



Sarah Sturgess, an MSLP (Hons) student, participating in brainwave research.

### Career opportunities and future

Once you have obtained your MSLP Degree, with at least 300 clinical hours, you are eligible to apply for membership as a Speech-Language Therapist with the NZSTA. Graduates are highly employable as clinicians both in New Zealand and overseas.

You can work with people or computers, in a research laboratory, a private clinic or a government agency. You can work with language-delayed children in a school setting or with elderly stroke patients in a large hospital or in the community. You can be an entrepreneur, developing and marketing new communication devices and tests, or building your own private practice. You can teach at a university, conduct research roles or be an administrator.

Perhaps best of all, you can combine several of these to establish a challenging and satisfying career which improves the quality of life for individuals with communication disabilities.



“The varied placements have helped me identify what interests me most, and I have really enjoyed the opportunity to apply the knowledge learnt in lectures and develop practical skills”.

**Eloise Gooch**

Masters of Speech and Language Pathology student.

### What further study options are available?

The Master of Science in Speech and Language Sciences (MSc), Master of Audiology (MAud) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees offer advanced educational and research opportunities to graduates of the MSLP programme.

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/science/schools-and-departments/psyc-speech-hear/postgraduate-study/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/science/schools-and-departments/psyc-speech-hear/postgraduate-study/)

### How do I apply?

- Check you have the prerequisites
- Download a MSLP application form: [https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/media/documents/oexp-science/communication-disorders/postgraduate-study/master-of-speech--language-pathology/CMDS7314\\_MSLP\\_Application\\_FRM\\_WEB1-2020-updated.pdf](https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/media/documents/oexp-science/communication-disorders/postgraduate-study/master-of-speech--language-pathology/CMDS7314_MSLP_Application_FRM_WEB1-2020-updated.pdf)
- Download recommendation forms: <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/media/documents/oexp-science/psychology-x2f-communication-disorders/MSLP-Recommendation-Form-July-2020.pdf>
- Have two reputable referees complete and send their forms directly to the address below
- Send the signed completed application to:  
Administrator, School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing,  
University of Canterbury, Private Bag 4800, Christchurch  
8140, New Zealand
- Officially apply to enrol at [www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/apply](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/enrol/apply)

All enquiries: telephone: +64 3 369 1066

Email: [speech-hear-admin@canterbury.ac.nz](mailto:speech-hear-admin@canterbury.ac.nz)

For more information: [www.canterbury.ac.nz/science/schools-and-departments/psyc-speech-hear/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/science/schools-and-departments/psyc-speech-hear/)

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The University of Canterbury School of Psychology, Speech and Hearing offers a full-time, two-year Master of Speech and Language Pathology (MSLP). Students will graduate as trained speech-language pathologists (therapists).

With this hands-on qualification, you will gain clinical experience working with clients of all ages with communication disabilities. There are eight clinics on our campus and you will also go on clinical placements to speech-language therapy clinics at hospitals, schools and other facilities nationwide. There may also be opportunities for overseas clinical placements.

Graduates of the MSLP meet the professional standards of signatories to the International Mutual Recognition Agreement (NZ, USA, UK, Canada, Australia, Ireland). However, as per the terms of the agreement, specified additional coursework or professional development may be required—dependent on the individual terms of the signatories to the agreement.

The Speech and Hearing programmes at UC have 10 full-time academic staff (with PhDs) and seven full-time clinical educators. Each year the programme hosts a number of world-class distinguished scholars through the UC's Erskine programme.



Reflection group led by Clinical Educator.

# Master of Speech and Language Pathology

## Features of the MSLP at UC

- Two-year professional degree or four years part-time
- 10 full-time academic staff teaching the programme
- 7 full-time clinical educators
- Extensive clinical test library
- Research-dedicated facilities and staff
- Postgraduate research opportunities in Speech-Language Science and Audiology
- On-site speech-language and APD clinics

## What does this degree offer?

This degree offers a graduate entry route to the speech language pathology profession for students with a degree in linguistics, education, psychology, science (all majors), health sciences, engineering, or related degrees. The MSLP at UC offers:

- through the alignment of academic courses and clinical practice;
- through the option of international students completing a subset of professional practice in their home country, while also meeting the standard of entry-level practice within NZ.

For more information, please visit <https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/study/qualifications-and-courses/masters-degrees/master-of-speech-and-language-pathology>

## Degree structure

### Prerequisites

- (a) Minimum B average from prior degrees
- (b) English language proficiency of Academic IELTS average  $\geq 7$
- (c) One under/post graduate course in: Anatomy & Physiology  
CMDS161 available as a summer/online course
- (d) Undergraduate/postgraduate course in Statistics. We recommend STAT101

### Part I

#### First Semester

- CMDS661 Clinical Linguistics and Phonetics
- CMDS663 Introduction to Audiologic Assessment & Management
- CMDS664 Professional Studies & Clinical Practice 1
- CMDS667 Neuroscience of Communication

#### Second Semester and Summer Term

- CMDS662 Fluency Disorders
- CMDS665 Speech & Language Disorders in Children
- CMDS666 Voice Disorders
- CMDS668 Evidence-Based Clinical Practice 2 (Includes Oct – Jan Clinic)

### Part II

#### First Semester

- CMDS669 Dysphagia & Related Disorders - Diagnosis
- CMDS670 Aphasia & Related Disorders
- CMDS671 Applied Research & Clinical Practice 3
- CMDS672 Spoken and Written Language Disorders in Educational Settings

#### Second Semester and Summer Term

- CMDS673 Motor Speech Disorders
- CMDS674 Dysphagia & Related Disorders – Management
- CMDS675 Evidence-Based Practice for Complex Communication Disorders
- CMDS676 Professional Studies & Clinical Practice 4 (Includes Oct – Jan (clinic block))