Speech and Language Therapy helps children and adults who have difficulties in communicating, eating, drinking or swallowing. With approximately 2.5 million people affected by a communication disorder of some kind, and 14,000 Speech and Language Therapists (SLTs), it is a rewarding and varied field of practice which requires in-depth knowledge of linguistics, phonetics, psychology, medical sciences and clinical studies.

THE COURSE

• Integrated theory and practice: the theory you learn through seminars, lectures and small group work is backed up by the clinical experience you gain from your practice placements. Learning is integrated across a wide range of academic disciplines/areas, such as phonetics, linguistics, anatomy, physiology, psychology, SLT practice, sociology and audiology.

• Superb teaching and placements: you will be taught by a group of academic lecturers who are highly regarded professionals with a reputation for excellence. Our placements offer diverse learning opportunities, ranging from placements at local NHS Trusts through to non-traditional settings, such as schools and charities.

• Developed in collaboration: this course has been developed in collaboration with our clinical partners. It prepares you for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

KEY ATTRIBUTES

To excel as a Speech and Language Therapist, you will need to be dedicated, enjoy working as part of a team, and have excellent listening and communication skills. You will enjoy solving problems, working with a wide range of people, and possess leadership and negotiating skills. You will also have the ability to empathise with others, alongside a professional yet personable manner.

YOUR CAREER

Your career may involve working with individuals of all ages and in a range of areas, such as babies with feeding and swallowing difficulties, children with stammering, autism or cleft palate issues, or adults with acquired conditions, such as a stroke or head injury, head, neck or throat cancer, or physical disabilities. You may work on a hospital ward, in a mainstream or specialist school, or in the community. As you progress, you may choose to specialise in a certain area, or to further your studies and move into research, education, or management.
**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**WHAT IS THE NHS CONSTITUTION?**
All students who join our School must be able to identify with the NHS Constitution, which is embedded into all of our programmes. As part of our recruitment process, the values of the NHS Constitution will be explored at interview, alongside the ‘6 C’s’, with successful candidates demonstrating how these are reflected in their own beliefs.

www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/thenhs/about/Pages/nhscoreprinciples.aspx

**WHAT ARE THE INTERVIEWS LIKE?**
The interview lasts approximately 30 minutes and follows a multi-mini-interview format. The selection process will consist of a subject talk and interview. We will also check the documents you are asked to bring with you on the day.

www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/visit/interview-days

**WHAT IS AN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND DBS CHECK?**
All successful applicants will be required to complete a satisfactory Occupational Health and Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check. Once you have been made an offer we will forward further information to you to let you know what you need to do.

www.uea.ac.uk/disclosure

www.umsuea.co.uk

**WHAT ARE GOOD EXAMPLES OF WORK EXPERIENCE?**
Work experience is a great way of seeing what it’s like working in the health service and showing your commitment to your future career. If you are able to get some work experience relevant to Speech and Language Therapy it would give you a very good insight into possible careers – however we do also look at other types of work experience that demonstrate you have some of the key attributes that employers look for in their staff.

www.nhscaresers.nhs.uk/explore-by-who-you-are/teachers-and-careers-advisers/work-experience/

www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/work-experience

**ARE THERE ANY USEFUL RESOURCES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND?**
The NHS is a valuable source of information when you’re researching what career you would like to follow: www.nhscaresers.nhs.uk

You will find lots of information and resources specific to the SLT profession at our professional body’s website: The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists: www.rcslt.org

**HOW IS THE COURSE TAUGHT?**
You will receive a high level of education drawn from the latest research, theories, practice and techniques. The course has been designed around Problem Based Learning (PBL) where you are presented with a ‘problem’ (referred to as a trigger) such as a scenario, or case notes at the start of the learning week. This is designed to stimulate your curiosity and learning. RCSLT recognises the need for you to have personal autonomy in learning with the early introduction of independent learning and problem-solving skills which PBL facilitates. It also allows for a breadth of subject matter to be integrated and applied to the analysis, understanding, intervention and management of a wide range of communication and swallowing disorders. All modules are compulsory and the majority are designed around, and named after, core client groups that SLTs meet in clinical practice, such as Motor Speech Disorders.

Practice Education is a core professional activity. In Year 1, students have pre-clinical placements to develop their own communication skills in adult and child settings. In year 2, students have a series of single day placements where they can begin to experience the working contexts of SLTs; later in year 2, and again in year 3 students have block placements of 8 weeks where they are immersed in the clinical environment.

**WHO WILL I BE TAUGHT BY?**
You will be taught by a group of supportive, dedicated lecturers who are all experts in their chosen area. The university also actively encourages research and excellence, and the school has a great reputation for delivering world-class research and teaching.

**WHAT IS INTERPROFESSIONAL LEARNING?**
Interprofessional learning at UEA will enable you to practice and develop the skills required to work as part of an effective interprofessional team by encouraging collaboration on practical tasks, case scenarios and presentations.

**WHAT CAN I EXPECT FROM MY PLACEMENTS?**
We offer a diverse range of placements to give you a real insight into the areas you might go into when you graduate. You will spend time in a variety of settings, interacting with clients and families, where you will apply and develop your practice skills under the supervision of highly-skilled and experienced professionals. By the end of your course, the placement experiences will have allowed you to build an individual placement profile demonstrating you have undertaken the necessary time in practice required by the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) to allow professional registration as a Speech and Language Therapist. Please note: You will be required to travel both to and from your placement area, which may be located anywhere within the region.

**ARE THERE ANY OTHER OPTIONS TO STUDY?**
Yes. There are many other strands of health care you may wish to consider. We also run courses in Occupational Therapy, Learning Disabilities Nursing and Physiotherapy.

**DO YOU OFFER ACCESS FOR ALL?**
We have an excellent track record in helping students from a wide variety of backgrounds reach their full potential. Additional support is available, and our admissions team is on hand to help. https://portal.uea.ac.uk/dos

www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/mature-students

**WHAT IS THE ACCOMMODATION LIKE?**
Research shows that we have some of the best value student accommodation when comparing prices across the country’s top 30 universities. Our accommodation is within walking distance of our on-campus facilities such as a library, shops, restaurants and a music venue.

www.uea.ac.uk/accommodation

**HOW MUCH DOES THE COURSE COST?**
From September 2017, students will pay course fees and be able to apply for maintenance and tuition loans in the same way as most other degree programmes. Tuition fees for courses starting in September 2018 are £9,250.

www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/finance/fees-loans-grants

www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/degree/detail/bsc-speech-and-language-therapy

**HOW DO I APPLY?**
Apply online at www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/apply


If you have any questions about your application:
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