

Tohu Paerunga Pūtaiao Reo Kōrero Postgraduate Speech Science



Speech Science is about speech, language and swallowing difficulties. It is a large and complex field that includes topics in acoustic analysis and speech recognition, diagnosis of speech and/or language disorders, speech-language therapy and speech perception.

There are different options to consider when choosing your postgraduate qualification in Speech Science. The Postgraduate Diploma in Science (PGDipSci) in Speech Science and Master of Science (MSc) in Speech Science are intended for graduates with a research interest in speech-related areas. Either qualification is relevant for practising speech-language therapists with a bachelors degree, as well as people with a background in linguistics, psychology, audiology, engineering, education or computer science.

Courses available in this subject include:

- > Dysphagia for Speech Language Therapists
- > Communication Difficulties in Children
- > Linguistics for Speech Language Therapy
- > Anatomy and Physiology for Speech Language Therapy
- > Audiology for Speech Language Therapy
- > Voice and Fluency

Choosing your supervisor

Supervisors can usually only take a small number of students, so make sure you talk to them sooner rather than later.

Choose an area you feel passionate about. Undertaking research involves successes as well as challenges, so choosing a topic you are genuinely interested in will help you overcome challenges and get through the tough times. Ensure you're compatible with your supervisor. Ask questions, seek advice and share your ideas with academic staff to find out their research interests, and whether you would be a good fit with their current projects.

Scholarships

You can apply for a range of scholarships when you apply for postgraduate study in Science.

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Career opportunities

Speech-language therapists work in a range of settings.

A postgraduate qualification in speech science can provide opportunities for research and prepare you for roles as a communication assistant or communication support worker. A speech-language therapy qualification can lead to employment as a speech-language therapist in a health or education setting, such as a hospital, an adult rehabilitation service, a child development team, a school, or an early childhood centre.

Our graduates have been employed in the following jobs:

- › Lecturer, Macquarie University
- › Audiologist, Bow River Hearing Centre
- › Speech-language therapist, Ministry of Education
- › Speech and language pathologist lecturer, Semnan University of Medical Science

Other jobs related to Speech Science include:

- › Lexicographer
- › Researcher

This subject is available in:

- › Bachelor of Science (Honours)
- › Master of Science
- › Master of Speech Language Therapy Practice
- › Doctor of Philosophy

You may also be interested in our programmes in Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Physics, Physiology and Computer Science.



Find out more about how your degree will be structured and what courses you need to take at

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Applications close on 8 December.



"My department is relatively small, so I have gotten to know everyone well. It's a very supportive environment, and there are many opportunities for students to try new things, grow, and learn outside the scope of their PhD project."

Ryan dos Santos Meehan
Doctor of Philosophy in Speech Science.

Kuhua ki tō mātou hāpori, ā, Kimihia tōu Pūtaiao.
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