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Important information on COVID-19 restrictions and modes of teaching and learning

In order to offer taught programmes in line with government health and safety advice, teaching and learning in Semester 1 for your programme will follow a blended model that combines online and in-person elements to be attended on campus. This blended model will include offering online lectures for larger class groupings, as well as inperson classes for smaller groups: the differing modes of teaching and learning for particular modules are determined by your home School. Information on the modes of teaching and learning in Semester 2 will be available closer to the time.

Trinity will be as flexible as possible in facilitating late arrivals due to travel restrictions, visa delays, and other challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. If you expect to arrive later than 28th September, please alert your course coordinator as early as possible.

For those students not currently in Ireland, according to current Government health and safety guidelines, please note that these students are expected to allow for a 14-day period of restricted movement after arrival and prior to commencement of their studies, and therefore should factor this into their travel plans.

For those students currently on the island of Ireland, we remind you of the Irish Government's advice that all non-essential overseas travel should be avoided. If you do travel overseas, you are expected to restrict your movements for 14 days immediately from your return, during which time you will not be permitted to come to any Trinity campus. Therefore, as you are required to be available to attend College from the beginning of the new teaching year on 28 September, **please ensure you do not return from travel overseas any later than 13 September.**

WELCOME

Dear Postgraduate Student,

A very warm welcome to the *Department of Clinical Speech & Language Studies*, within the School of Linguistic, Speech & Communication Sciences at Trinity College Dublin (TCD).

Aside from being a university steeped in a rich tradition and a vibrant history, Trinity College Dublin is recognised internationally as Ireland's premier university. Trinity College Dublin is Ireland's No.1 University (Academic Ranking of World Universities (Shanghai), 2019) and is ranked 101st in the World (QS World University Ranking, 2021)

The Department of Clinical Speech & Language Studies has been at Trinity College since 1979, having established itself as a qualifying school for Speech and Language Therapists at an undergraduate level, some years before that. Our postgraduate suite of courses began in the academic year 2004-2005 and has been successfully running since then, with many of our M.Sc graduates going on to PhD level.

Since the beginning of the postgraduate programme, courses and modules have evolved and developed, being enhanced by the expertise, both coming from within the Department and from the expertise of other members of our teaching team, many of whom hail from other departments within College or from outside, highly-respected institutions (e.g. teaching hospitals). Our teaching team is energetic, committed and highly- motivated, each member supported by his/her own strong research and clinical background.

At all times, we strive to give our students the best educational experience we can offer, an experience that is not only high class, but one which contributes to the objective of life-long learning and enquiry. Core to our teaching philosophy is responding to and supporting the curious mind. You have all chosen to pursue your own 'curiosities' by committing to further study, against a backdrop of your earlier educational or workplace experiences. We in the Department are here to feed and nurture that curiosity, by exposing you to a deep, rich and hopefully enjoyable learning experience.

Trinity College facilitates the nurturing of the student experience with its wide and diverse range of learning and teaching resources, including world-class libraries, and many other student-focused supports. Additionally, students can avail of over 100 College societies and 50 active TCD Sports Clubs.

We are delighted that you have chosen to come and join our thriving postgraduate community here in the Department. We look forward to guiding and accompanying you all on your postgraduate journey. We warmly welcome each and every one of you, wishing you the very best of luck with your studies. We hope you will enjoy all that we, and TCD, have to offer you.

Dr. Caroline Jagoe, Head of Discipline.

Department of Clinical Speech & Language

Studies

Dr. Ciarán Kenny,

Ciara Kern

Postgraduate Programme Coordinator, Department of Clinical Speech & Language Studies

ORGANISATION AND STRUCTURE

GENERAL REGULATION

The information provided in this handbook is accurate at time of preparation. Any changes will be communicated to students by e-mail to their TCD account. This handbook should be read in conjunction with the General Regulations printed in the University of Dublin Calendar. In the event of a conflict, the General Regulations have primacy over information in the handbook. See http://www.tcd.ie/calendar/general-information/.

Alternative formats (large print) of the handbook can be made on request. A hard copy of this Handbook is available from Reception in the department

GENERAL INFORMATION

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student Services support the academic life cycle by enhancing the student experience and providing key services to students throughout their time in Trinity. These services comprise Academic Registry, Day Nursery, Disability Service, Health, Sport and Student Counselling. Each unit works closely with the Students' Union to promote the services available to students and ensure they receive the pastoral care a university such as Trinity prides itself on. There is a specific handbook available on https://www.tcd.ie/corporate-services/structure/student-services/. Some of the range of services are described below.



Location: House Six (second floor)

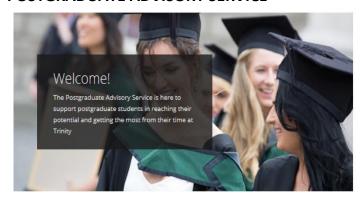
Website: http://tcdgsu.ie/

Contact: Shaz Oye - President president@tcdgsu.ie

Gisele Scanlon - Vice President vicepresident@tcdgsu.ie

The Graduate Students' Union (is the representative body for graduate students in Trinity College, Dublin. The Union's primary duty is to represent the postgraduate community, which it does with active involvement at every level of College government. On behalf of the Union, the sabbatical officers sit on the principal committees of the College, including the College Board and University Council. They are also active advocates in the day-to-day decision-making of the College – on behalf of both the interests of the postgraduate community in general and individual students, where appropriate. The Union provides a number of services and facilities to the postgraduate community.

POSTGRADUATE ADVISORY SERVICE



The Postgraduate Advisory
Service is a unique and
confidential service available to all
registered postgraduate students
in Trinity College. It offers a
comprehensive range of
academic, pastoral and
professional supports dedicated
to enhancing your student
experience.

Who?

The Postgraduate Advisory Service is led by the Postgraduate Support Officer who provides frontline support for all Postgraduate students in Trinity. The Postgrad Support Officer will act as your first point of contact and a source of support and guidance regardless of what stage of your Postgrad you're at. In addition, each Faculty has three members of Academic staff appointed as Postgraduate Advisors who you can be referred to by the Postgrad Support Officer for extra assistance if needed.

Contact details of the Postgrad Support Officer and the Advisory Panel are available on our website: pgsupp@tcd.ie

Where?

The PAS is located on the second floor of House 27. Students can drop in to the service every Tuesday or Thursday between 2.30pm and 3.30pm, or at other times by appointment,

Phone: 01 8961417 E-mail: pgsupp@tcd.ie

What?

The PAS exists to ensure that all Postgrad students have a contact point who they can turn to for support and information on college services and academic issues arising. Representation assistance to Postgrad students is offered in the area of discipline and/ or academic appeals arising out of examinations or thesis submissions, supervisory issues, general information on Postgrad student life and many others. If in doubt, get in touch! All queries will be treated with confidentiality. For more information on what we offer see our website. If you have any queries regarding your experiences as a Postgraduate Student in Trinity don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

DISABILITY SERVICE



The Disability Service provides advice, support and information to help students and staff with disabilities. The College Disability Service is staffed by experienced professional workers with knowledge and expertise in disability education, access and equity issues. Services include Academic and Dyslexia Support, AssistiveTechnology, Educational support work, etc.

The Disability Service Reception is located in Room 2054, beside the Lecky Library, in the Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin.

For queries, you can contact us as follows:

By Phone: +353 1 896 3111

By Text / SMS (for Deaf Students): 0871133185

By E-mail: askds@tcd.ie

Website: https://www.tcd.ie/disability/

STUDENT LEARNING DEVELOPMENT



Student Learning Development offers advice, resources, individual consultations, workshops and much more to help you improve your academic performance and reach your potential. We can help you with:

- exams
- note taking
- self-management
- presentations
- writing and much more

Website: https://student-learning.tcd.ie/postgraduate/

Visit our website http://student-learning.tcd.ie/postgraduate/ for: Downloadable guides, podcasts, interactive workshops, videos and more.

STUDENT COUNSELLING



OUR MISSION

To provide a compassionate, inclusive and student-centred service, embedding high quality social integration, academic development and mental health services in line with the University strategy

We offer free, confidential and non-judgemental support service to registered students of Trinity College Dublin http://www.tcd.ie/Student_Counselling/

Address: 3rd Floor, 7-9 South Leinster Street

Phone: +353 896 1407

Email: student-counselling@tcd.ie

CAREERS INFORMATION AND EVENTS

MyCareer from Careers Advisory Service. An online service that you can use to:

- Apply for opportunities, which match your preferences vacancies including
- research options
- Search opportunities- postgraduate courses and funding
- View and book onto employer and CAS events
- Submit your career queries to the CAS team
- Book an appointment with your Careers Consultant

Simply login to MyCareer <u>mycareerconnect.tcd.ie</u> using your Trinity username and password and personalise your profile.

Careers Advisory Service Trinity College Dublin, 7-9 South Leinster Street, Dublin 2 01 896 1721

Login to: <u>mycareerconnect.tcd.ie</u>

Website: https://www.tcd.ie/Careers/

Email: careers@tcd.ie

LinkedIn tinyurl.com/LinkedIn-TCD-Connecting

Opening Hours

During term: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Monday - Friday

Out of Term: 9.30am - 1.00pm & 2.00pm - 5.30pm, Monday - Friday

GRADUATE STUDIES

The Graduate Studies office is now part of the Academic Registry (http://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/)

Address: Academic Registry, Watts Building, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2

Phone: +353 1 896 4500 E-mail: academic.registry@tcd.ie.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency, dial Security Services on extension 1999. Security Services provide a 24-hour service to the college community, 365 days a year. They are the liaison to the Fire, Garda and Ambulance services and all staff and students are advised to always telephone extension 1999 (+353 1 896 1999) in case of an emergency.

Should you require any emergency or rescue services on campus, you must contact Security Services. This includes chemical spills, personal injury or first aid assistance. It is recommended that all students save at least one emergency contact in their phone under ICE (In Case of Emergency).

DATA PROTECTION

Information on TCD policy on data protection for student data is available here. https://www.tcd.ie/info compliance/data-protection/.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

There are over 121 student societies in TCD. Current TCD Students and Staff can join TCD Societies. Presentation of a current staff or student card and registration with a valid TCD email address is necessary for registration. For more information see: http://trinitysocieties.ie.

Dublin University Central Athletic Club (DUCAC) is the governing body for Sport Clubs at Trinity. DUCAC is responsible for the overall administration of DU Sports Clubs in cooperation with Club Officers and for their interests and development in Trinity For more information see: https://www.tcd.ie/Sport/student-sport/ducac/.

GENERAL PROGRAMME INFORMATION

CONTACT DETAILS

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Professor Lorna Carson

Head of Discipline:

Professor Caroline Jagoe

Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate):

Professor Kathleen McTiernan

Director of Teaching and Learning (Undergraduate):

Professor Breffni O'Rourke

Director of Research:

Professor Irene Walsh

Executive Officer responsible for Postgraduate Students

Mr Brendan McFadden

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Professor Caroline Jagoe - Assistant Professor and Head of Discipline

Coordinates and lectures on acquired language and communication disorders within the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Main research interests relate to enhancing community engagement of people with acquired communication disorders; reciprocal relationship between community engagement and wellbeing; language and communication in adults with mental health disorders; application of Relevance Theory to acquired communication disorders; communication disorders and issues of access in developing and developed countries.

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Professor Margaret Walshe – Associate Professor

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Professor Julie Regan – Assistant Professor

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Professor Irene Walsh - Associate Professor

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Professor Martine Smith - Associate Professor

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Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate)

The School's Director of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) DTLPG, is Dr Kathleen McTiernan.

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Postgraduate Course Committee

The Postgraduate Course Committee consists of the coordinator (convenor/chairperson), Head of Discipline, one member of the academic staff, and student representatives. Student representatives are elected by their peers early in Michaelmas term each year. The committee meets at least once each term to update students on Faculty, School and Department matters and to provide a forum for communication between staff and postgraduate students.

VACCINATION

Some clinical placements in Ireland may require students to show evidence of vaccination or immunity against infectious diseases before commencing placement. Clinical settings may require evidence of vaccination and/or immunity against:

- Hepatitis B
- Tuberculosis (with Mantoux/Tuberculin Skin Test if no BCG scar is present)
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Chicken-Pox/Varicella-Zoster Virus

Note that **you are not required** to obtain immunisation before leaving your home country. You are simply advised to bring evidence of immunity prior to arriving in Ireland, as it may be difficult to arrange this with your local GP after you have left your home country. In the event that your clinical placement site requires evidence of immunity to infectious diseases and you do not have the required immunization, you can attend the College Health Service to meet these requirements. Your programme coordinator will advise you as to whether your clinical placement has any vaccination requirements. Students planning to complete placements outside of Ireland should adhere to vaccination requirements for healthcare workers in that country and in that clinical setting.

GARDA (POLICE) VETTING

Students attending clinical placement in Ireland must complete the Garda Vetting procedure. This is a police background check to ensure that students do not pose a risk to vulnerable clinical populations. The procedure is identical for postgraduates and undergraduates and is explained here:

https://www.tcd.ie/students/orientation/undergraduates/garda-vetting.php

You should read the requirements for this procedure as soon as you receive your course offer, but you do not need to commence the Garda Vetting procedure until you have started in Trinity College Dublin. International students and those who have lived abroad should pay special attention to the fact that police certificates may be required from other countries. These may be easier to obtain **before** you leave your home country. Those taking clinical placements in other countries are not required to

complete this process. If, as a result of the outcome of the Garda vetting procedures, a student is deemed unsuitable to attend clinical placement, he/she may be required to withdraw from the course.

KEY DATES

Full time students will be on site for a total of 12 weeks. Part-time students will be on site for a total of six weeks. Michaelmas term 2020 will begin for all postgraduate students (M.Sc/Postgraduate Diploma) on Monday 28th September 2020. Hilary term 2021 lectures begin on Monday 1st February 2021.

The scheduled weeks for 2020-2021 are as follows.

Semester 1 – Michaelmas Term					
Week Type	Week beginning	Student Groups			
Teaching	September 28 th 2020	MSc Year 1 (part-time)			
	(Academic Calendar Week 5)	students			
		Full-time MSc students			
Dissertation	October 5 th 2020	Full-time MSc students			
	(Academic Calendar Week 6)	MSc Year 2 (part-time)			
		students start on			
		Wednesday October 07 th			
		2020.			
Teaching	October 26 th 2020	MSc Year 1 (part-time)			
	(Academic Calendar Week 9)	students			
		Full-time MSc students			
Dissertation	November 2 nd 2020	Full-time MSc students			
	(Academic Calendar Week 10)	MSc Year 2 (part-time)			
		students			
Teaching	December 07 th 2020	MSc Year 1 (part-time)			
	(Academic Calendar Week 15)	students			
		Full-time MSc students			
Dissertation	December 14 th 2020	Full-time MSc students			
(Data Coll)	(Academic Calendar Week 16)	MSc Year 2 (part-time)			
		students			
	Semester 2 – Hilary Term				
Week Type	Week beginning	Student Groups			
Dissertation	February 01 st 2021	Full-time MSc students			
	(Academic Calendar Week 23)	MSc Year 2 (part-time)			
		students			
Teaching	February 08 th 2021	MSc Year 1 (part-time)			
	(Academic Calendar Week 24)	students			
		Full-time MSc students			
Dissertation	March 01 st 2021	Full-time MSc students			
(Data Coll)	(Academic Calendar Week 27)	MSc Year 2 students			
Teaching	March 08 th 2021	MSc Year 1 (part-time)			
	(Academic Calendar Week 28)	students			
		Full-time MSc students			
Dissertation	April 05 th 2021	Full-time MSc students			
	(Academic Calendar Week 32)	MSc Year 2 students			
Teaching	April 12 th 2021	MSc Year 1 (part-time)			
	(Academic Calendar Week 33)	students			
		Full-time MSc students			

Teaching weeks feature common modules (Research Methods 1, Research Methods 2, Research Methods 3, Evidence Based Practice) as well clinical specialist strand teaching (Advanced Clinical Skills: Dysphagia/Voice/AAC). These are attended by full-time and first year part-time students.

Dissertation weeks are for the Dissertation module and focus on the research project and production of the student dissertation. These are attended by full-time and second year part-time students.

Data Collection weeks are for collection of research data or working on the student project. No classes are scheduled during these weeks and students do not need to be available.

One to two-day lectures/workshops with international speakers may be scheduled outside these times. Students will be given advanced notification of these dates.

TIMETABLE

Timetables will be circulated by email but lectures and tutorials are typically scheduled from 9-5pm for the weeks that the students are on-site. Clinical placement occurs outside these teaching weeks and will vary from student to student.

KEY LOCATIONS

Lectures for students take place in the Department of Clinical Speech and Language Studies, 7-9 South Leinster Street. Room 005 is used for core modules and specialist strands in Dysphagia. Room 004 and Room 001 are also used. Lecture slides, videos, discussion groups, assignment details are posted on Blackboard. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the central timetabling office in College may schedule some classes outside of South Leinster Street.

BLACKBOARD

Blackboard is a virtual learning environment and course management system that allows academics to create and host course materials and assignments on the Internet. It also facilitates students to engage in online learning and discussion. The materials on Blackboard supplement traditional classroom courses. All assignments are available online with associated marking rubrics. The M.Sc. and Postgraduate Diploma courses are registered on Blackboard. Students must have completed the registration process before they can access Blackboard. It is the student's responsibility to check that they are registered for all modules on Blackboard.

PHOTOCOPYING

There are no photocopying facilities on site. See https://www.tcd.ie/itservices/facilities/printing.php.

The central printing, scanning and photocopying facilities are managed by IT Services and the College Library, and provided by Datapac. There are multi-function devices (MFDs) in the Libraries and IT Services Computer Rooms located throughout the campus, and in some off-campus locations. It is possible to print from any computer in the computer rooms to any of the Datapac MFDs, whether on or off

campus, as printing from these computers works on a 'follow-me' system. This means that after you have sent a job to be printed, it will print out on whatever Datapac MFD you choose to release the job from. Using the TCD Print Anywhere service you can print from your own device to any of the Datapac MFDs, whether you are in Trinity or not.

ACADEMIC REGISTRY

The Academic Registry is responsible for services that support the complete student lifecycle of Trinity College Dublin – from application to graduation. See https://www.tcd.ie/academicregistry/.

These are organised with the students and course strand coordinators. Details and forms are in the Virtual Learning Environment (Blackboard) under the specialist modules.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

PROGRAMME ARCHITECTURE

The M.Sc. course comprises 5 core modules: Research Methods 1, 2, 3, Clinical Evidence Based Practice and Dissertation modules, in addition to the Advanced Clinical Skills Module. The Postgraduate Diploma course comprises 5 core modules: Research Methods 1, Clinical Evidence Based Practice, Reflective Practice: Assessment and Reflective Practice: Intervention, in addition to the Advanced Clinical Skills module. M.Sc. students are required to engage in a small-scale research project leading to a 15,000 word (maximum) dissertation. M.Sc. students will also submit either an outline of a journal article for publication or prepare a poster for conference presentation

PLAGIARISM AND REFERENCING GUIDANCE

All quotations from published and unpublished sources *must* begin and end with quotation marks and be accompanied by a full reference. The following practices are unacceptable and will be treated as plagiarism:

- Copying without acknowledgement
- Selective copying (which omits words, phrases or sentences from the original) without acknowledgement
- Close summary without acknowledgement No student found guilty of plagiarism will be (i) awarded a degree or (ii) supported in applications for admission to other courses of study either at Trinity College Dublin or elsewhere.

See also the College regulations on plagiarism: https://www.tcd.ie/teaching-learning/UG regulations/Plagiarism.php. To ensure that you have a clear understanding of what plagiarism is, how Trinity deals with cases of plagiarism, and how to avoid it, we ask you to take the following steps:

- a) Visit the online resources to inform yourself about how Trinity deals with plagiarism and how you can avoid it at http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism You should also familiarize yourself with the Calendar Part III entry on plagiarism (www.tcd.ie/Calendar) and the sanctions which are applied;
- b) Complete the 'Ready, Steady, Write' online tutorial on plagiarism at http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/ready-steady-write. Completing the tutorial is compulsory for all students.
- c) Familiarise yourself with the declaration that you will be asked to sign when submitting course work at http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/declaration
- d) Contact your Programme Coordinator or your Lecturer if you are unsure about any aspect of plagiarism

REFERENCING

References should be cited using the APA or Harvard referencing style. The Library provides some advice on APA referencing:

https://libguides.tcd.ie/c.php?g=667926&p=4737720

Searching for 'APA/Harvard style guide' online will also provide resources that will help you to learn these styles. There are also books in the library to guide you. Purdue University also provide a comprehensive guide to APA referencing:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research and citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

For Harvard referencing, the School of Nursing provide a guide: https://www.tcd.ie/library/support/subjects/nursing-midwifery/assets/Harvard%20Ref%20System%202014-2015.pdf.

When referencing, the titles of journals should not be abbreviated and web sources should be referenced appropriately. The referencing software 'EndNote' is used widely within college and is recommended for dissertations. More assistance and advice on citation, as well as a downloadable version of Endnote, can be obtained from the following website: https://www.tcd.ie/library/support/endnote/

EXPLANATION OF ECTS WEIGHTING

The European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System (ECTS) is an academic credit system based on the estimated student workload required to achieve the objectives of a module or programme of study. It is designed to enable academic recognition for periods of study, to facilitate student mobility and credit accumulation and transfer. The ECTS is the recommended credit system for higher education in Ireland and across the European Higher Education Area. The ECTS weighting for a module is a measure of the student input or workload required for that module, based on factors such as the number of contact hours, the number and length of written or verbally presented assessment exercises, class preparation and private study time, laboratory classes, examinations, clinical attendance, professional training placements, and so on as appropriate. There is no intrinsic relationship between the credit volume of a module and its level of difficulty. ECTS credits are awarded to a student only upon successful completion of the programme year. Progression from one year to the next is determined by the programme regulations. Students who fail a year of their programme will not obtain credit for that year even if they have passed certain component. Exceptions to this rule are one-year and partyear visiting students, who are awarded credit for individual modules successfully completed.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND WORKLOAD

Students are assessed on the basis of their performance in eight core assignments, clinical portfolio and a dissertation. A total of 600 marks are allocated to assignments.

COURSE ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION DATES 2020-2021

Semester 1: Michaelmas Term				
Assignment	Module	Weighting	Due Date	Applies To
Case Management Assignment (1) Clinical Scenario: Oral Presentation	SL7018	25 Marks	Thu 10/12/2020	FT M.Sc
	SL7021			PT M.Sc Year 1
	SL7022			
Research Proposal	SL7015	100 Marks	Fri 11/12/2020	FT M.Sc
Statistics Assignment	SL7014	100 Marks	Fri 18/12/2020	FT M.Sc PT M.Sc Year 1

Semester 2: Hilary Term					
Assignment	Module	Weighting	Due Date	Applies To	
Research Scenario	SL7016	50 Marks	Fri 08/01/2021	FT M.Sc PT M.Sc Year 1	
Methodology Chapter	SL8001	Formative – Not Graded	Fri 22/01/2021	FT M.Sc PT M.Sc Year 2	
Research Proposal	SL7015	100 Marks	Fri 05/03/2021	PT M.Sc Year 1	
Research Progress Report	SL8001	Not Graded	Fri 05/03/2021	FT M.Sc PT M.Sc Year 2	
Case Management Assignment (2) Case Presentation (Intervention)	SL7018 SL7021	75 Marks	Fri 12/03/2021	PG Dip FT M.Sc PT M.Sc Year 1	

Literature Review Chapter			, ,	FT M.Sc
		Not Graded		PT M.Sc Year 2
Case Management Assignment (3) Analysis of Clinical Data (Written	SL7018	50 Marks	Fri 09/04/2021	FT M.Sc
Submission)				PT M.Sc Year 1
	SL7021			
Ethics Assignment (Group Debate)	SL7016	50 Marks	Mon 12/04/2021	FT M.Sc
				PT M.Sc Year 1
Critical Analysis of Quantitative Methodology Literature, + Critical Analysis of	SL7017	75 Marks Each	Fri 16/04/2021	FT M.Sc
Qualitative Methodology Literature		(=150 Marks		PT M.Sc Year 1
		Total)		

Term 3: Trinity Term				
Assignment	Module	Weighting	Due Date	Applies To
Results & Discussion Chapters		Formative – Not Graded	Fri 14/05/2021	FT M.Sc PT M.Sc Year 2
Clinical Portfolio	SL7018 SL7021 SL7022	Pass/Fail	Fri 21/05/2021	FT M.Sc PT M.Sc Year 1
Final Dissertation Draft		Formative – Not Graded	Tue 08/06/2021	FT M.Sc PT M.Sc Year 2

Dissertation Submission	SL8001	Pass/Fail/Pass	Fri 27/08/2021	FT M.Sc
		with		PT M.Sc Year 2
		Distinction		
Article Outline/Poster	SL8001	Formative –	Fri 10/09/2020	FT M.Sc
		Not Graded		PT M.Sc Year 2

Key: FT=Full-time, PT=Part-time, PG Dip=Postgraduate Diploma

ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION

Assignments are generally submitted electronically via TurnItln, a plagiarism detection system. For help in using TurnItln – please see: https://www.tcd.ie/CAPSL/resources/Turnitin/.

If printed copies are required, students should use both sides of the paper. Two hardcopies of the assignment must be delivered/posted on the same day of electronic submission to the Executive Officer at clinic reception.

Assignments use 1.5 spacing, with a margin of at least one inch at the top, bottom, left and right of the page. *Examiners will pay particular attention to the presentation of assignments, and candidates whose work is deficient in this regard will be penalised.* An example template for submitting assignments is available on Blackboard.

<u>All assignments</u> must be accompanied by the Department's Assignment Submission Sheet (Appendix 1). An MS Word copy is also available on Blackboard. Students should generate their own electronic signature to include in this sheet for assignments that are submitted electronically.

Unless a medical certificate is presented to the course coordinator, students are automatically penalized for late submission of an assignment — 5% if the assignment is up to one week late and 10% if the assignment is between one and two weeks late. Without a medical certificate, no assignment will be accepted later than two weeks after the submission date.

Title page. Each assignment must begin with a title page that contains the following information (in this order): the student number; the question that it answers or the task that it fulfils; the degree for which it is submitted (M.Sc./PG Diploma Clinical Speech and Language Studies); the part of the course to which it is attached; the term and year in which it is submitted.

Pagination. All pages must be clearly and sequentially numbered.

Binding. Printed assignments need not be bound in any formal sense, but all pages must be firmly fixed together, e.g. by a strong staple. Assignments should not be spiral bound.

References. Every assignment must have appended to it an alphabetical list of references, presented according to the APA or Harvard convention. See *Referencing* on page 13 for advice.

Doubtful cases. Candidates who are uncertain how to apply the above conventions to any of their assignments should consult with the member(s) of staff responsible for the part(s) of the course in question.

FEEDBACK & EVALUATION

Students receive feedback on their Michaelmas term assignments by the middle of Hilary term, and on their Hilary term assignments by the middle of Trinity term. They

are notified of their assignment results and dissertation with final grade after the meeting of the Court of Examiners in October.

MARKING CRITERIA

In the calculation of the overall course mark, all modules and the dissertation are weighted according to their ECTS credit value. The pass mark of 40% applies to all assignments. To qualify for the award of the M.Sc./PG Diploma degree, students must achieve a mark of 40% or above in each module thereby accumulating 90/60 ECTS credits. M.Sc. students must additionally achieve a grade of 40% or above in their dissertation. There is no compensation between modules. The final degree result is classified as pass/fail or distinction. M.Sc. students may be awarded the M.Sc. with Distinction if they achieve a mark of 70% or above in the dissertation together with an overall average mark for the course of 70% or higher on core modules.

Assignments are graded according to the scale in general use in the university:

I 70+

II.1 60-69

II.2 50-59

III 40-49

In general the four classes are to be interpreted as follows: III – demonstrates an adequate understanding of key issues and an ability to construct a basic argument; II.2 – demonstrates a full understanding of key issues and an ability to construct a detailed argument on the basis of that understanding; II.1 – demonstrates a full understanding of key issues and an ability not only to construct a detailed argument on the basis of that understanding, but to generate additional insights; I – demonstrates a full understanding of key issues, an ability to construct a detailed argument on the basis of that understanding, and a capacity for developing innovative lines of thought.

PROGRESSION REGULATIONS

Full time M.Sc. students must pass each of the required assignments for the core modules including the clinical component and the dissertation over the academic year. PG Diploma and first year part time M.Sc. students must pass each of the required assignments for the core modules including the clinical component over the first academic year. Second year part time M.Sc. students must pass the dissertation over the second academic year.

An assignment cannot be repeated more than once. Repeated assignments will achieve a maximum of 40% (III). M.Sc. students are not permitted to repeat more than three course assignments and may be debarred from writing a dissertation by the court of examiners in May. These students may apply for a Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Speech and Language Studies, provided they have passed the required modules amounting to 60 credits.

PROGRESSION AND AWARDS

Awards

There is a Postgraduate M.Sc. Dissertation prize that is awarded to the student who achieves the highest overall mark (70% or above) in the dissertation.

Fitness to Practice Committee

The School Fitness to Practice Committee is convened as required, at the request of a Head of Discipline, to consider matters of concern in relation to professional practice. This committee is appointed by the School Executive Committee, with representation from two members from within the School and one member from a non-Faculty School, where Fitness to Practice is a requirement of the course. Students called to appear before the Fitness to Practice Committee are entitled to be represented by a nominee from the Postgraduate Advisory Service and should contact pgsupp@tcd.ie for support.

EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

There are two external examiners for the programme. Prof. Paul Carding (Voice and Dysphagia strands) and Dr. Susan Buell (AAC and Dysphagia strands).

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning Outcomes for the Programme (in accordance with Level 9, National Framework of Qualifications):

On successful completion of this programme, graduates should demonstrate:

- (1) Excellence in clinical practice through extending and enhancing their existing theoretical knowledge base with a critical awareness of new insights and developments within their chosen clinical specialist area.
- (2) An ability to apply their existing scientific literacy skills to research and clinical practice.
- (3) A comprehensive understanding and mastery of concepts, information and techniques relevant to research methodology.
- (4) An ability to design and implement, with a degree of autonomy, and with due regard to ethical considerations, small-scale research studies in their chosen clinical specialist area. These studies will add to the existing professional knowledge base.
- (5) An ability to communicate confidently with peers on their area of expertise through formal presentations and with the wider scholarly community through oral presentations and published articles.
- (6) Sustained intellectual interest and critical thinking as professionals through application of scientific literacy skills in the pursuit of lifelong learning.

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

The Trinity Graduate Attributes represent the qualities, skills and behaviours that you will have the opportunity to develop as a Trinity student over your entire university experience, in other words, not only in the classroom, but also through engagement in co- and extra-curricular activities (such as summer work placements, internships, or volunteering).

The four Trinity Graduate Attributes are:

- To Think Independently
- To Act Responsibly
- To Develop Continuously
- To Communicate Effectively



Why are the Graduate Attributes important?

The Trinity Graduate Attributes will enhance your personal, professional and intellectual development. They will also help to prepare you for lifelong learning and for the challenges of living and working in an increasingly complex and changing world.

The Graduate Attributes will enhance your employability. Whilst your degree remains fundamental, also being able to demonstrate these Graduate Attributes will help you to differentiate yourself as they encapsulate the kinds of transversal skills and abilities, which employers are looking for.

How will I develop these Graduate Attributes?

Many of the Graduate Attributes are 'slow learned', in other words, you will develop them over the four or five years of your programme of study.

They are embedded in the curriculum and in assessments, for example, through undertaking independent research for your final year project, giving presentations and engaging in group work.

You will also develop them through the co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. If you help to run a club or society you will be improving your leadership skills, or if you play a sport you are building your communication and teamwork skills.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to attend all components of the course. If they are unable to attend because of illness or any other reason, they should **immediately** inform the Course Coordinator. Students who are persistently absent from the course without explanation may be excluded from the assessment process.

It is the responsibility of students to remain in touch with their supervisor and attend for supervision at mutually agreed times. Students should immediately notify their supervisor and Course Coordinator if they change their address. You may also notify Student Records.

Relevant University Regulations See Calendar

http://www.tcd.ie/calendar/graduate-studies-higher-degrees/

DISSERTATIONS (M.SC.)

As well as following the programme of study outlined, students write a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words in one of the specialist areas selected.

Students must select a topic in their specialist area in which they will write their dissertation at the beginning of Michaelmas term, and are expected to formulate a detailed research proposal and work schedule for their dissertation by the end of Michaelmas term (full time) or beginning of Hilary term (part time).

Submission of the proposed project for ethical approval in TCD must be completed by the end of Michaelmas term (full time) or end of Hilary term (part time).

The Court of Examiners held in May may debar students from writing and submitting a dissertation if they fail to submit a detailed plan and work schedule for the dissertation by the end of Michaelmas term and/or if they fail to achieve at least a III (40%) grade in each of the core (see Assessment Section) assignments, or based on their overall profile and quality of work on submitted assignments during the year.

Final date for submission of dissertations due in 2021 is Friday 27/08/2021, for consideration at the Court of Examiners in October. Supervision will not be given after mid-July except in cases where an extension has been granted on medical grounds. A complete draft of the dissertation should be submitted to the project supervisor at the end of Trinity Term.

Students whose dissertation fails to satisfy the examiners may, on the recommendation of the Court of Examiners and on payment of the prescribed fee, be allowed to register for a further year and revise and resubmit their dissertation.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Students are directed to TCD's Policy, Practice and Regulations on Intellectual Property (2018): https://www.tcd.ie/about/policies/assets/pdf/Intellectual-Property-Policy-2018.pdf

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE

It is important to note that when corresponding with or sending documents to staff within TCD, all communications must be e-mailed from student TCD e-mail accounts. All notices from the Department will be sent to student's TCD email address rather than to work or personal email addresses. It is the student's responsibility to check TCD e-mail on a regular basis. As this is the primary means of communication between college and students, this is extremely important.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSION FORM Trinity College Dublin The University of Dublin



DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL SPEECH & LANGUAGE STUDIES, TCD Assignment Submission Form

Student Name				
Student Number				
Assessment Title				
Module Code				
Module Title				
Module Coordinator				
Staff member responsible for assignment				
Date Due				
Date Submitted				
Ensure that you have checked the Department's procedures for the submission of assessments. Note: There are penalties for the late submission of assessments. For further information please see Student Handbook. Plagiarism: I have read and I understand the plagiarism provisions in the General Regulations of the University Calendar for the current year, found at http://www.tcd.ie/calendar				
☐ I have also completed the Online Tutorial on avoiding plagiarism 'Ready Steady Write', located at http://tcd-ie.libguides.com/plagiarism/ready-steady-write .				
 Declaration of Authorship ☐ I declare that all material in this assessment is my own work except where there is clear acknowledgement and appropriate reference to the work of others. 				
Signed:				

APPENDIX 2: PROGRESS REPORT Trinity College Dublin The University of Dublin

Department of Clinical Speech and Language Studies PROGRESS REPORT

Taught M.Sc. Students

Please complete this form and ask your supervisor to complete the section overleaf. This form should be returned to your supervisor by 05/03/2021

Name of Postgraduate Student:
Student No:
Degree for which currently registered:
Provisional title of dissertation:
Name of Supervisor:
Signature of Supervisor:
1. Candidate's self-assessment of work done since September 2020. This is to be submitted to the supervisor for comments. Candidates should not hesitate to mention problems, set-backs etc. since these matters are important in monitoring progress and permitting extensions etc. (continue on a separate sheet, if necessary)
Candidate's Signature:

2. Supervisor's comments: (the substance of these observations should be discussed with the candidate).

Do you foresee any problems which might prevent submission of the dissertation on or before the cessation date?

APPENDIX 3: SUPERVISOR/RESEARCH STUDENT LEARNING CONTRACT Trinity College Dublin The University of Dublin



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Project Supervisor – Research Student Learning Contract

Research Student: Supervisor: Approximate date of project completion: Agreed frequency of supervisions:
Research student - I agree to (please tick): ☐ Negotiate supervision agendas, send work in advance ☐ Communicate about questions, blocks, problems (usually in short emails) ☐ Produce work at agreed intervals and work steadily ☐ Publish and/or present my research project either nationally or internationally within 12 months of completing my M.Sc.
Signed
Date
Supervisor – I agree to (please tick): ☐ Negotiate supervision agendas ☐ Respond to short questions immediately or within 48 hours in working week. ☐ Read work sent in, comment, advise, determine agenda, action points ☐ Advise on accessing the research community
Signed
Date

APPENDIX 4: AUDITING RESEARCH SKILLS Trinity College Dublin The University of Dublin

M.Sc. Clinical Speech and Language Studies Auditing Research Skills

Name: Date:

Some of the research skills you may need over the next academic year are listed for you to audit. Mark the extent of your current skills and skills needs (1 = new/to develop 2 = some skills 3 = quite confident 4 = confident, 5 = a strength of mine).

Ask yourself, and discuss with supervisor how to address needs that you have regarding *your* research, noting where and when you can work to develop skills. You might find the audit useful to complete again when finished your research project, so you can measure how far skills have developed and identify those to transfer into future study, employment. **(Adapted from Whisker, 2005)**

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20. Using appropriate computer packages and programmes e.g. SPSS and NUDIST	1	2	3	4	5
21. Writing for different audiences	1	2	3	4	5
22. Writing at different levels e.g. for theses and articles					
23. Structuring and presenting papers	1	2	3	4	5
24. Managing discussions about your work in context and with a variety of colleagues	1	2	3	4	5
25. Finishing off pieces of work	1	2	3	4	5

APPENDIX 5: GUIDELINES FOR DISSERTATION SUBMISSION Trinity College Dublin The University of Dublin

Department of Clinical Speech and Language Studies Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

Guidelines for Dissertation submission (M.Sc. Taught Programme) 2020 -2021

1.1 General.

Students are asked to familiarise themselves with the guidelines as set out in the Calendar Parts I and III (http://www.tcd.ie/calendar/).

1.2 Submission Procedures:

A complete draft copy with a structured abstract (see 1.11) to be submitted to project supervisor by Tuesday 8th June 2021. The dissertation will be returned to students for revisions (if any) by Friday 3rd July 2021.

Two copies of the final version in hard bound format must be submitted by 12 noon on Friday August 27th 2021. This must be submitted with a completed dissertation submission sheet (Appendix 6). **DO NOT INCLUDE THE SUBMISSION SHEET IN THE BOUND COPY**. The Court of Examiners meeting will be held in October 2021. Taught M.Sc. dissertations are NOT submitted to Graduate Studies. They must be submitted to the Department of Clinical Speech and Language Studies.

1.3 Length.

The dissertation must be written concisely. The maximum length of the dissertation is 15,000 words excluding the abstract, appendices and references. **The word count must be provided on the dissertation submission sheet**. It does not need to appear in the final hardbound copy. Students who exceed this word limit will be penalised.

1.4 Typescript and illustrations. (As per Calendar Entry)

The dissertation must be printed on good quality, A4 (297 x 210mm) white paper. The type must be fully formed as in the output of a laser or ink jet printer. The output of dot matrix printers is not acceptable. The type must be black and not less than 10 point. Line-spacing must be at one and a half or double spacing between lines. The gutter margin of both text and diagrams must not be less than 35 mm and that on the other three sides not less than 20 mm. The two copies of the dissertation for examination in August can be printed on both sides of the page with page margins adjusted accordingly.

1.5 Cover. (As per Calendar Entry)

A dissertation, which has been examined in draft format and in which all necessary corrections have been completed must be securely bound in hard covers with dark blue cloth and submitted on August 27th 2021. The final size when bound must not exceed 320 x 240 mm.

1.6 Title. (As per Calendar Entry)

The title of the dissertation must be written in full on the title page of each volume of the dissertation. The degree for which the dissertation has been submitted (M.Sc. Clinical Speech and Language Studies), the year, and the name of the candidate, in that order, should be lettered in gold, in 24 pt. or larger type, down the spine, so as to be readable when the volume is lying flat with the front cover uppermost. The title must also appear in gold lettering on the front cover of the dissertation. The year on the spine and title page must be the year that the dissertation was approved (not the year of initial submission).

1.7 Declaration.

The dissertation must contain, immediately after the title page, <u>a signed</u> <u>declaration</u> that it has not been submitted as an exercise for a degree at this or any other University, it is entirely the candidate's own work and the candidate agrees that the Department of Clinical Speech and Language Studies may lend the dissertation upon request.

1.8 Acknowledgements.

A formal statement of acknowledgements must be included in the dissertation.

1.9 References.

References should be cited using the APA or Harvard referencing style. See the section on *Referencing* within this document.

1.10 Abstract.

One copy of a <u>structured</u> abstract, printed on a single sheet of A4 paper, must be submitted <u>bound within</u> each copy of the dissertation. This should appear as the first page in the printed dissertation. The abstract must contain the title of the dissertation and the author's full names as a heading and may be single spaced. <u>Structured Abstract</u> should include (1) Background, (2) Aims (3) Methods & Procedures, (4) Outcome and Results (5) Conclusions

APPENDIX 6: DISSERTATION SUBMISSION FORM

Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin



DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL SPEECH & LANGUAGE STUDIES, TCD Dissertation Submission Form

Student Name	
Student Number	
Module Code	
Project Title	
Word Count (max. word count permitted: 15,000 words)	
Supervisor	
Date Due	27 ^h August 2021
Date Submitted	
Dissertation received by	
Ensure that you have checked the Depa Dissertation submission. Note: There assessments. For further information ple Plagiarism: I have read and I understand the pla Regulations of the University Calend http://www.tcd.ie/calendar	e are penalties for the late submission of ease see Student Handbook . agiarism provisions in the General
☐ I have also completed the Online Tu	ntorial on avoiding plagiarism 'Ready Steady es.com/plagiarism/ready-steady-write.
	essment is my own work except where there opriate reference to the work of others.
Signed:	Date:

APPENDIX 7: GUIDELINES FOR OUTLINE OF JOURNAL ARTICLE SUBMISSION Trinity College Dublin The University of Dublin

Department of Clinical Speech and Language Studies Trinity College Dublin, the University of Dublin

Guidelines for Outline of Journal Article Submission (Full Time M.Sc. & Part Time M.Sc. Year 2) 2020-2021

You are required to complete no more than a 4 (A4) page outline of an article that you propose to submit for publication. The proposed article should be based on your research in Year 2 or an aspect of that research. The outline should include the following:

- Structured Abstract
- Introduction/Background
- Methodology
- Results
- Discussion and Clinical Implications

Sub headings should be included in each section to indicate the topics to be included in the paper. These headings should be formatted in APA style.

The outline must be accompanied by the following:

- (1) Assignment Coversheet (See overleaf)
- (2) Guidelines for authors and submission requirements for the proposed journal
- (3) Detailed reference list formatted according to journal requirements

APPENDIX 8: OUTLINE OF JOURNAL ARTICLE FOR SUBMISSION FOR PUBLICATION Trinity College Dublin The University of Dublin M.Sc. Clinical Speech and Language Studies 2020-2021

Outline of Journal Article for Submission for Publication

Student: Supervisor: Working title of article:: Proposed Publication: Is this a peer reviewed journal?Yes/No Impact Factor of this journal:
Proposed timeline for submission of Draft 1 for publication: Have you included the following: 4 page outline: Reference list Guidelines for authors: Date submitted:
Date due: Friday September 10 th 2021
Received by: (Office Use). Student Signature

APPENDIX 9: POSTER FOR SUBMISSION AT CONFERENCE Trinity College Dublin The University of Dublin

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Poster for Submission at Conference

Student:
Supervisor:
Title of Poster:
Proposed Conference:
Have you included the following in the poster: Title: Authors and affiliation Abstract Background Aims/Hypothesis Methods Results Conclusions Acknowledgements Reference list The poster text should not exceed 900 words. The poster should be printed on an A3 size page.
Date submitted:
Date due: Friday September 10 th 2021
Student Signature:
Received by: (Office Use).

APPENDIX 10: HEALTH AND SAFETY Trinity College Dublin

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Health and Safety

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, DIAL SECURITY SERVICES ON EXTENSION 1999.

Security services provide a 24 hour service to the College community, 365 days a year. They are the liaison to the Fire, Garda and Ambulance services and all staff and students are advised to always telephone extension 1999 (+353 1 896 1999) in case of emergency.

Should you require any emergency or rescues services on campus, you must contact Security Services. This includes personal injury or first aid assistance. It is recommended that all students save at least one emergency contact in their phone under ICE (In case of emergency).

https://www.tcd.ie/courses/undergraduate/infectiousdiseases/

APPENDIX 11: DATA PROTECTION Trinity College Dublin The University of Dublin

Data Protection

As a student in the University you may be collecting and storing personal information as part of your job role, studies or research. You have a responsibility to ensure that the data is stored and processed appropriately and securely. So as you can protect the data entrusted to you, follow the top 10 tips below:

Top 10 Tips for Data Protection

- 1. Become familiar with Trinity's Data Protection policy and procedures. These can be accessed on the website at www.tcd.ie/Info_Compliance/data-protection
- 2. Complete Trinity's Data Protection training. This can be found at: https://www.tcd.ie/itservices/vle/kb/overview-GDPRtraining.php
- 3. Do not retain excess data, only record the precise data that you need
- 4. Keep data up-to-date and accurate
- 5. Keep data safe and secure: keep offices/filing cabinets locked, password protect your computer or other computing devices, update the software on them regularly and use antivirus software to keep them free from threats. See www.tcd.ie/itservices for further information
- 6. Remembering passwords can be difficult but passwords are often the sole keys to accessing your information and are fundamental to your security. Passwords need to be long, complex, unique and not easy to guess, so no dictionary words, names or dates of birth.
- 7. Back up digital files regularly and securely, use encryption where appropriate to protect the data from unauthorized access.
- 8. Do not disclose personal data to a third party, *even* at the request of the data subject's family or friends, without the data subject's consent.
- 9. Regularly review the data you hold and dispose of data you no longer need by confidential shredding or deletion. Don't forget your deleted items folder and recycle bin, and take appropriate steps to clear hard drives on computers, tablets and phones before disposal
- 10. Take extra care with sensitive data such as medical or financial information, and only store sensitive data on laptops or devices which are password-protected and have suitable encryption software in place.

Remember <u>IT Services</u> are always available to advise you on how to manage data securely. We can advise on encryption techniques, evaluate IT partners' products and services or review your current arrangements and advise on any improvements that may be necessary.