

# SPEECH PATHOLOGY CAREER SNAPSHOT

## Study Opportunities

Considering studying Speech pathology at JCU? Then check out: [Speech Pathology - JCU Australia](#)

## Clarify your study goals

Prepare yourself for the new world of work by exploring the careers that match your skills and interests. [The Good Careers Guide](#)

## Graduate Opportunities

**Speech Pathologists** diagnose, treat, and provide management services to people of all ages with communication disorders, including speech, language, voice, fluency, social communication, and literacy difficulties. They also work with communities to prevent or minimise effects of communication and swallowing problems.

Speech Pathologists work from an integrated and holistic framework that acknowledges and addresses the complexity and far-reaching impacts of a communication and/or swallowing disability on a person's daily functioning. They critically evaluate the best treatment approaches for clients based on robust scientific evidence to optimise outcomes.

Speech pathologists engage with a variety of service delivery models through which they can provide assessment, intervention, consultation, collaboration and advocacy.

Speech pathologists provide services across all of the following domains: advocacy, clinical services, consultation, education, prevention, population health, and research for communication and swallowing disorders across the lifespan.

More on Speech Pathology as a discipline is available in this [video](#) by Speech Pathology Australia. If you are wondering if a career as a Physiotherapist is for you, the following video provides some useful insights

[Speech and Language Therapist – Is it for me?](#)

Speech Pathology graduates typically work in health, education, and disability however they may also work as clinicians, educators, researchers, policy advisors, managers, advocates, consultants and in other aligned roles. They are employed in many different settings, including:

- Private practices
- Schools and education settings
- Early intervention and childcare centres
- Hospitals
- Aged care facilities or community centres
- Rehabilitation centres
- Community health services
- Mental health services
- Juvenile justice
- Specialist centres
- Universities and research centres

## Employment Data

The [James Cook University LinkedIn page](#), you can drill down to alumni with your major. Investigate their LinkedIn profiles to identify their career paths following completion of their studies, including job titles and current and past employers.

**The top five Employers of JCU graduates** listed on LinkedIn are:

- Talk Speech Pathology
- James Cook Uni
- Queensland Health
- Speech Pathology
- Alliance Rehabilitation

*(Retrieved January 2024)*

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## Registration/Accreditation

- Access a range of professional practice resources on the SPA website
- Upload your résumé and search for jobs via SPA's Career Centre
- Receive access to Clinical Guidelines and Position Statements as well as Speechbite and other SPA documents e.g. Principles of Practice, Parameters of Practice
- Access to the SPA Mentoring and supervision programs

## Volunteering

Volunteering provides an opportunity to demonstrate initiative, develop valuable transferable skills such as communication, collaboration, problem-solving, resilience etc., demonstrate your values, empathy and active listening, give back to the community, and grow your professional and community networks while demonstrating a commitment to serving future employers and clients.

### Hospital systems

- [Townsville Hospital BrighterLives](#)
- [Mater Health Services](#)

### Community

- [Choice Passion Life](#)
- [Australian Aphasia Ass 0.757 rg D 9DC q0 0 59en-AUvessnl,n1289.02 Td10.02 0.3-AU](#)