

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

BA Speech-Language Pathology (01130104)

Duration of study 4 years

Total credits 511

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Programme information

This four-year career-oriented degree comprises the scientific study of normal and abnormal human communication, feeding and swallowing (from the child to the adult). Training is provided in speech-language pathology, speech-language, feeding and dysphagia assessment and intervention.

Closing date for applications:

30 June annually

Admission requirements

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
- Candidates who comply with the minimum subject requirements and achievement levels as well as the APS requirements of these programmes will be granted placement in the programmes, subject to the availability of space. The abovementioned is not applicable to selection programmes.
- To retain admission, learners will be expected to obtain an APS of at least 28 in Grade 12. Prospective students who have already been granted provisional admission in these programmes, but obtained at least an APS of 27 in Grade 12, will be considered by the Admission Committee should space be available. The Admission Committee of the Faculty of Humanities will consider these students once the results of the National Benchmark Test (NBT) are available and depending on the availability of space.
- The Faculty will assess satisfactory performance in the NBT in the light of its commitment to ensure that an appropriate proportion of the applicants will be drawn from the disadvantaged category of the population.
- Applicants who meet the minimum APS requirement, but who do not comply with the subject requirements must write the NBT.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Departmental selection is based on academic achievement. To retain admission, candidates will be expected to achieve an APS of at least 28 in Grade 12. Only 40 students are admitted. The provisional selection process commences in July of the year preceding the first year of studies. More information can be obtained from the programme organiser. The first study year of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology is the same. The choice of Life Sciences is strongly recommended.

Minimum requirements								
Achievement level								APS
Any two languages of which Afrikaans or English should be one				Mathematics				
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
5	3	C	C	4	3	D	D	30

Additional requirements

Practising audiologists and 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.

Candidates who achieved an APS of 30 in Grade 11 and comply with the minimum subject requirements and achievement levels of these study programmes will automatically be part of the selection process.

To retain admission, selected learners must have obtained an APS of at least 28 in Grade 12.

Applicants with an APS of 28 in grade 12 but who do not comply with the language and Mathematics requirements will not be admitted to the programme.

Other programme-specific information

Academic literacy

The academic literacy of all students who enroll at the University of Pretoria for the first time will be assessed at the start of the academic year by means of their NSC marks.

- Students following a degree programme in English: The NSC Grade 12 English mark will be used to determine whether students in the Faculty of Humanities should register for the academic literacy modules (ALL 110 and ALL 125 in English):
 - # Home Language: Students with a 4 or lower register for ALL 110 and ALL 125
 - # First Additional Language: Students with a 5 or lower register for ALL 110 and ALL 125.
- Students following a degree programme in Afrikaans: The NSC Grade 12 Afrikaans mark will be used to determine whether students in the Faculty of Humanities should register for the academic literacy modules VAG 110 and VAG 125 in Afrikaans
- Students who are deemed to be at risk of their level of academic literacy are compelled to take ALL 110 and ALL 125.
- Students who are deemed not at risk of their level of academic literacy may substitute ALL 110 and 125 with SEP 110 or 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, a subminimum of 40% has to be achieved in each subsection of the following modules: Audiology (ODL), Human communication (KMP) 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;
- an 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: 113

Fundamental modules

Academic information management 101 (AIM 101) - Credits: 6.00

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

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 120 (SWL 120) - Credits: 6.00

Speech science: 181 (SWL 181) - Credits: 5.00

Integrated healthcare leadership 120 (IHL 120) - Credits: 8.00

Speech science 110 (SWL 110) - Credits: 6.00



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 129

Choose between SEP 110 or ZUL 110

Core modules

- 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 110 (SEP 110) - 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 for beginners 110 (ZUL 110) - Credits: 12.00
- Integrated healthcare leadership 210 (IHL 210) - Credits: 8.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 143

Core modules

Human communication 320 (KMP 320) - Credits: 10.00

Human communication: Practical 381 (KMP 381) - Credits: 5.00

Psychology 310 (SLK 310) - Credits: 30.00

Psychology 320 (SLK 320) - 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: 5.00

Speech-language pathology: Practical 382 (SPP 382) - Credits: 5.00

Integrated healthcare leadership 310 (IHL 310) - Credits: 8.00

Research methodology for healthcare sciences 300 (RHC 300) - Credits: 30.00



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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