



M.Sc. in Clinical Speech and Language Studies – Dysphagia	
Full-time: 1 Year	Part-time: 2 Years

Who is this course for?

The M.Sc. in Clinical Speech and Language Studies, Dysphagia strand, is for qualified Speech and Language Therapists who want to develop clinical and research skills in the area of Dysphagia. Courses are timetabled to facilitate overseas Speech and Language Therapists and Speech and Language Therapists in employment.

During the M.Sc. course, students must complete a minimum of 80 hours clinical work in the chosen specialist area. Students who take the dysphagia specialist strand and who have not completed a qualifying course in dysphagia will have to complete an additional intensive week of study. These students must have at least 40 of the required 80 clinical hours supervised by speech and language therapists recognised by the Department. Students should organise their own clinical work prior to commencing the course but must ensure that, where supervision is required, proposed supervisors have been agreed with the department.

What is the content of the course?

Advanced Clinical Skills: Dysphagia

In this specialist module, students will develop an ability to critically evaluate current modules of assessment and appraise their role in understanding the nature of dysphagia (feeding, eating, drinking and swallowing disorders) across the lifespan.

Research Methods 1

In this module, students will revise the key components of experimental and non-experimental research design focusing specifically on the principles of different quantitative experimental research methodologies, what comprises good study design, issues in data collection and skills required in data management.

Research Methods 2

In this module, students will revise the key components of qualitative and descriptive research design focusing specifically on qualitative methodology, case study research and survey design.

Research Methods 3

The purpose of this module is to broadly examine the processes and practices of research – related activities in the area of human communication. The module introduces students to some approaches to the analysis of talk in interaction in clinical and non-clinical contexts. The module also covers ethical issues involved in designing and implementing clinical research.



Clinical Evidence Based Practice

This module introduces students to the principles and application of evidence based practice in general and specialist areas. Students are introduced to critical analysis of literature across a range of methodologies and are encouraged to apply EBP to research as well as clinical practice.

Dissertation

Research leading to a dissertation in the selected specialist area. Students will write a dissertation based on a small-scale research project undertaken with their supervisor. Students will also submit an outline of a journal article for publication or prepare a poster for conference presentation.

How often will I have to attend classes?

The two year part time M.Sc. course takes place during twelve 5-day weeks spread over a 2 year period. The full time M.Sc. course takes place during twelve 5-day weeks spread over one year. All students must attend Trinity College for these teaching weeks. Additional assignments and clinical work must be completed outside of these weeks.

Where can I find more information about admissions and fees?

Please see our website – <http://www.tcd.ie/slscs/postgraduate/taught-courses/clinical-speech-language/>