

Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) (SPYH) - BSpPath(Hons) New

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Ipswich campus: 936371

	On-campus
Start:	Semester 1 (February)
Campus:	Ipswich
Standard duration:	4 years full-time, 8 years part-time, 9 years maximum

Notes:

In 2023 the programs follows the Semester calendar. The [Academic Calendar and Important Dates](#) webpage will allow you to view and download a copy of the important dates for the Semester calendar.

Contact us

Future Australian and New Zealand students	Future International students	Current students
Ask a question Freecall (within Australia): 1800 269 500 Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 5315 Email: study@usq.edu.au	Ask a question Phone: +61 7 4631 5543 Email: international@usq.edu.au	Ask a question Freecall (within Australia): 1800 007 252 Phone (from outside Australia): +61 7 4631 2285 Email usq.support@usq.edu.au

Professional accreditation

UniSQ is in the process of seeking accreditation of the Bachelor of Speech Pathology Honours with [Speech Pathology Australia](#) under the QUALIFYING classification. This is awarded to new Programs that are seeking accreditation for the first time and have not yet undergone accreditation evaluation. During this qualifying period, graduate cohorts are ineligible for certified practising membership of Speech Pathology Australia. PROVISIONAL accreditation is awarded when a Program achieves accreditation for the first time.

Program aims

The Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) program provides students with a thorough preparation in the theoretical and clinical requirements of speech pathology practice in Australia (eligible for full membership of Speech Pathology Australia). The program enables students to become distinctive; as compassionate, holistic and competent early career graduates who are future-focussed and innovative, with well-developed clinical reasoning and critical thinking skills, a strong interprofessional focus and expertise in rural and regional practice.

Program objectives

- (1) Demonstrate high levels of clinical competence to practice as a Speech Pathologist and thereby be eligible for membership with Speech Pathology Australia (SPA).
- (2) Demonstrate high level communication skills, both written and verbal, in both professional and inter-personal contexts.
- (3) Conduct practice tasks related to communication and swallowing with clients across the lifespan and in different contexts (e.g., rural) in an effective, safe and ethical manner.
- (4) Take a whole person compassionate care approach to theoretical and clinical practice.
- (5) Work effectively and creatively in multi and trans and inter-disciplinary teams in health and education settings.

- (6) Critique and synthesise the literature, and critically reflect on ethics, and their own culture, values, and biases, to provide evidence-based, culturally safe healthcare.
- (7) Contribute to the evidence base of the profession through the production of original research with some independence.

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 08. Graduates at this level will have advanced knowledge and skills for professional or highly skilled work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View UniSQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Have achieved a minimum Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of **75**, or equivalent qualification.[^]
- English (Units 3 & 4, C); One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, or Psychology (Units 3 & 4, C) or equivalent.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 6.

Meeting entry requirements does not guarantee admission. Places within the Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) are limited by quota.

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

[^] These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2023 ATAR and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Adjustment factors may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your entrance rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about UniSQ's [Adjustment Factors](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

Inherent requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that must be met in order to complete the program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the [requirements](#) for this program online.

Requirements for professional experience placements

Applicants must be willing to undertake and submit the requirements of the University of Southern Queensland and Queensland Health for practical placement. Please refer to the applicable Professional Practice Experience Handbook for Speech Pathology Students.

Mandatory Documents required prior to commencing clinical placement courses:

- Blue Card or Working with Children Check
- Yellow Card (if working with people with disabilities)
- Australian Federal Police Check Certificate

All students must also provide the following immunisation evidence prior to commencing placements:

- Hepatitis B immunisation evidence
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella immunisation evidence
- Varicella immunisation evidence
- Pertussis immunisation evidence
- Influenza immunisation evidence
- Tuberculosis Risk Assessment
- COVID-19 vaccinations as directed by health services

Other requirements:

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Certificate (CPR)
- First Aid Certificate
- Clinical Uniform

Program structure

The program consists of 32 units; 17 discipline-specific, 12 service courses from aligned disciplines and two double weighted research courses. There are two Honours pathways with the opportunity for students with a GPA of 5 or above to complete an individual research project in their fourth year of study. Other students will complete a clinically-focussed Honours project based on a quality assurance project, in collaboration with local speech pathologists and service providers.

Core courses

10 core courses (10 units)

Course Name and Code	Semester(s) offered Ipswich	Semester(s) offered Toowoomba	Semester(s) offered Springfield	Semester(s) offered External	Semester(s) offered Online
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1[£]	1	1		1, 3	
BIO1206 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2[£]	2	2		2, 3	
NUR1203 Cultural Safety and Professional Practice					1, 2

NUR1204 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health					1, 2
PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A	1	1			1, 3
PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B	2	2			1, 2
SPY1100 Introduction to the Speech Pathology Profession: Compassionate Care	1				
SPY1200 Cultural and Linguistic Diversity and Global Citizenship	2				
SPY4100 Rural and Remote Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology				1	
STA1003 Fundamental Statistics		1, 2	2		1, 2, 3

Footnotes

£ In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester, commencing on 13 November 2023 and concluding on 12 January 2024

14 discipline specific courses (14 units)

Course Name and Code	Semester(s) offered Ipswich	Semester(s) offered Toowoomba	Semester(s) offered Springfield	Semester(s) offered External	Semester(s) offered Onlin
ANA2202 Anatomy and Neurophysiology for Communication and Swallowing	2				
CRI2213 Youth, Deviance and Juvenile Justice		1			1

HMS2101 Developing Skills in Digital Health	1				
HMS3101 Digital Health Service Provision	1				
PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A	1	1			1
SPY2100 Linguistics for Speech Pathology	1				
SPY2200 Communication and Swallowing across the Lifespan	1				
SPY2300 Hearing Science and Speech	2				
SPY2400 Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology 1	2				
SPY3100 Communication and Swallowing 1	1				
SPY3200 Innovation, Creativity and Career Wellbeing	2				
SPY3300 Advanced Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology 1				1	
SPY3400 Communication and Swallowing 2	2				
SPY3500 Advanced Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology 2				2	

6 honours courses (8 units)

Course Name and Code	Semester(s) offered Ipswich	Semester(s) offered Toowoomba	Semester(s) offered Springfield	Semester(s) offered External	Semester(s) offered Onlin
SPY4200 Communication and Swallowing 3	1				
SPY4300 Research Project A [^]	1				
SPY4500 Professional Issues	2				
SPY4600 Transition to the Workforce	2				
SPY4400 Research Project B [^]	2				
SWH4400 Social Policy as a Critical Driver of Systemic Change					1

Footnotes

[^] 2 unit course

IT requirements

For information technology requirements please refer to the [minimum computing standards](#).

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the UniSQ [Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Enrolment

Progression

Students are advised to consult with student support usq.support@usq.edu.au in situations where their progression is affected either by failure in pre-requisite courses, or where they choose a part-time study pattern.

Recommended Enrolment Pattern - Full-time - 2023/2024 Entry

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 1 / Semester 1								
SPY1100 Introduction to the Speech Pathology Profession: Compassionate Care *	1	1						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: SPYH or ADAH
PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A	1	1			1	1		
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 £#	1	1	1	1			M	

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
NUR1203 Cultural Safety and Professional Practice					1	1		Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BNSG or ADAH or BOTH or BSWK or BSWH or SPYH Enrolment is not permitted in NUR1203 if NUR1201 has been previously completed
Year 1 / Semester 2								
SPY1200 Cultural and Linguistic Diversity and Global Citizenship	1	2						Pre-requisite: SPY1100 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Program s: SPYH or ADAH
STA1003 Fundamental Statistics	1	2			1	2		Enrolment is not permitted in STA1003 if STA2300 or S TA8170 or STA6200 or STA1004 has been previously completed. Students enrolled in the BACT, or under taking the Accounting Major in the BBCM, are not eligible for enrolment.
NUR1204 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	1	2						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BNSG or ADAH or BOTH or BSWK or BSWH or SPYH Enrolment is not permitted in NUR1204 if NUR3030 has been previously completed
BIO1206 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 ^{£#}	1	2					M	Pre-requisite: BIO1203
Year 2 / Semester 1								
SPY2100 Linguistics for Speech Pathology	2	1						
SPY2200 Communication and Swallowing across the Lifespan	2	1						
HMS2101 Developing Skills in Digital Health	2	1						
PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A	2	1			2	1		Pre-requisite: PSY1010 and (STA2300 or STA1003). For students enrolled in Program BSSC with a major in BES: PSY1010 and STA3100
Year 2 / Semester 2								
PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B	2	2			2	2		
SPY2300 Hearing Science and Speech	2	2						
ANA2202 Anatomy and Neurophysiology for Communication and Swallowing	2	2						
SPY2400 Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology 1	2	2						
Year 3 / Semester 1								
SPY3100 Communication and Swallowing 1	3	1						
HMS3101 Digital Health Service Provision	3	1						
CRI2213 Youth, Deviance and Juvenile Justice	3	1						
SPY3300 Advanced Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology 1			3	1				

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 3 / Semester 2								
SWH4400 Social Policy as a Critical Driver of Systemic Change	3	2						
SPY3400 Communication and Swallowing 2	3	2						
SPY3200 Innovation, Creativity and Career Wellbeing	3	2						
SPY3500 Advanced Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology 2			3	2				
Year 4 / Semester 1								
SPY4100 Rural and Remote Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology			4	1				
SPY4200 Communication and Swallowing 3	4	1						
SPY4300 Research Project A [^]	4	1						
Year 4 / Semester 2								
SPY4500 Professional Issues	4	2						
SPY4600 Transition to the Workforce	4	2						
SPY4400 Research Project B [^]	4	2						

Footnotes

- * This course has a mandatory workshop
- £ In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester, commencing on 13 November 2023 and concluding on 12 January 2024
- # Mandatory Residential School for external students
- [^] 2 unit course

Recommended Enrolment Pattern - Part-time - 2023/2024 Entry

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 1 / Semester 1								
SPY1100 Introduction to the Speech Pathology Profession: Compassionate Care *	1	1						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: SPYH or ADAH
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 £#	1	1	1	1			M	
Year 1 / Semester 2								
SPY1200 Cultural and Linguistic Diversity and Global Citizenship	1	2						Pre-requisite: SPY1100 and Students must be enrolled in one of the following Program s: SPYH or ADAH
BIO1206 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 £#	1	2					M	Pre-requisite: BIO1203
Year 2 / Semester 1								
PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A	2	1						
NUR1203 Cultural Safety and Professional Practice	2	1						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BNSG or ADAH or BOTH or BSWK or BSWH or SPYH Enrolment is not permitted in NUR1203

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
								if NUR1201 has been previously completed
Year 2 / Semester 2								
STA1003 Fundamental Statistics	2	2						Enrolment is not permitted in STA1003 if STA2300 or STA8170 or STA6200 or STA1004 has been previously completed. Students enrolled in the BACT, or undertaking the Accounting Major in the BBCM, are not eligible for enrolment.
NUR1204 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	2	2						Pre-requisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the following Programs: BNSG or ADAH or BOTH or BSWK or BSWH or SPYH Enrolment is not permitted in NUR1204 if NUR3030 has been previously completed
Year 3 / Semester 1								
SPY2100 Linguistics for Speech Pathology	3	1						
SPY2200 Communication and Swallowing across the Lifespan	3	1						
Year 3 / Semester 2								
SPY2300 Hearing Science and Speech	3	2						
ANA2202 Anatomy and Neurophysiology for Communication and Swallowing	3	2						
Year 4 / Semester 1								
HMS2101 Developing Skills in Digital Health	4	1						
PSY2100 Research Methods in Psychology A	4	1						Pre-requisite: PSY1010 and (STA2300 or STA1003). For students enrolled in Program BSSC with a major in BES: PSY1010 and STA3100
Year 4 / Semester 2								
PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B	4	2						
SPY2400 Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology 1	4	2						
Year 5 / Semester 1								
SPY3100 Communication and Swallowing 1	5	1						
SPY3300 Advanced Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology 1	5	1						
Year 5 / Semester 2								
SPY3400 Communication and Swallowing 2	5	2						
SPY3500 Advanced Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology 2	5	2						
Year 6 / Semester 1								
CRI2213 Youth, Deviance and Juvenile Justice	6	1						
HMS3101 Digital Health Service Provision	6	1						

Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
	Year	Sem	Year	Sem	Year	Sem		
Year 6 / Semester 2								
SWH4400 Social Policy as a Critical Driver of Systemic Change	6	2						
SPY3200 Innovation, Creativity and Career Wellbeing	6	2						
Year 7 / Semester 1								
SPY4100 Rural and Remote Clinical Placement: Speech Pathology	7	1						
SPY4200 Communication and Swallowing 3	7	1						
Year 7 / Semester 2								
SPY4300 Research Project A ^	7	2						
Year 8 / Semester 1								
SPY4400 Research Project B ^	8	1						
Year 8 / Semester 2								
SPY4500 Professional Issues	8	2						
SPY4600 Transition to the Workforce	8	2						

Footnotes

* This course has a mandatory workshop

£ In Semester 3, 2023 this course will be delivered as a Transition (9 week) semester, commencing on 13 November 2023 and concluding on 12 January 2024

Mandatory Residential School for external students

[^] 2 unit course