

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

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 includes 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

Important information for all prospective students for 2022

- The admission requirements apply to students who apply for admission to the University of Pretoria with a **National Senior Certificate (NSC) and Independent Examination Board (IEB) qualifications**.
- **Applicants with qualifications other than the abovementioned** should refer to:
 - **Brochure:** Undergraduate Programme Information 2022: Qualifications other than the NSC and IEB, available at [click here](#).
- **Citizens from countries other than South Africa (applicants who are not South African citizens)** should also refer to:
 - **Brochure:** Newcomer's Guide 2021, available at [click here](#).
 - **Website:** [click here](#).
- **School of Tomorrow (SOT), Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) and General Education Development Test (GED):** The University of Pretoria no longer accepts qualifications awarded by these institutions.
- **National Certificate (Vocational) (NCV) Level 4:** The University of Pretoria may consider NCV candidates, provided they meet the exemption for bachelor's status criteria and the programme requirements.

Transferring students

A transferring student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme at the University of

Pretoria (UP) –

- is a registered student at another tertiary institution, or was previously registered at another tertiary institution and did not complete the programme enrolled for at that institution, and is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, or has completed studies at another tertiary institution, but is not currently enrolled at a tertiary institution, or has started with tertiary studies at UP, then moved to another tertiary institution and wants to be readmitted at UP.

A transferring student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); and meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; or having completed a higher certificate at a tertiary institution with faculty-specific subjects/modules passed (equal to or more than 50%), as well as complying with faculty rules on admission;
- previous academic performance (must have passed all modules registered for up to the closing date of application) or as per faculty regulation/promotion requirements;
- a certificate of good conduct.

Note: Students who have been dismissed at the previous institution due to poor academic performance, will not be considered for admission to UP.

Returning students

A returning student is a student who, at the time of application for a degree programme –

- is a registered student at UP, and wants to transfer to another degree at UP, or was previously registered at UP and did not complete the programme enrolled for, and did not enrol at another tertiary institution in the meantime (including students who applied for leave of absence), or has completed studies at UP, but is not currently enrolled or was not enrolled at another tertiary institution after graduation.

A returning student will be considered for admission based on

- an NSC or equivalent qualification with exemption to bachelor's or diploma studies (whichever is applicable); and meeting the minimum faculty-specific subject requirements at NSC or tertiary level; or previous academic performance (should have a cumulative weighted average of at least 50% for the programme enrolled for);
- having applied for and was granted leave of absence.

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. The Admissions Committee may consider such students if they were not dismissed more than twice. Only ONE transfer between UP faculties will be allowed, and a maximum of two (2) transfers within a faculty.

Important faculty-specific information on undergraduate programmes for 2022

- This is a selection programme. The closing date indicates the closure of the application process.
- Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
- Faculty Yearbooks: [click here](#).
- All modules (excluding foreign language modules) will only be presented in English, as English is the language of tuition, communication and correspondence.

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

- are a Grade 11 applicant (with an APS of 32 or more excluding Life Orientation), 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 applicant from a country other than South Africa, 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 your 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 a citizen from a country other than South Africa 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.

University of Pretoria website: [click here](#)

Minimum requirements

Achievement level

English Home

Language or English First Additional Language

Mathematics

APS (Grade 11)

APS (NSC/IEB completed)

5

4

32

30

* To retain admission, you must obtain an APS of at least 30, at least a 5 for English and at least a 4 for Mathematics in the NSC.

* For the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology programmes, 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 along with SEP 119, ZUL 119 or STW 110.
- Students who are deemed not at risk of their level of academic literacy may register for SEP 119, ZUL 119 or STW 110 only.
- For enrolled University of Pretoria students, change over from the Audiology programme to Speech-Language

Pathology programme 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% (not rounded) 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: 120

Select one of the following : SEP 119 or ZUL 119 or STW 110.

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

[Sepedi for beginners 119](#) (SEP 119) - Credits: 12.00

[Setswana for beginners 110](#) (STW 110) - Credits: 12.00

[Academic orientation 101](#) (UPO 101) - Credits: 0.00

[isiZulu for beginners 119](#) (ZUL 119) - Credits: 12.00

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: 120

Core modules

Integrated healthcare leadership 210 (IHL 210) - Credits: 8.00

Human communication 210 (KMP 210) - Credits: 6.00

Human communication 220 (KMP 220) - Credits: 6.00

Neuro-anatomy for communication pathology 211 (NAN 211) - Credits: 7.00

Neuro-physiology 221 (NFG 221) - Credits: 7.00

Psychology 210 (SLK 210) - Credits: 20.00

Speech-language pathology 210 (SPP 210) - Credits: 15.00

Speech-language pathology 220 (SPP 220) - Credits: 15.00

Speech language pathology: Practical 281 (SPP 281) - Credits: 16.00

Speech science 210 (SWL 210) - Credits: 10.00

Speech science 220 (SWL 220) - Credits: 10.00



Curriculum: Year 3

Minimum credits: 120

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: 6.00

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

Speech-language pathology 310 (SPP 310) - Credits: 14.00

Speech-language pathology 320 (SPP 320) - Credits: 14.00

Speech-language pathology: practical 381 (SPP 381) - Credits: 19.00

Speech-language pathology: Practical 382 (SPP 382) - Credits: 19.00



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 120

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: 35.00

The regulations and rules for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations.