



Graduate Opportunities

Speech Pathology graduates typically work in **health, education, and disability** however they may also work as **clinicians, educators, researchers, policy advisors and other aligned roles**. Job titles might include:

- Speech Pathologist
- Rehabilitation Team Leader
- Mental Health Clinician
- Music Therapist
- Researcher

Registration/Accreditation

[Speech Pathology Australia](#) (SPA) is the national professional body and accrediting authority for speech pathology programs in Australia, including JCU. Accreditation ensures graduates meet the **Competency-Based Occupational Standards (CBOS)** required for entry-level practice.

New graduates join as **Provisional Certified Practising Speech Pathologists (CPSPs)** – a status required for most employment and to access **Medicare, NDIS, and Private Health Fund provider numbers**. To gain full CPSP status, graduates must maintain **recency of practice** and complete **continuing professional development (CPD)**.

Within the first year, provisional CPSPs must complete:

- **200 hours** of clinical practice
- **12 hours** of mentoring, peer support, or supervision
- SPA's free online **Evidence-Based Practice** and **Ethics Education** packages

SPA supports new members via an **Early Career Facebook group**, **HR and Employment advice via WorkPlace PLUS** and access to **senior advisors and mentoring programs**.

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- [Speech Pathology Australia](#)
- [Queensland Health](#)
- [Queensland Government](#)
- [Hays Healthcare](#)
- [Medacs Healthcare Australia](#)
- [Healthcare People](#)

Volunteering

Volunteering is an opportunity to give to the community, grow your networks and demonstrate extra commitment to future employers and clients.

- [Townsville Hospital Brighter Lives](#)
- [Mater Health Services](#)
- [Choice Passion Life](#)
- [Australian Aphasia Association](#)

Recommended Skills

Conflict management and mediation skills; Advocacy; Communication and counselling; **Analysis and problem solving;** Time & Case management; **Respecting diversity;** Promoting social justice; **Empathy**

Graduate Career Portals

Check out these sites for graduate programmes, graduate jobs, internships and placements:

- [Prosple](#)
- [SEEK Grad](#)
- [Smart Jobs](#)

JCU Careers Support

The JCU Careers and Employability Team are here to support you during your studies and after you graduate:

- [JCU Careers Website](#)
- [Career Hub \(Book Careers Appointments Here\)](#)