MSc Speech, Language and Communication (Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care) Online Event

This CityChat session is for anyone interested in studying our MSc Speech, Language and Communication (Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care) course. The session will be run by academic staff, giving you the opportunity to ask questions about your chosen course and life at City, University of London. As this is a typed chat group session, you will be able to see the answers to questions asked by other attendees.

Thank you for joining us for today’s CityChat session. This session is for students interested in studying our MSc Speech, Language and Communication (Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care). This session runs from 16:30 - 17:30 (GMT). This is an open chat session for you to ask any questions you have regarding these courses and life at City, University of London. During the session we may also share videos, polls or documents relating to your course.

To ask a question, please type it in the chat box. Your question will not post straight away - it will be sent to our Moderators who will type an answer back. Once their answer is complete, it will be published with your question. You are also welcome to post just saying hi and introducing yourself!

Hi, I am Professor Jane Marshall and I am the programme director for the MSc in Speech Language and Communication. I am looking forward to answering your questions.

How difficult is it for international students to be accepted into the course? I want to make sure that my degree (BA Speech-Language Pathology) from the University of Pretoria will accepted by the university.

We have many international students studying on the course. Your degree sounds very relevant, as the programme is primarily intended for qualified speech and language therapists who are seeking to extend their knowledge and skills.

Hello, hope you’re all well. Thank you for this opportunity. I’m [redacted], a prospective student, interested in pursuing either this or the MSc in Speech Language and Therapy programme. How do these programmes differ? Can this programme only be studied by those that are existing (qualified) Speech and Language Therapists? Additionally, is there any funding for this programme? Many thanks in advance.

Thank you for your interest in our MSc courses [redacted]. If you are aiming to enter the speech and language therapy profession you should apply for our MSc in speech and Language Therapy. This includes a practice component and graduates are entitled to register with the UK Health and Care Professions Council as therapists. If you are already qualified as a therapist, and are seeking to extend your skills, you should apply for the MSc in Speech, Language and Communication (APHSC).

Are there any bursaries available for prospective students? Perhaps specifically for international students?

We do have Dean’s Bursaries, one of which is an ‘International Excellence Scholarship’. Applicants holding an offer for our MSc can apply for this.
**Postgraduate scholarships and funding**

Find out more about the funding and scholarship opportunities available for postgraduate students at the School of Health Sciences.

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Hello everyone!

My name is [redacted] I am a speech therapist from Russia. I have a few questions regarding the application process and further training. How necessary is it to be a registered international speech therapist for training and possible volunteering in a hospital, for example? Is it possible to go through the registration procedure as an international practicing speech therapist later than applying for the course?

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Hello [redacted] There are a number of volunteering opportunities available in the UK linked to speech and language therapy. Many of these are open to people who are not registered therapists. For example, the Stroke Association uses volunteers to support groups for people with aphasia, and many speech and language therapy teams use volunteers and assistants. Our research projects at City also involve volunteers from our student body.

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Is the MSc programme internationally accredited?

Many graduates from our MSc in Speech and Language Therapy have entered professional practice in a number of international contexts, including Canada, USA and Australia.

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Does this mean that having a previous foreign education and a completed MSc in Speech Language and Communication course, I still will not be able to register as a SLT?

Your entitlement to register is judged from your first degree. For example this would need to map onto the practice requirements set by HCPC.

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Is the MSc Speech, Language and Communication (Advanced Practice in Health and Social Care) considered a "higher" degree than the MSc Speech and Language Therapy?

Both are MSc qualifications, so are at the same academic level.

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Makes sense! But if I understand correctly, the MSc Speech and Language Therapy programme is aimed at prospective speech therapists? Where as the other one is for speech therapists who have already qualified?
Yes that is correct. If you are already qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist, and are not seeking entry to the profession, the MSc in Speech Language and Communication is a more suitable course.