



WORK INSPIRATION – Speech and Language Therapy

A Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) is an exciting and varied career. You will work daily with patients both adults and children to improve their care and lives. SLT could be the right profession for you if you enjoy science, education, languages, linguistics, or medicine.

Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT)

- **RCSLT** have a comprehensive section on '[How to become a speech and language therapist](#)'. website. Sections include:
 - University degrees – [where can I study](#) and [a list of courses](#)
 - A section on [applying for](#) university
 - [Why choose](#) speech and language?
 - Working life section including a speech and language therapist in the: [Justice](#) sector; supporting [homeless people](#); working in the [independent sector](#) and how this linked to a
- BBC campaign of [Tiny Happy People](#) and more information [here](#).
- They have a [downloadable careers booklet](#)
- Careers panel video '[It's not about the way you speak](#) – a career in speech and language therapy' (Oct 2020)
- Link to a virtual reality film, [Experience the day in the life of a SLT](#), produced by Health Education England (HEE)
- [Videos](#) on the work of SLTs during Covid and how their work has helped with the rehabilitation of patients

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General Careers Resources/Information

- **BBC Bitesize Careers** has a section on [Inside the NHS](#). One of the careers explored is, Anne, a [Speech and Language Therapist](#)
- **NHS Health Careers website**- what is a [speech therapist](#) and information on entry requirements and training. Careers case study [Speech and Language student](#)
- **National Careers Service** has a [Healthcare](#) careers section. A few to have a look at include:
 - Career as a [Speech and Language Therapist](#)
 - Career as a [Speech and Language Therapy Assistant](#)
- **PROSPECTS** website, where you can find out all the information needed to [train and work as a Speech and Language Therapist](#)
- **Communications Matters** information on [the role](#) of a speech and language therapist
- **Irish Association of Speech and Language Therapists (IASLT)** has [information on the career](#) including case studies
- [Blog](#) from **Health Jobs** on a personal experience of their rewarding career as an SLT
- **British Heart Foundation** a blog on how '[Ken found the power of speech again](#)' after a stroke
- **Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust** [video](#) demonstrating techniques used then treating a child with autism to improve their communication skills
- **LSVT Global (speech, physical and occupational therapies for people with Parkinson disease)** This [video clip](#) is of a woman with Parkinson disease immediately before and after receiving LSVT LOUD speech therapy treatment programme. This intensive programme focuses on training healthy vocal

loudness and helping people with Parkinson disease relearn the sensory perception of normal vocal loudness. (Shown at BHSCT SLT virtual event)

Local Focus

- **Southern Health and Social Care Trust** have a [Trust talk with Clare, a Speech and Language Therapist](#) (May 2021)

University Information

- **TheUniGuide** – reviews courses with feedback from students, downloadable prospectus and shows important dates of open days. Have a look at [speech therapy](#)
- **UCAS** – signposts to careers, apprenticeships, and advises on applying to universities. This is their section on [Speech and Language Therapy](#)
- **Ulster University** [information on the course](#) is available for entry in the 2023/2024 year
- **The University of Sheffield** blog on why you should study a degree in [Speech and Language](#)
- **The University of Manchester** [video on studying for a degree](#) in Speech and Language Therapy. (Shown at BHSCT SLT virtual event)
- **Complete University Guide** has a [breakdown of the universities](#) offering SLT courses
- **Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists** [list of universities](#) offering courses

Useful Learning

- [Explore Makaton](#) which may be useful when assisting you when considering opportunities as a speech and language therapist
- [Explore British Sign Language](#) which may be useful when assisting you when considering opportunities as a speech and language therapist

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