Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)

Ready today for tomorrow
Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

• Access to world-class teachers
• Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
• Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
  • Benefit from small class sizes
  • Connect with professional networks
• Support through scholarships for merit and equity
  • Discover great accommodation options

EXPERIENCE HAS NO SUBSTITUTE

Achieve high-level clinical skills in unique placements such as rural, remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Be prepared to work in any setting, with a range of clients, and treat various communication and swallowing disorders.

OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

Gain valuable experience throughout your studies with real clients in JCU’s state-of-the-art Speech Pathology Clinic.

EXCEPTIONAL GRADUATE OUTCOMES

JCU Speech Pathology graduates are career ready with strong analytical and clinical skills after studying in a university independently awarded five stars for graduate full-time employment^.

SUPPORT FOR YOUR SUCCESS

Explore JCU’s range of scholarships, grants and bursaries and discover the right financial assistance to achieve your goals.

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- Develop high-level clinical skills necessary to merge theory with real-world situations throughout your speech pathologist degree. Work with real clients in professional placements under the supervision of caring professionals dedicated to your success.

- Experience a diverse range of scenarios during your placements when you assess, diagnose, treat, and manage people with communication and swallowing difficulties. You could help patients restore their voice after cancer surgery or work with those who find it difficult to swallow because of neurological disorders.

- Build a highly adaptable skillset and find employment in a variety of work contexts throughout Australia and overseas. Learn adept skills in researching and evaluating data and use these skills to solve medical problems. Reach out to children and adults from various cultures and economic conditions.

COURSE DETAILS:

- Locations: Townsville
- Start Dates: February
- Duration: 4 years full-time, part-time available
- ATAR: 75.7 | English (Units 3/4,C) plus one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology or Health (Units 3/4,C)
- OP: 11 | English (4,SA) plus one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Health Education (4,SA)

Please visit the handbook for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only.
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As an aspiring Speech Pathologist, you understand just how crucial communication is to human development and individual success. Your Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) degree from JCU will qualify you to assess, diagnose, and manage significant speech and swallowing impediments.

Acquire a thorough understanding in areas such as anatomy, linguistics, and speech development and impairment. Learn how to diagnose and manage a diverse range of cases and benefit from JCU’s on-campus speech and language clinic.

Practical placements challenge you to apply your theoretical knowledge in a variety of settings. You will have the opportunity to complete placements in rural and Indigenous communities, as well as overseas.

JCU Speech Pathology graduates all develop research skills and are equipped with the advanced knowledge and skills required to excel in their field and change lives.
“Speech Pathologists go through the human lifespan. You can get jobs in paediatrics – right from when babies are born, all the way through to palliative care. There’s so many different places we can work, and we’re in really high demand, especially in rural areas. During my final year at JCU, I got to work at a school in Katherine and a community rehabilitation centre in Mount Isa, which I consider the highlight of my course.”

Nicole Dunn
BACHELOR OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY
“In the Speech Pathology program at JCU we have a unique focus on preparing graduates to work in rural and remote locations. Many of our graduates thoroughly enjoy the opportunities the course provides in experiencing and learning about the complexities and joys of rural and remote practice and many later chose to work in regional Australia after graduation. The course at JCU also has a strong emphasis in developing knowledge about the social determinants of health and how they impact communication and swallowing health. This leads to graduates that are more able to flexibly manage the challenges and complexities of working in a variety of different communities throughout their career.”

Jacqueline Lim
LECTURER OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY

Career Opportunities

JCU Speech Pathology graduates have specialist skills and work with children and adults to promote speech and swallowing improvement.

Graduates pursue careers in various areas including education settings, hospitals, community health centres, nursing homes, child care, mental health services, disability services, and private practice.

This course is accredited by Speech Pathology Australia. Upon graduation, you will be eligible for Practicing Membership of Speech Pathology Australia.
JCU Accommodation

Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Townsville is on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia.

Living on campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. With five different accommodation options at JCU Townsville, housing over 1,200 students, living on campus is a great way to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture. All rooms at our on-campus residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at jcu.edu.au/accommodation

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