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University College Cork, Ireland



Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences University College Cork

BSc Hons (Speech and Language Therapy)

Duration: 4 years

CAO Code: **CK705**



IASLT Student Conference, University of Limerick 2009



Student conducting oro-facial examination on placement



Speech and language therapy student on a hospital placement

Introduction

Speech and language therapists (SLTs) are allied health professionals who diagnose, assess and treat disorders of communication, and disorders of eating, drinking and swallowing. For example, an SLT might work with babies who have feeding difficulties, children who have intellectual and/or physical difficulties, as well as children with hearing impairment, stammering and autism. With regard to adults, an SLT might also work with those who have a communication problems following stroke, or associated with a degenerative condition such as Parkinson's disease in addition to individuals with cancer of the head, neck and throat. The Speech and Language Therapist often works closely with parents, caregivers and other professionals, such as teachers, nurses, occupational therapists and doctors in a multidisciplinary healthcare team.

Why Study Speech and Language Therapy?

If you are a person who likes to help others, and you are interested in a career understanding how difficulties with speech, language and swallowing impact on people's lives, then the programme in Speech and Language Therapy will interest you. The department of Speech and Hearing Sciences was established as part of a national response to a shortage of SLTs in Ireland and worldwide. While an interest in science and languages is important for this career, the ability to interact socially with all age-groups (including very young people and older adults) and the ability to empathize with people are also essential qualities of speech and language therapists. As successful communication abilities are so vital to normal human development and social interaction, interventions by SLTs can have profound and far-reaching effects on quality of life and well-being. On graduation, students will be qualified to practice as Speech and Language Therapists in Ireland and have the potential to work in settings around the world.

CK705 Programme Details

A significant part of the students' learning experience in this Department at UCC is in Problem-Based Learning (PBL) tutorials that focus on communication disorders in children and adults, supplemented with lectures in anatomy, physiology, language and speech sciences. Some advantages for students of the PBL teaching method include the development of independent learning strategies and skills, immediate application of information to issues that are professionally relevant and teamwork abilities and communication skills.

Year-by-year course offerings are as follows:

Year One

Principles of Human Structure
Fundamentals of Physiology
Anatomy of Speech and Hearing
Language Sciences I
Speech and Hearing Sciences I
Introduction to Communication Disorders

Year Two

Neuroanatomy and Embryology
Language Sciences II
Speech and Hearing Sciences II
Introduction to Research Methods
Communication Disorders in Children I & II
Practice Education I

Year Three

Applied Neurology
Language Sciences III
Speech and Hearing Sciences III
Advanced Research Methods
Communication Disorders in Adults I & II
Practice Education II

Year Four

Professional Studies
Research-based Dissertation I & II
Practice Education III



Students interacting during a Problem Based Learning Tutorial

Entry requirements

School leavers:

Six subjects in the Leaving Certificate from: Irish, English, another language, Mathematics, a laboratory science subject (i.e. Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Physics with Chemistry (joint) or Agricultural Science) and one other subject are recognized as meeting minimum entry requirements. Minimum grade HC3 grade in two subjects including a science subject and a language (other than English) are also required.

Mature students:

Mature students must be over the age of 23 years and hold a degree and HC3 in a laboratory science. Applications from mature students are reviewed on the basis of their educational qualifications, relevant work experience and motivation, as revealed by their application form and personal statement. Selected candidates are called for interview in May of each year.

International students:

We welcome applications from international students.

For more details contact the Department of
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<http://www.ucc.ie/speechlang/index.php>