

Speech Pathologist

What does a Speech Pathologist Do?

A Speech Pathologist is someone who has been professionally trained to diagnose and treat people who are unable to communicate effectively

Where do I study to become a Speech Pathologist?

- Bachelor of Applied Science (Speech Pathology) – University of Sydney
- Bachelor of Health Science (Speech Pathology) – Charles Sturt University – Wagga Wagga
- Bachelor Speech Pathology – University of Newcastle
- Bachelor of Speech and Hearing Science/ Master of Speech Language Pathology – Macquarie University
- Bachelor of Speech Pathology – La Trobe University - Victoria
- Bachelor of Speech Pathology – University of Queensland
- Bachelor of Speech Pathology – James Cook University
- Bachelor of Speech Pathology – Flinders University – South Australia

A day in the life of a Rural Speech Pathologist

- Accept referral of a person with a communication/ swallowing difficulty
- Assess a person's communication/ swallowing skills
- Discuss treatment options with clients and their families
- Make appropriate referrals
- Contact other professionals involved with a client
- Develop a suitable management program

Career opportunities

- Hospitals
- Community Health Centres
- Rehabilitation centres/ aged care
- Preschools, kindergartens and schools
- Organisations that are working with people with specific disabilities such as autism
- Private Practice

What sort of person should I be?

- Motivated
- Flexible
- Patient and friendly
- Organised
- A good communicator