



Speech Pathology

Speech pathologists study, diagnose and treat communication disorders, including difficulties with speech, language, fluency and voice.

Speech pathologists work with people who have difficulty communicating because of developmental delays, stroke, brain injuries, learning disability, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, dementia and hearing loss as well as other problems that can affect speech and language. People who experience difficulties swallowing food and drink safely can also be helped by a speech pathologist.

Speech pathology is practised in a wide variety of settings including –

- *Schools*
- *Hospitals*
- *Aged care homes*
- *Universities*
- *Kindergartens*
- *Rehabilitation centres*
- *Schools*
- *Community health centres*
- *Private practice*
- *Mental health services*
- *Health centres*

Some speech pathologists specialise in areas of 'complex need' such as autism or cerebral palsy and may work in specialist intervention services for people with these disabilities.



Health
Western Sydney
Local Health District

How do I become a speech pathologist?

Speech pathology is an accredited undergraduate or entry levels master's degree and is offered at many major Australian universities.

Visit the website below for more information about speech pathology –

www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/education-and-careers/university-courses

