

Course Summary: March 27, 2026

Master of Speech and Language Sciences MSpeech Honours

- UCAS code: **B62M**
- Full time
- 4 years

Our accredited Master of Speech and Language Sciences degree will prepare you for a career as a leader in speech and language therapy.

You are currently viewing course information for entry year: **2026**

Next start date:

- September 2026

Tuition fees (Year 1)

- Home: **£9,790**
- International: **£27,000**

Entry requirements and offers

- A-Level: **AAB**
- IB: **34 points**

UCAS Institution name and code:

- NEWC / N21

Undergraduate Open Day

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Saturday, June 27 (9:00-16:00)

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Course overview

Gain the knowledge and experience to undertake speech and language therapy practice.

On our four year degree you'll study core modules in speech and language pathology. These include causes, diagnosis, assessment and treatment of a range of speech, language, communication and swallowing disorders in adults and children.

You'll gain an understanding of speech and language therapy practice through case-based teaching. You will discuss real-life scenarios and high levels of clinical work.

The programme includes clinical experience during each year. You'll put theory into practice and gain a scientifically-oriented theoretical understanding of speech and language therapy. This ensures you'll graduate a confident and skilled Speech and Language Therapist.

Your course and study experience - disclaimers and terms and conditions

Please rest assured we make all reasonable efforts to provide you with the programmes, services and facilities described. However, it may be necessary to

make changes due to significant disruption, for example in response to Covid-19.

View our [Academic experience page](#), which gives information about your Newcastle University study experience for the academic year 2025-26.

See our [terms and conditions and student complaints information](#), which gives details of circumstances that may lead to changes to programmes, modules or University services.

Quality and ranking

Professional accreditation and recognition

All professional accreditations are reviewed regularly by their professional body.

Modules and learning

Modules

The information below is intended to provide an example of what you will study.

Most degrees are divided into stages. Each stage lasts for one academic year, and you'll complete modules totalling 120 credits by the end of each stage.

Our teaching is informed by research. Course content may change periodically to reflect developments in the discipline, the requirements of external bodies and partners, and student feedback.

Optional module availability

Student demand for optional modules may affect availability.

Full details of the modules on offer will be published through the [Programme Regulations and Specifications](#) ahead of each academic year. This usually happens in May.

To find out more please [see our terms and conditions](#)

We lay the foundation for later work with topics including:

- anatomy and physiology of speech and language
- linguistics and phonetics
- developmental psychology
- child language and development
- clinical education
- speech and language pathology
- research methods

You will be introduced to case-based problem-solving and case management. You will observe speech and language therapists at work, and complete a child study, working with a child and their family to observe and analyse typical development.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Professional and Study Skills	0
Academic Tutoring	0
Anatomy & Physiology for Speech and Language	20
Research Methods in Practice I	10
Introduction to Speech and Language Pathology	20
Clinical and Professional Education I	10

Brain and Behaviour Across the Lifespan I: Introduction to Psychology and Social Interaction	20
Child Development (Child Development and Speech Language Acquisition)	20
Linguistics I	10
Phonetics and Phonology I: Fundamentals	10

You will continue to study linguistics, phonetics, psychology and speech and language pathology. You will learn to apply problem-based learning to cases of developmental and acquired communication disorders. You will start to take responsibility for the assessment and treatment of clients in our campus clinics under the supervision of expert staff.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Professional and Study Skills	0
Research Methods in Practice II	10
Clinical and Professional Education II	20
Brain and Behaviour across the Lifespan II: Neuropsychology	10
Speech and Language Pathology II: Developmental and acquired disorders of speech, language and communication	40
Linguistics II	20
Phonetics and Phonology II: Advanced	20

You'll undertake clinical placements in a range of speech and language therapy services, including:

- Hospitals
- Nurseries
- Schools
- rehabilitation settings
- charities

You'll develop your knowledge and understanding of specific client groups such as clients with autism or dementia.

You'll apply your knowledge to the understanding of communication disorders.

Within the dysphagia module, you'll complete the RCSLT pre-registration Eating, Drinking and Swallowing competencies.

There is an increasing consideration of research in practice and how speech and language therapists can contribute to the evidence base.

You will also choose your topic for supervisor-supported independent research, leading to your final dissertation in Stage 4.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Professional and Study Skills	0
Clinical and Professional Education III	20
Speech and Language Pathology: Disorders of voice; motor speech and dementia	20
Brain and Behaviour across the Lifespan III: Neuropsychology and Psychiatric Disorders	20

Research Methods in Practice III	10
Speech and Language Pathology III: Dysphagia	20
Speech and Language Pathology 1: Sensory	10
Speech and Language Pathology: Disorders of fluency; motor and cognitive impairments	20

You will continue to build on your knowledge and understanding of the professional context of clinical practice and relevant legislation. There is an in-depth consideration of the role of the speech and language therapists, not only as clinicians, but also as advocates for and future leaders of the profession.

You will carry out further placements, with a unique opportunity to carry out a placement-based service evaluation project and develop your clinical skills on a further block placement.

You will build on your previous research work to conduct your independent research project, leading to your research dissertation.

Modules

Compulsory Modules	Credits
Research Methods in Practice IV	60
Professional Issues and Leadership	20
Clinical and Professional Education IV	40

Teaching and assessment

Teaching methods

We use innovative teaching methods and models in our academic and clinical teaching. Case-based teaching and problem-based learning accompany lectures

and seminars. You will also benefit from the experience and expertise of our visiting lecturers who are experts in their field.

Our teaching methods develop deep learning, critical thinking, reflection skills and creativity. This enables you to deal with the diverse nature of Speech and Language Therapy practice.

Assessment methods

You'll be assessed through a combination of:

- Assignments – written or fieldwork
- Case studies
- Dissertation or research project
- Essays
- Examinations – practical or online
- Group work
- Presentations
- Projects
- Reflective report/journal
- Reports
- Seminar tasks/exercises

Skills and experience

Practical skills

You will have access to state-of-the-art facilities. This includes:

- our language analysis lab for the transcription and analysis of recorded samples of language
- our campus clinics
- the Children's Speech and Language Clinic
- the Tavistock Aphasia Centre

You will benefit from observing qualified therapists at work. You'll begin your clinical work experience treating adults and children with communication difficulties.

Professional skills

You will develop practical, workplace skills through clinical experiences, embedded throughout your degree. You'll have extensive experience in the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of clients with communication and swallowing difficulties.

You will carry out a clinical service-based project evaluating an aspect of service delivery during your fourth year. This gives you:

- further exposure to clinical work
- an opportunity to develop leadership skills. These skills will be focused on quality improvement in a real-world clinical context

Research skills

You will consolidate your knowledge of research methods and skills. You'll apply these skills as you complete your dissertation project. There will be opportunities to:

- collaborate with leaders in the field and contribute to the evidence-base for the profession
- develop research presentation skills, for example, designing a research poster of your work

Opportunities

You will undertake a variety of work placements throughout your degree.

The clinical placement opportunities embedded throughout your degree will provide you with the clinical experience you need to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council.

This experience will include:

- video and live observations of a range of clients with communication difficulties
- child study – working with a child and their family to observe and analyse typical development
- clinical placements in our in-house campus clinics: The Children's Speech and Language Clinic, and The Tavistock Aphasia Centre throughout your second year
- a series of external placements, including a service evaluation project, in local settings such as hospitals, clinics and schools during your third and fourth years

Facilities and environment

Facilities

As a speech and language sciences student, you'll be based in the School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences at our city-centre campus.

You will benefit from excellent facilities, including well-established in-house clinics. These are equipped with observational facilities and the latest recording technology to maximise your learning.

Our facilities include:

- [The Children's Speech and Language Clinic](#), dedicated to working with children
- [The Tavistock Aphasia Centre](#), dedicated to working with adults with acquired communication difficulties

You will also have access to:

- a language analysis lab for transcription and analysis of recorded samples of language
- our resource centre

Support

You'll have the support of an academic member of staff as a personal tutor throughout your degree to help with academic and personal issues.

Peer mentors will help you in your first year. They are fellow students who can help you settle in and answer any questions you have when starting university.

Your future

Our degree provides a direct pathway to a career as a qualified speech and language therapist. The successful completion of this degree provides eligibility to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) as a Speech and Language Therapist. You can also apply for membership to the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT).

Many speech and language therapist graduates work for the NHS, in:

- hospitals
- clinics
- paediatric assessment centres
- adult rehabilitation centres
- in the community

Other graduates work for schools and charities or work in private practice.

Speech and language therapists usually work as part of a multidisciplinary team, alongside other health professionals such as doctors, nurses, psychologists, physiotherapists and occupational therapists.

Once you qualify, you can specialise in a particular area of speech and language therapy.

If you wish to work with language-disordered children in a classroom setting, you may want to take a one-year teaching qualification (PGCE) after your degree.

A number of our graduates have also gone on to take up research posts.

Make a difference

Careers support

Our Careers Service is one of the largest and best in the country, and we have strong links with employers. We provide an extensive range of opportunities to all students through our ncl+ initiative.

[Visit our Careers Service website](#)

Recognition of professional qualifications outside of the UK

If you're studying an **accredited degree** and thinking about working in Europe after you graduate, the best place to find current information is the [UK Government's guidance on recognition of UK professional qualifications in EU member states](#). This official resource explains whether your profession is regulated in another country, what steps you need to take, and which organisation you should contact.

Find out more...

- Go online for information about our full range of degrees:
www.ncl.ac.uk/undergraduate
- Watch videos about student life in Newcastle by visiting our YouTube channel at **www.youtube.com/@newcastleuni**
- Watch a virtual tour of our campus at
<https://youtu.be/vJUfHcqB7l8?si=8lUrf7kTxXbgdfr1>
- Book for an Open Day to come and see us in person
www.ncl.ac.uk/openday
- Contact us online at **www.ncl.ac.uk/enquiries** or phone +44 (0)191 208 3333

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