University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

BA Speech-Language Pathology (01130104)

Department	Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Minimum duration of study	4 years
Total credits	480
NQF level	08

Programme information

The purpose of this four-year degree package is to provide qualifying students with in-depth knowledge of the speech- and language development and related processes in the context of human communication. This knowledge inculdes the causes and symptomatology of speech, language, swallowing difficulties and the scientific basis of intervention with a person with a speech, language or swallowing disorder or those at risk of developing such pathology due to the high burden of disease in South Africa. The intervention can occur in a one-to-one situation, in group therapy, by using a multidisciplinary team approach or by means of community-based intervention. The qualification includes applied competence such as practical skills to improve or enhance speech, language and swallowing abilities of those adversely affected by disability or those at risk of developing such a disability. The qualification furthermore complies with international academic requirements.

Closing date for application: 30 June annually

Admission requirements

Please apply as soon as applications open on 1 March.

- The closing date is an administrative admission guideline.
- Once a non-selection programme is full and has reached the institutional targets, then that programme will be closed for further admissions, irrespective of the closing date. However, if the institutional targets have not been met by the closing date, then that programme will remain open for admissions until the institutional targets are met.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Faculty Yearbooks: click here.

1. You will be considered for conditional admission, if space allows, and if you:

- are a Grade 11 applicant, please submit your final Grade 11 examination results, **and** have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) with university endorsement or an equivalent qualification; **OR**
- are transferring from other recognised institutions to the University of Pretoria; **OR**
- are a graduate or have graduate status from another recognised tertiary institution; **OR**
- are a graduate of another Faculty at the University of Pretoria; **AND**
- comply with the minimum subject requirements and achievement levels, as well as the APS requirements of specific programmes.
- If you are an international applicant please apply for *conditional admission* based on your final results

equivalent to Grade 11.
- *Final admission* is based on the qualification equivalent to the NSC.

2. You will be considered for final admission to degree studies, if space allows, and if you:

- have a National Senior Certificate (NSC) or equivalent qualification with admission to Bachelor's degree studies; **and** comply with the minimum subject requirements as well as the APS requirements of their chosen programme; **OR**
- are a student transferring from another recognised tertiary institution and comply with the programme requirements; **OR**
- have graduate status from another recognised tertiary institution, or are a graduate of another Faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- If you are an international student or are a student with other qualifications equivalent to the NSC (including school qualifications from other countries, eg Spain, New Zealand, etc), you must obtain a *Complete Exemption Certificate* or a *Foreign Conditional Exemption Certificate* based on your international ('foreign') qualifications. Certificates can only be obtained from Universities South Africa (USAf) at click here. In addition, these candidates must meet the relevant programme admission requirements.

Minimum requirements				
Achievement level				
English Home Language or English First Additional Language		**Mathematics**		**APS**
NSC/IEB	AS Level	NSC/IEB	AS Level	
5	C	5	C	**32**

To retain admission, you must obtain an APS of at least 30 in the NSC.

For the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology programme, the first study year is the same.

Note: We will consider both first- and second-choice applications for BA (Speech-Language Pathology).

Additional requirements

Practising speech-language therapists should have good speech production and language use to serve as a model for individuals with communication and hearing disorders. They should also have good hearing, vision, and motor ability in order to assess and treat individuals with a variety of communication disorders.

Other programme-specific information

- Students who are deemed to be at risk of their level of academic literacy are compelled to take ALL 110.
- Students who are deemed not at risk of their level of academic literacy may substitute ALL 110 with SEP 110, ZUL 110 or STW 110.
- Change over from Speech-Language Pathology programme to Audiology at the end of the first year of study will be subject to available space in the second year of study and to a selection process.
- To pass a module, 50% has to be achieved in the following modules: Audiology (ODL), Human communication (KMP), Speech Sciences (SWL) and Speech-Language Pathology (SPP).

Pass with distinction

In order to pass the degree with distinction a student has to obtain:

- a final mark of 70% or higher for *each* of the modules of the final year;
- a weighted average of 75% or higher for the Speech-Language Pathology modules at fourth-year level; and also
- a final mark of 75% or higher for one of the theoretical modules, SPP 410 or SPP 420.

Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 108

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 111 (AIM 111) - Credits: 4.00
Academic information management 121 (AIM 121) - Credits: 4.00
Academic literacy 110 (ALL 110) - Credits: 6.00
Academic orientation 101 (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

Core modules

Anatomy 111 (ANA 111) - Credits: 5.00
Physiology 110 (FSG 110) - Credits: 6.00
Physiology 120 (FSG 120) - Credits: 6.00
Integrated healthcare leadership 120 (IHL 120) - Credits: 8.00
Medical terminology 180 (MTL 180) - Credits: 12.00
Audiology 110 (ODL 110) - Credits: 5.00
Audiology 120 (ODL 120) - Credits: 7.00
Psychology 110 (SLK 110) - Credits: 12.00
Psychology 120 (SLK 120) - Credits: 12.00
Speech-language pathology 110 (SPP 110) - Credits: 5.00
Speech-language pathology 120 (SPP 120) - Credits: 7.00
Speech science 110 (SWL 110) - Credits: 6.00
Speech science 120 (SWL 120) - Credits: 6.00
Speech science: 181 (SWL 181) - Credits: 5.00

Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 129

Choose between SEP 110, ZUL 110 or STW 110

Core modules

Integrated healthcare leadership 210 (IHL 210) - Credits: 8.00
Human communication 210 (KMP 210) - Credits: 5.00
Human communication 220 (KMP 220) - Credits: 5.00
Neuro-anatomy for communication pathology 211 (NAN 211) - Credits: 7.00
Neuro-physiology 221 (NFG 221) - Credits: 7.00
Sepedi for beginners 119 (SEP 119) - Credits: 12.00
Psychology 210 (SLK 210) - Credits: 20.00
Psychology 220 (SLK 220) - Credits: 20.00
Speech-language pathology 210 (SPP 210) - Credits: 10.00
Speech-language pathology 220 (SPP 220) - Credits: 10.00
Speech language pathology: Practical 281 (SPP 281) - Credits: 5.00
Setswana for beginners 110 (STW 110) - Credits: 12.00
Speech science 210 (SWL 210) - Credits: 10.00
Speech science 220 (SWL 220) - Credits: 10.00
isiZulu 119 (ZUL 119) - Credits: 12.00

Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 123

Core modules

Integrated healthcare leadership 310 (IHL 310) - Credits: 8.00
Human communication 320 (KMP 320) - Credits: 10.00
Human communication: Practical 381 (KMP 381) - Credits: 5.00
Research methodology for healthcare sciences 300 (RHC 300) - Credits: 30.00
Psychology 310 (SLK 310) - Credits: 30.00
Speech-language pathology 310 (SPP 310) - Credits: 10.00
Speech-language pathology 320 (SPP 320) - Credits: 10.00
Speech-language pathology: practical 381 (SPP 381) - Credits: 10.00
Speech-language pathology: Practical 382 (SPP 382) - Credits: 10.00

Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 115

Core modules

Human communication 481 (KMP 481) - Credits: 30.00
Human communication: Practical 482 (KMP 482) - Credits: 15.00
Speech-language pathology 410 (SPP 410) - Credits: 20.00
Speech-language pathology 420 (SPP 420) - Credits: 20.00
Speech-language pathology: practical 481 (SPP 481) - Credits: 30.00

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