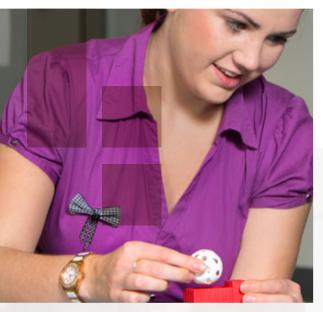
# BSc (HONS) SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY CAO CODE: CK705





School of Clinical Therapies

Department of Speech

and Hearing Sciences

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# WHAT IS A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST?

Speech and Language Therapists provide life-changing intervention and support for children and adults who have difficulties with communication, eating, drinking and swallowing

## WHERE DO GRADUATES OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY IN UCC WORK?

Many graduates go on to employment in clinical settings in the community where they work with children and adults, in voluntary organisations such as intellectual disability services or services for people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD), and in hospital settings where they may work with people following a brain injury, people with degenerative disorders, or care for the elderly. Some graduates choose to continue their education in UCC or other universities. Some graduates choose to work in the research aspect of speech and language therapy. Graduates take the opportunity to travel and work abroad. Recent graduates are working in the UK, the Middle East, Asia and Australia.

### PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

The BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy is a four year, full-time course. The aim of the programme is to educate, train and support individuals to a high standard. The completion of the BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy in UCC provides students with an academic qualification that is required in order to apply to register with the Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists (IASLT) and the Irish health regulator CORU.

#### **Teaching Methods**

Teaching methods include: practice education, lectures, workshops, anatomy labs, and Problem-Based Learning (PBL) tutorials. The aim of PBL is to encourage independent,

self-directed learning in group settings. PBL prepares students to develop the functioning knowledge which allows them to integrate the academic knowledge base, the skills required for that profession and the context for using them to solve problems in the workplace.

#### **Clinical Placement**

Practice Education comprises of 450 hours of clinical placement spread throughout the programme in years 1, 2, 3, and 4 to facilitate the application of knowledge gained during the academic year.

Practice Education is delivered through a partnership between the University, the Health Service Executive, and voluntary organisations. These placements take place throughout Ireland.

Primary
Community
Care Centres

Intellectual Disability Services

School-Based Services

Acute Care Settings Rehabilitation Settings Long-Term Care Services

Placement Partnerships

## **Course Outline**

#### Year 1

Foundations of Speech & Language Therapy

Communication Disorders

Communication, Learning & Behaviour Across the Lifespan

Language Acquisition

Speech, Hearing & Swallowing Sciences

Academic & Professional Learning

Anatomy

One-week Clinical Placement

#### Year 2

Speech & Language Therapy for Children & Young People

Communication Disorders in Children

Speech, Hearing & Swallowing Sciences

Language Sciences

Neuroanatomy

Research Methods

Weekly Clinical Placement & Block Clinical Placement

#### Year 3

Speech & Language Therapy for Adults & Older People

Communication Disorders in Adults

Research Methods

Language Sciences

Speech, Hearing & Swallowing Sciences

Neurology

Weekly Clinical Placement & Block Clinical Placement

#### Year 4

Integrating Knowledge in Speech & Language Therapy

Research Based Dissertation

Dysphagia

Advanced Research and Practice

Mental Health

Mental Health

Two Block Clinical Placements

For more information about the course content please see the Book of Modules for detailed descriptions: www.ucc.ie/modules/descriptions/pageO81.html

#### **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 are recognised as meeting minimum entry requirements.

Minimum of HC3 grade in two subjects including a science subject and a language (other than English) are also required.

For entry requirements for mature students please see: www.ucc.ie/en/ck705

For entry requirements for international students please see: www.ucc.ie/en/international

**Fitness to Practice:** www.ucc.ie/en/academicsecretariat/fitnesstopractise

#### WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY



#### Jennifer, Research Assistant,

It's great to have the opportunity to return to UCC to carry out research in the area of speech and language therapy. I really enjoy this work environment and it is really motivating to know that I am contributing to evidence-based practice for working clinicians.

#### Oonagh, Practising SLT,

The course gave me a great foundation in both theoretical knowledge and practical skills. After graduation I took the opportunity to work abroad in Singapore. This was a great experience both personally and professionally.

#### **POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES**

There are many different opportunities for students who wish to further their education after completing the BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy such as:

- MSc Audiology
- MSc Degree by Research
- MSc Degree in Evidence Based Therapy Practice
- PhD by Research

#### For more information please see:

www.ucc.ie/en/study/postgrad



### FURTHER INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

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Overview of the BSc Speech

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