Why Speech Pathology at UQ?

Speech Pathology is the management of communication and/or swallowing difficulties as the result of problems with speech, language, voice, fluency (stuttering), hearing or literacy. Speech Pathologists enjoy challenging and rewarding careers by working in a variety of settings including hospitals, schools and community health centres to deliver services such as individual therapy, group therapy, classroom support programs and home visits for clients and carers.

Speech Pathologists help people of all ages, from children to adults, with communication problems due to disease or injury such as stroke, hearing loss, brain damage, intellectual disability or stuttering. They also work with clients who have feeding or swallowing problems.

Study the internationally acclaimed Speech Pathology degree at UQ and you will learn from award-winning teachers and clinical educators who are among the best in Australia. At UQ, our focus is preparing you for a dynamic career and our extensive practical placements program makes sure you are competent and job-ready when you graduate.

What you will study

The Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) will give you the knowledge, skills and attitude to prepare you for an exciting career with extensive employment opportunities in speech pathology.

You will complete foundation studies in anatomy, linguistics, physiology and psychology, and learn all about communication disorders of the voice, fluency, hearing, speech, language and oral function. Years 2 to 4 of your studies are case and problem-based and integrate the understanding of communication disorders with assessment and management of clients.
With more than 200 locations available for your practical placements – such as public/private hospitals, community health centres, schools, disability services, private practices and non-government organisations – you will be more than ready for a career in speech pathology when you graduate. Your education will be directed by the latest research outcomes and developments in the speech pathology industry and you will learn with our state-of-the-art equipment and resources.

Your future in speech pathology
Speech pathologists work in a variety of areas, including:
- public and private hospitals, working with people of all ages including children and seniors
- community health centres and agencies
- rehabilitation units
- preschools, kindergartens and childcare
- centres for people with hearing impairment and/or intellectual disability
- private practice
- industry and government institutions.

Who will recognise your qualifications?
- Speech Pathology Australia
- Speech Pathologists Board of Queensland.

Your postgraduate options
Research higher degrees (MPhil and PhD) in your area of interest are available.

International students
This degree requires you to have a higher level of English language than the UQ minimum. The IELTS requirements are an overall score of at least 7.0, with a score of 7.0 in reading, writing and listening, and a score of 8.0 in speaking. You are required as an international student to complete the degree on a full-time basis.

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