

Adelaide University Bachelor of Speech Pathology

(Honours)

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Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Kaurna, Boandik, and Barngarla First Nations Peoples and their Elders past and present, who are the Traditional Owners of the lands that are home to our campuses across South Australia.

We also acknowledge the other First Nations of lands across Australia with which we conduct business, their Elders, ancestors, cultures and heritage.

What does it mean to be a speech pathologist

Speech Pathologists diagnose and treat disorders of communication and swallowing for people across their lifespan.

- Communication disorders include those of speech sounds, listening, understanding language, reading, writing, social skills, stuttering and using voice.
- Swallowing disorders are difficulties with swallowing food and drink



Where do speech Pathologists work

Speech Pathologists work in schools, community settings, disability services, hospitals, aged care services, private practices, prison and detention centres in both government and private organisations – we are everywhere!!!!

The Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) gives you all the learning, practical skill development and placements that you need to enter the speech pathology profession.



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Curriculum Basics

- Year 1: Foundation knowledge
- Year 2: Speech Pathology knowledge and conceptual development
- Year 3: Speech Pathology practice knowledge and skills
- Year 4: Speech Pathology practice and competency development



Enquiry-based
approach to
learning

Case-based
approach to
learning

Practice Placements

Second year

- 20 hours community based placement

Third year

- 1x adult simulated placement
- 1x NALHN EI placement

Fourth year

- 4x placements in fourth year



Simulation Placement and Exams

- Helen Mayo North, Frome Road
- 4-bed hospital simulation suite on-campus
- 4 clinical skills development rooms, used for 'outpatient' services, reflection and teaching.
- CAE Video feedback, in real-time or on delay



Practice Placements

- Placements across diverse contexts
 - Aged care
 - Disability
 - NGO/NFP.
 - Health
 - Education
 - Private practice
 - Adelaide University Health Clinics

Industry and Research honours

- Students will complete either a:
 - **Research honours** project supervised by academic staff
 - **Industry honours** project – connecting with industry, completing a QI project





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