



Your Degree What Next:

Clinical Speech & Language Studies

This course in Clinical Speech and Language Studies provides recognition to practise as a professional Speech & Language Therapist. In addition to the taught element, the course also includes an extensive clinical education programme which provides opportunities to develop and acquire the professional knowledge, skills, attributes and attitudes required to become a competent practitioner.

What skills can I develop at Trinity?

You gain a wide range of skills while at College, through academic study, clubs and societies, voluntary work, student politics, work and other commitments. These are important to recognize as they inform your career decisions and are a critical ingredient in your applications for postgraduate study and jobs. Here are some skills you can gain through your course:

1. Critical Thinking - The most fundamental part of a university education is learning to work on your own and to make independent judgments. You have to discover the information that you need to analyse complex questions and develop your ideas about them and to present your arguments clearly and persuasively in a wide range of scenarios.

2. Teamwork - Learning to work as part of a team is an important skill; sharing the workload, agreeing roles and working as part of both professional and interdisciplinary teams while on placement, participating in multi-agency and inter-professional approaches to healthcare e.g. making referrals, case conferences etc.

3. Independent Research - You will have learnt how to use the library and other complex information resources and co-ordinate information from a wide variety of sources, so that you may interpret and use clinical data.

4. Application of knowledge - You will apply your theoretical knowledge base in communication and swallowing and their associated disorders and apply relevant principles of assessment, diagnosis and intervention within your clinical practice.

5. Logical argumentation - You will know how to bring together facts and arguments in order to answer a specific question or analyse a problem.

6. Time and project management - By working on assignments and studying for exams you will have developed the ability to revise and consolidate your work and know how to extract the essential points from a mass of information. You will also have learned how to manage your own time and to work under pressure of deadlines.

7. Verbal communication - You will know how to present your ideas orally, contributing constructively to discussions and giving seminar presentations using visual material. You can communicate effectively with non-professionals including clients and other health care professions in relation to client health.

8. Written communication - You will have had the opportunity to present your ideas in writing accurately and concisely, using convincing arguments based on solid evidence; responding flexibly to different types of questions and expressing your thoughts concisely in patient notes.

9. Digital Skills - You will have had the opportunity to develop your computer skills both from typing up your own essays and papers and from undertaking searches on the web & using databases.

10. Personal Development and Professionalism - through managing your learning and working with clients, often on a one-to-one basis. You will also develop the ability to recognise the limits of your own profession, refer appropriately and engage in appropriate levels of self-care.

What can I do with a degree in Clinical Speech & Language Studies?

You have many options available upon completion of your degree. Careers are available as professional Speech and Language Therapists in Ireland and the U.K. Careers in related or unrelated areas are also possible. Some students are also interested in pursuing academic research. Here are some sample employment opportunities:

Roles

Speech & Language Therapist
Early Intervention Therapy
Assistant Research Coordinator
Health Insurance Sales Advisor
Training Facilitator

Employers

HSE
NHS
Central Remedial Clinic
Enable Ireland
Unlocking Language

Many Clinical Speech and Language Studies students go on to postgraduate courses such as a Masters or PhD to develop skills in specific disciplines such as Dysphagia or Linguistics, but also to broaden and deepen their skill base, by studying areas such as Leadership, Innovation and Management for Healthcare.

Useful Resources

The organisations and professional bodies listed below are useful resources for career / sector specific information:

Resources

HSE (IE)
NHS (UK)
gradireland (IE)
Targetjobs (UK)

Professional Bodies

Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists
Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (UK)

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