

BSc (Hons) Speech and Language Therapy



Faculty of Health



COURSE FACTS

Tariff Score	300 UCAS points
Faculty	Faculty of Health
Application	For full-time applications, please apply to UCAS (www.ucas.ac.uk , course code B620). For part-time applications please apply direct to the Admissions Office T: +44 (0)121 331 5500 E: Health.Admissions@bcu.ac.uk
Duration	Full-time, three years, part-time, six years
Location	City South Campus and clinical placements
Contact	T: +44 (0)121 331 5500 E: Health.Admissions@bcu.ac.uk W: www.bcu.ac.uk/health www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/speech-and-language-therapy

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Five GCSE passes at grade C or above including English language and mathematics (note, equivalencies not accepted and GCSE Science not specified) plus one of the following:

300 UCAS points from three A Levels including one science subject, BTEC National Diploma in Health Studies/Early Years, Access to HE course*.

*For more information visit: www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/speech-and-language-therapy.

Places are also subject to a satisfactory occupational health check, Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure (CRBD) and a compulsory visit day including a written interview.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Speech and language therapists assess, diagnose and work with people of all ages who have communication, eating, drinking or swallowing difficulties. An important part of their role involves working closely with other professionals from health, education and social care, such as teachers and nurses in addition to supporting and advising parents and carers.

This programme combines academic study at the University with clinical placements which may take place in NHS hospitals, schools and community health clinics. You will study human communication in depth and develop the knowledge and skills to assess and manage clients with communication needs and eating

or swallowing problems to enable them to communicate more effectively, and/or eat and drink safely.

This innovative course places an emphasis on developing a holistic, evidence-based approach to practice. Uniquely this programme takes a social approach (rather than medical) to the way speech and language therapists work with clients and recognises the importance of inter-professional education.

In addition to the three-year full-time undergraduate programme we offer a well-established six-year part-time pathway in speech and language therapy and students may switch between full and part-time study (at particular points in the programme) if circumstances change.

COURSE CONTENT

The course content covers the range of disciplines that contribute to an understanding of the nature of human communication, communicators and communication difficulties. It is a modular programme and one of the few courses in the UK to be offered over three extended years. This is the only course to offer long block placements to provide you with clinical experience.

In the first year you will cover subjects such as anatomy and physiology, linguistics, human development and psychology. You will also learn about the types of communication and swallowing difficulties clients may experience. In addition you will gain observation experience of typical development in an under fives setting.

Your second year moves on to thinking about how you appraise clients and how you interpret information from clients, carers and other professionals. You

will also begin to look at principles of treatment and psycholinguistics. You will further develop your knowledge and skills of appraisal during an eight week clinical placement.

Your final year consolidates your knowledge and prepares you for employment. You will study and implement programmes of intervention for clients, build on your research skills and further develop your professionalism. This final year of study will include a 15-week clinical placement which will provide you with the opportunity to work with a variety of client groups in various settings.

Throughout the course there is a mixture of teaching, self-directed study and clinical placements. Teaching methods include interactive lectures, seminars and small group work, practical or video workshops and problem-based learning groups and simulation activities in preparation for clinical placement. During your periods of placement you will maintain contact with the University; with tutors continuing to support you.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment will evaluate your practical skills and theoretical knowledge. Methods include a personal development portfolio while you are on placement, essays, video practicals, group presentations, reports, data analysis, examinations and continuous assessment.

SUITABILITY

A career in speech and language therapy may be for you if you:

- Enjoy working with people of all ages
- Can communicate effectively
- Can work in a team
- Enjoy problem solving
- Meet the above entry requirements

EMPLOYMENT

Once qualified you could work within hospitals, community health centres, mainstream and special schools, care homes, nursing and residential homes, young offenders' institutions, prisons and clients' own homes.

There is also the option to work in independent practice once you have gained some experience, and to work abroad. We have an excellent reputation for producing successful speech and language therapists.

MORE INFORMATION

Tuition fees are covered by the NHS and if you meet residency requirements* you are eligible to apply for a means-tested bursary calculated in relation to your personal circumstances.

Birmingham City University is a nationally recognised centre for excellence in teaching and learning, and the Faculty of Health is one of the UK's largest higher education centres for health and social care.

*You must be a European National, or be granted indefinite leave to remain and have been resident in the UK for five years prior to submitting your application.

