



# BACHELOR OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

## > Why study speech pathology?

Speech pathology is a fascinating and challenging career with excellent job opportunities. As a speech pathologist, you will 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 or language difficulties
- people with disabilities
- people who stutter
- adults who have had strokes or head injuries
- singers and actors who need help using their voices
- people who have dementia.

## > Career opportunities

As a graduate of this course, you will be able to work professionally as a speech pathologist in a wide variety of fields, nationally and internationally, including schools, community health centres, hospitals, rehabilitation units, nursing homes, private practice and specialist disability services. You could also take on academic and research roles.

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

## > What is CSU's Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology?

CSU's Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology is a four-year full-time course offered on campus at Albury-Wodonga and is fully accredited with Speech Pathology Australia.

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

You may be eligible to apply for the Honours stream of this course if you satisfy minimum requirements at the end of second year, however this is a competitive process.

### Some reasons for studying Speech and Language Pathology at CSU:

You will undertake a wide range of clinical training in a variety of settings, including state-of-the-art facilities on campus.

Take advantage of small class sizes, work and study with students from other allied health disciplines.

As a graduate of our accredited course, you will have excellent employment prospects.



I couldn't be happier that I went to CSU, and I don't think I would have the same great memories, friends and experiences if I had studied anywhere else.

My position as a speech therapist allows me to be fairly flexible, which lets me work in a way that helps make my service accessible and effective to the community.

### Abby Blair

CSU Speech and Language Pathology graduate



### What will I study?

This course focuses on the assessment, diagnosis and treatment or rehabilitation of human communication disorders, such as speech and hearing, voice, language, fluency and swallowing disorders.

Linguistics, biomedical sciences and theoretical subjects provide a base on which you will build knowledge of normal and disordered communication and swallowing, and the skills for speech pathology practice. You will then apply this knowledge to diagnostics, treatment planning and intervention in a variety of contexts for individuals of all ages with communication and swallowing needs.

### How will I study?

You will complete your study through campus lectures, tutorials and workshops, online learning experiences, and practical community and clinic based experiences. The opportunity to gain real life experience begins in the first year of the course, and clinical education continues through each year of the course.

You will practice theory learned in class at CSU's purpose-built Education and Research into Communications Centre (ERiCC). This facility enables students to develop the skills required to operate digital technology in both assessment / intervention and development of digital client files.

For more information, visit: [www.csu.edu.au/virtual-tour](http://www.csu.edu.au/virtual-tour)

### Admission requirements

While no HSC or VCE subjects are specified as prerequisites for admission, you are advised to include 2 Unit Biology and 2 Unit English in your HSC studies. 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, in your first year you will be required to obtain a First Aid Certificate (HLTFA301B) and appropriate state police clearances. You must also maintain a record of immunisations and comply with state Working with Children requirements.

For more information or to apply, visit:

[www.csu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-speech-and-language-pathology](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-speech-and-language-pathology)

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