



Health Science (Speech Pathology)



Why study speech pathology?

Speech pathology is a fascinating and challenging career with excellent job opportunities.

Speech pathologists assess, diagnose and treat individuals with speech, voice, language, stuttering and swallowing problems.

Speech pathologists work with a wide variety of clients including:

- children with speech problems
- people with disabilities
- people who stutter
- adults who have had strokes or head injuries
- singers and actors who need help using their voices
- the elderly who have dementia.

Career opportunities

Graduates work professionally as speech pathologists in a wide variety of fields, both nationally and internationally, including schools, community health centres, hospitals, rehabilitation units, nursing homes, private practice and specialist disability services. It is also possible to take on academic and research roles.

With the current shortage of speech pathologists in Australia, graduates' job prospects are strong, especially in regional areas. Speech pathologists are particularly required in the fields of education, paediatrics and disability services.

What is the Bachelor of Health Science (Speech Pathology)?

CSU's Bachelor of Health Science (Speech Pathology) is a four-year full-time course offered on campus at Albury-Wodonga.

The course comprises the theoretical and practical components of speech pathology, with an emphasis on both general and specialist knowledge and skills.

The Bachelor of Health Science (Speech Pathology) is fully accredited with Speech Pathology Australia.

An Honours stream is available to students who satisfy minimum requirements at the end of second year, however this is a competitive process.

Some reasons for studying speech pathology at CSU:

- undertake a wide range of clinical training in a variety of settings
- learn using state-of-the-art facilities
- enjoy nearby tourist regions such as the snow fields and Rutherglen
- take advantage of small class sizes and the opportunity to work and study with students from other allied health disciplines.





Gemma Coughlan

Speech pathology graduate

"I chose to complete my tertiary studies at CSU because studying at a regional university allowed me to gain a premium education while maintaining my roots in rural and regional Australia.

"As well as the theoretical knowledge and practical skills I learnt during my studies, I gained extensive practical experience while completing placements in a range of health and educational settings. I also learnt about various therapeutic approaches including traditional and more innovative and flexible service delivery models. This experience equipped me very well to enter the workforce.

"Since graduating, I have secured employment with Scope Victoria, an organisation which, like CSU, prides itself on developing leading and innovative career opportunities for health professionals in order to retain valued employees in these areas.

"While studying at CSU I learnt some vital life skills, which have stood me in good stead for living and working in a rural and regional setting.

"The social life at CSU is unique. Being involved in clubs and functions and participating in uni sport are simple ways to make friends.

"For those considering attending CSU, my advice would be to strongly consider the wonderful experiences to be gained from studying at CSU and how these will enhance your personal development and career opportunities."

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What will I study?

This course focuses on the assessment, diagnosis and treatment/rehabilitation of human communication disorders, e.g. speech and hearing, voice, language, fluency and swallowing disorders.

Linguistics, biomedical sciences and theoretical subjects provide a base on which to build the knowledge of normal and disordered communication and swallowing, and the skills for speech pathology practice. Basic and clinical sciences also provide an understanding of human communication. This knowledge is then applied to diagnostics, treatment planning and intervention in a variety of contexts for individuals of all ages with communication and swallowing disorders.

How will I study?

Students are required to study theoretical subjects and participate in clinical training with clients. The opportunity to gain real life experience begins in the first year of the course through participation in a community engagement project, and clinical training continues through each year of the course.

You will have the opportunity to work and study with other allied health students such as those in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry and nursing.

CSU provides on and off campus opportunities to develop practical clinical skills through facilities such as:

- rooms with the technology to allow unobtrusive observation of therapy sessions with clients
- a speech pathology and audiology laboratory
- state-of-the-art anatomy and physiology laboratories.

Required knowledge

While no HSC or VCE subjects are specified as prerequisites for admission, applicants are advised to include 2 Unit biology and 2 Unit English in their HSC studies. Victorian VCE students are advised to include Units 3 and 4 English and Units 3 and 4 biology. Studying psychology may also be of benefit.

In line with NSW Health requirements, first year students are required to obtain a First Aid Certificate (HLTFA301B) and appropriate state police clearances. They must also maintain a record of immunisations and comply with state Working with Children requirements.

How to apply

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