

Speech Pathology



>>What is Speech Pathology?

A speech pathologist has been trained to assess, identify, diagnose and treat people of all ages with a communication disability and or swallowing difficulty. The training encompasses all aspects of swallowing and communication including speech, using and understanding language, voice, fluency, hearing, writing, reading, signs, symbols and gestures. Speech Pathologists also provide advocacy on behalf of their clients, onward referral where appropriate, prescribe for augmentative and alternative communication strategies involving communication equipment and technology and some assistive devices, use instruments for diagnosis and intervention, undertake hearing screening and speech and language rehabilitation secondary to hearing loss or central auditory processing disorders and modify or enhance communication performance (eg voice care and accent modification)

Where do speech pathologists work in Tasmania?

Speech Pathologists work in early intervention, education and child care centres, aged care facilities, hospitals (acute care and adult and neonatal intensive care), community and mental health services, rehabilitation services, group homes and sheltered workshops, NGOs and charitable organisations, private practice, justice, corporations, industry, research and specialist organisations providing services for people with disabilities.

How do speech pathologists work in DHHS?

Speech pathologist in DHHS work at the North West Regional, Launceston General and Royal Hobart Hospitals; Disability Services; Transitional Care Unit (Hobart); Child Health and Parenting Units (North and North West); Community Rehabilitation Unit and Community Therapy Services.

What qualifications and regulations are required to practice?

Recognised qualification in a Speech Pathology Australia accredited course from a tertiary institution

Registration needs

Speech Pathology Australia is the assessing authority for speech pathologists intending to apply for skilled migration to Australia.

Useful links

<http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/Default.aspx?p=3>