health/speech_language.html</a>
University College London	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 years full-time</li> <li>- Clinical Placements in Year 1- Year 4. (Year 1 not formally assessed)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bachelor in Sciences (Speech Sciences)</li> <li>- Eligible to register at Health Professions Council upon graduation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCSE grade C or above, including English, Mathematics, 1 science subject, 1 foreign language AND</li> <li>- 3 A-Level subjects (preferably including 1 science subject), and 1 AS subject. Minimum grade of</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/life-sciences/speech-sciences/degree/index.shtml">http://www.ucl.ac.uk/prospectus/life-sciences/speech-sciences/degree/index.shtml</a>

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## US Universities\*

University	Program Outline	Title/ Accreditation	Academic Pre-requisites	Website
University of Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 years full-time</li> <li>- 9 core courses in the Speech and Hearing department, 8 courses from other departments</li> <li>- 25 hours of supervised clinical observation</li> <li>- Honours program is available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BA in Speech and Hearing Science from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences</li> <li>- Accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech – Language-Hearing Association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Above average grades in University Preparatory program</li> <li>- Mathematics (2 yrs of algebra, 1 yr of geometry)</li> <li>- Science (3 yrs of biology, chemistry or physics)</li> <li>- Social studies (3 yrs)</li> <li>- Native language (4 yrs)</li> <li>- Single Foreign language (2 years)</li> <li>- Satisfaction of English Language requirements</li> </ul>	Admissions information: <a href="http://www.uiowa.edu/admissions/undergrad/majors/atl-iowa/Speech-HearingSci.html#why">http://www.uiowa.edu/admissions/undergrad/majors/atl-iowa/Speech-HearingSci.html#why</a> Program outline: <a href="http://www.uiowa.edu/~comsci/academics/undergrad.html#">http://www.uiowa.edu/~comsci/academics/undergrad.html#</a>
Northwestern University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion of 45 courses (major courses, distribution courses and electives).</li> <li>- Beginning practicum experience</li> <li>- Honours program available</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BA of Science in Communication (area of concentration in speech and language pathology)</li> <li>-</li> </ul>		<a href="http://www.communication.northwestern.edu/programs/major_human_communications/">http://www.communication.northwestern.edu/programs/major_human_communications/</a>
Purdue University-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 year program (126 credit hrs)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Speech-Language-</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GCE “O” Levels (minimum</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.cl">http://www.cl</a>

College of Liberal Arts	- 14 core subjects, 14 speech, hearing and language science subjects, 14 electives	Hearing Concentration OR - Major in Speech, Language and Hearing Science OR - Speech-Language-Hearing Pre-professional Concentration	5 subjects passed, including English, Mathematics and 1 Science) - Advanced standing may be granted to applicants who have completed GCE "A" Levels. - Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT): 480 or higher in critical reading section	<a href="http://a.purdue.edu/slhs/pages/undergrad/curriculum.html">a.purdue.edu/slhs/pages/undergrad/curriculum.html</a>
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**\* Completion of a B.A. program does not qualify students as speech-language pathologists. To qualify, a master's degree is required.**

**Please refer to <http://www.capcsd.org/cgi-bin/caplist.exe> for a complete list of Universities/colleges offering speech and language undergraduate programs.**

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## Master's Program

### Singapore Universities

University	Program Outline	Title/ Accreditation	Academic Pre-requisites	Website
National University of Singapore (NUS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 years full-time</li> <li>- Program comprises lectures, 4 sets of clinical placements, research project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master of Science (Speech and Language Pathology) from NUS.</li> <li>- Eligible for registration with Speech-Language and Hearing Association, Singapore (SHAS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bachelor's degree from a recognized University in any discipline.</li> <li>- Preference given to degree holders with Honours, and with relevant work experience</li> <li>- English Language requirements (TOEFL score of 580 or IELTS of 6)</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.med.nus.edu.sg/dgms/SLP.shtml">http://www.med.nus.edu.sg/dgms/SLP.shtml</a>

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The University of Queensland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 years full-time</li> <li>- A 6 weeks block of clinical placement at the beginning of 2<sup>nd</sup> year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master of Speech Pathology Studies</li> <li>- Eligible for registration with The Speech Pathologists Board of Queensland</li> <li>- Accreditation with Speech Pathology Australia (SPA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bachelor's degree in related fields with minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.0; AND</li> <li>- Course in statistics and one of: linguistics, psychology or physiology.</li> <li>- IELTS scores: overall 7; writing 6; speaking 8</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=5228#4">http://www.uq.edu.au/study/program.html?acad_prog=5228#4</a>
La Trobe University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 years full-time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master of Speech Pathology</li> <li>- Accreditation with SPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Australian Bachelor's degree in any field, or approved international equivalent.</li> <li>- Background in health,</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.latrobe.edu.au">http://www.latrobe.edu.au</a>

			behavioural science or linguistics is recommended - Professional experience in related fields will be considered.	
The University of Sydney	- 2 years full-time - 4 sets of clinical placements.	- Master of Speech Language Pathology (Hons) OR - Master of Speech Language Pathology - Accreditation with SPA	- Bachelor's degree in related field with at least credit grade average in final year of study. - Assumed knowledge: phonetics, linguistics, psychology. - IELTS score of 7.0	<a href="http://www.usyd.edu.au/courses/?detail=1&amp;course_ref_id=Master_of_Speech_Language_Pathology_846">http://www.usyd.edu.au/courses/?detail=1&amp;course_ref_id=Master_of_Speech_Language_Pathology_846</a>

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<b>UK Universities</b>				
<b>University</b>	<b>Program Outline</b>	<b>Title/ Accreditation</b>	<b>Academic Pre-requisites</b>	<b>Website</b>
University College London	- 2 years full-time Master's Program - Includes weekly ongoing clinical placements and block placements	- MSc Speech and Language Science - Eligible to register at Health Professions Council upon graduation	- First or Second class Honours degree from a UK University, or it's equivalent.	<a href="http://www.la.ngsci.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/mscsls.html">http://www.la.ngsci.ucl.ac.uk/prospective-students/mscsls.html</a>
University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne	- 24 months full-time Master's Program - Includes clinical placements. Individualized approach to clinical supervision.	- MSc Language Pathology - Accredited by Health Professions Council	- At least Second class Honours (First Division), preferably in psychology, linguistics or medical studies. - Some direct experience (e.g. as a volunteer or assistant).	<a href="http://www.nci.ac.uk/ecls/postgrad/taught/language_msc.htm">http://www.nci.ac.uk/ecls/postgrad/taught/language_msc.htm</a>

University of Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 years full-time Master's Degree</li> <li>- Clinical practice in off-campus and purpose-built, in-house clinic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MSc in Speech and Language Therapy</li> <li>- Accredited by Health Professions Council</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At least Second class Honours (First Division), preferably in psychology, linguistics or medical studies.</li> <li>- Degree must be obtained within 5 years, otherwise evidence of recent academic studies is required.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.reading.ac.uk/courses/pg-taught/cls-pgtmcspeechlanguagetherapy.asp">http://www.reading.ac.uk/courses/pg-taught/cls-pgtmcspeechlanguagetherapy.asp</a>
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<b>US Universities</b>				
<b>University</b>	<b>Program Outline</b>	<b>Title/ Accreditation</b>	<b>Academic Pre-requisites</b>	<b>Website</b>
University of Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 years or more.</li> <li>- Option of choosing between general or professional mode</li> <li>- Only graduates with professional emphasis meet clinical certification by ASHA.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master of Arts in Speech Pathology and Audiology</li> <li>- Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools</li> </ul> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of past academic performance including Grade Point Average (GPA) results (&gt;3.2)</li> <li>- Scores on the General Aptitude Test of the Graduate Record Examination (&gt;450)</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.uiowa.edu/~comsci/academics/grad.html#">http://www.uiowa.edu/~comsci/academics/grad.html#</a>
Northwestern University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Usually 6-7 quarters (1.5- 1.75 years)</li> <li>- Specialization opportunities in early intervention, school-age children and neurogenic disorders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MA in Speech Language Pathology</li> <li>- Accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completion of pre-requisite courses in communication sciences and disorders. (refer to academic pre-requisites)</li> <li>- GRE scores of above 1150 (sum of verbal and</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.communication.northwestern.edu/programs/ma_speech_language_pathology/">http://www.communication.northwestern.edu/programs/ma_speech_language_pathology/</a>

			quantitative section) - GPA of >3.5 - TOEFL is required	
Purdue University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 full years of enrolment</li> <li>- Option of clinical or non-clinical program.</li> <li>- Only graduates in the clinical program meet clinical certification by ASHA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Master of Science</li> <li>- Accreditations: ASHA, Indiana Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Undergraduate major in the area of communication disorders</li> <li>- Refer to pre-requisites in the graduate handbook.</li> <li>- TOEFL scores: paper-based 550, computer-based 213. OR IELTS: minimum 6.5</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.cla.purdue.edu/slhs/pages/grad_programs/slp.html">http://www.cla.purdue.edu/slhs/pages/grad_programs/slp.html</a>

**Note:** For a complete list of Universities offering the Master's program at entry level recognized by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, please refer to <http://www.asha.org/students/academic/EdFind/> .

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**For further information:**

Speech and Language Therapy programs around the world:  
<http://www.speech-language-therapy.com/slpworld.htm>

Speech- Language and Hearing Association Singapore  
<http://www.shas.org.sg/>

American Speech-Language-Hearing Association  
<http://www.asha.org/default.htm>

Speech Pathology Australia  
<http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/Default.aspx?p=3>

Royal college of speech and language therapist (UK)  
<http://www.rcslt.org/>