

HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION PATHOLOGY UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

- 1937 Tertiary education for Speech Therapy in South Africa is instituted.
- 1953 First proposals for programme of instruction at UP.
- 1954 Committee of Faculty of Arts investigates the possibility of establishing a department.
- 1959 Department of Speech Science and Speech Therapy at UP approved.
Appointment of Prof. P de V Pienaar as Head of Department.
- 1960 First students in Logopaedics enrol at UP.
- 1963 First students qualify.
- 1966 First soundproof chamber for hearing tests imported from the USA.
- 1969 Name changes to: Department of Speech Science, Speech Therapy and Audiology.
- 1970 Prof. Pienaar retires.
Prof. Izak Hay appointed as Head of Department.
- 1976 Selection for admission to first year of study instituted – 25 students.
- 1978 Prof. Pienaar passes away.
- 1981 Kommunika: Nursery Group for Hearing and Language Impaired Preschoolers established.
- 1983 Change of name: Department of Speech Therapy and Audiology.
- 1989 Establishment Clinic for High Risk Babies (CHRIB)
- 1990 Name of degree changed to: B Communication Pathology.
Establishment of Centre for Augmentative and Alternative Communication (CAAC).
- 1991 Name of department changed in accordance with international trends:
Department of Communication Pathology. 1991 New Curriculum instituted.
- 1992 Prof. Hay retires.
Prof. Isabella Uys appointed Head of Department.
- 1993 Establishment of Centre for Early Intervention in Communication Pathology.
- 1994 CAAC independent from the Department of Communication Pathology.

- 1997 Prof. Uys retires.
Prof. René Hugo appointed Head of Department.
- 1999 Implementation of new modular program (three packages).
Selection of 45 first year students per annum.
New postgraduate programme: Advanced Diploma in Hearing Aid Acoustics instituted.
HPCSA Professional Board for Speech, Language and Hearing Professions evaluation: Programme accreditation.
External Review of the Department.
- 2000 Faculty of Arts changes name to Faculty of Humanities.
Department of Communication Pathology in School for Social Sciences.
- 2003 Prof. Hugo retires.
Compulsory Community Service Year mandated by Dept of Health.
Prof. Brenda Louw appointed as Head of Department.
- 2004 Centenary Anniversary of Prof. P de V Pienaar (11-08-1904).
formalization
- 2005 New Mission and Vision formulated for the department.
- 2006 HPCSA Professional Board for Speech, Language and Hearing Professions evaluation: Programme accreditation.
External Review of the Department.
Decision taken to train Audiologists and Speech-Language Therapists separately.
- 2007 Prof. Brenda Louw re-appointed as Head of the Department for a second term.
Value system for the department formulated
Department resorts under School of Social Sciences, Division of Applied Social Sciences.
Advanced Diploma in Hearing Aid Acoustics accredited for the 2nd time by the HPCSA Professional Board for Speech, Language and Hearing Professions.
- 2008 Development of New Curriculum
University of Pretoria Centenary.
- 2009 50th Anniversary of the Department.

Institution of new curriculum with separate undergraduate programmes in
Audiology & Speech Language Pathology (B Communication Pathology
(Audiology) and

B Communication Pathology (Speech-Language Pathology))

Prof Brenda Louw retires.

2010 Dr Maggi Soer is acting Head of Department

2011 Prof Bart Vinck commences as new Head of Department