



# BA in Speech-Language Pathology

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The Bachelor of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology programme will help students acquire in-depth knowledge of normal speech and language processes within the framework of human communication (infants, children, and adults).

The possible causes and symptomatology of speech, voice, language, listening and literacy disorders, as well as the scientific basis of assessment and intervention of individuals with communication-related disorders or those at risk of developing such pathologies are included. Students are, additionally, equipped theoretically and practically to assess and manage swallowing and feeding disorders (dysphagia) in clients across their lifespan.

Therapy (intervention) can occur in a one-on-one situation, by means of group therapy, as part of a multidisciplinary/ interdisciplinary team approach, or using community-based intervention programmes. Practical skills in therapeutic techniques for improving speech, voice, and language as well as the management of dysphagia, are acquired. The qualification complies with international requirements.

Candidates will be registered as student clinicians with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) during their studies, as students already deliver speech-language therapy services at an undergraduate level.

The option, depending on progress marks, exists to pursue a full-time master's degree following the completion of the four-year professional degree.

At the completion of the four-year professional degree, students must complete one year of compulsory community service at a public healthcare facility in the employment of the South African Department of Health. This allows for excellent clinical exposure and provides graduates with an immediate appointment and income opportunity following their studies.

The ideal candidate should have an aptitude for languages and problem solving and be passionate about human interactive communication. Candidates should be dedicated students and devoted to the ethics of their future profession. Improving the quality of life of their clients should be their main objective, assisting their clients to connect with people throughout daily interactions. Shadowing a speech-language therapist at work is encouraged.



For more information, please consult the Faculty webpage.

## Career Opportunities

Work in education and special education, hospitals, clinics or rural communities, or in private practices, government, military and academic institutions (teaching and research).

## Programme Code

01130109

## Closing Dates

- **SA** - 30/06/2025
- **Non-SA** - 30/06/2025

## Admission Requirements

### Important information for all prospective students for 2026

The admission requirements below apply to all who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**. [Click here](#) for this Faculty Brochure.

### Minimum requirements

Achievement level		
English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	APS
NSC/IEB	NSC/IEB	
5	4	<b>32</b>

\* For Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology programmes, the first study year is the same.



\* **Note:** We will consider both first- and second-choice applications for Bachelor of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology.

Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.

Applicants currently in Grade 12 must apply with their final Grade 11 (or equivalent) results.

Applicants who have completed Grade 12 must apply with their final NSC or equivalent qualification results.

Please note that meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission.

Successful candidates will be notified once admitted or conditionally admitted.

Applicants should check their application status regularly on the UP Student Portal at [click here](#).

**Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to the International undergraduate prospectus 2026: Applicants with a school leaving certificate not issued by Umalusi (South Africa), available at [click here](#).

**International students:** [Click here](#).

### **Transferring students**

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of applying at the University of Pretoria (UP) is/was a registered student at another tertiary institution. A transferring student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance. Students who have been dismissed from other institutions due to poor academic performance will not be considered for admission to UP.

**Closing dates:** Same as above.

### **Returning students**

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme is/was a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP. A returning student will be considered for admission based on NSC or equivalent qualification and previous academic performance.

### **Note:**

- Students who have been excluded/dismissed from a faculty due to poor academic performance may be considered for admission to another programme at UP, as per faculty-specific requirements.
- Only ONE transfer between UP faculties and TWO transfers within a faculty will be allowed.
- Admission of returning students will always depend on the faculty concerned and the availability of



space in the programmes for which they apply.

### **Closing date for applications from returning students**

Same as above.

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### **Selection Process**

Only first- and second-choice applications will be considered for selection. Selection is based on academic achievement, and only 50 students are admitted. The conditional selection process starts in August each year. For more information, please visit: [click here](#).

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### **Minimum duration of study**

4 years, full-time

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### **Faculty Notes**

Except in cases where modules or programmes require the use of a language other than English, all modules will be presented only in English, which is the University's official language of tuition, communication and correspondence.

The Faculty of Humanities provides a holistic education, transferable skills, critical thinking, and communication and problem-solving that will help you develop to your full potential. You will be entering a stimulating environment that will broaden your intellectual horizons and help you achieve personal and professional success through the best possible learning experience.

As the most diverse Faculty of the University of Pretoria, we offer an exciting and comprehensive range of programmes and discipline-based majors, including studies in languages, social sciences and visual and performing arts.

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## **Enquiries about the programme**

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**How to apply**



# Online Application





Note: Also consult General Rules and Information on the Yearbook website for additional information.

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