

# Healthcare Science Career of the Week



## Allied Health Professional Speech & Language Therapist

Pay Scale: Band 5 to 7: £21,000-£40,500

### AMAZING FACT

The Hyoid bone at the top of the neck, just above the trachea, helps us move our tongue and is not connected to any other bones in the body.

This is one seriously cool career that uses so many areas of science and physiology. You see, SLT involves knowing about muscles in the head and throat, biomechanics, hearing, how the brain interprets words.

Working all over the hospital, from stroke wards to outpatients, they also work directly with patients in their own homes or nursing homes.

Problems with swallowing or communication due to a stroke or Parkinson's disease for example as two of the main issues patients require help with.

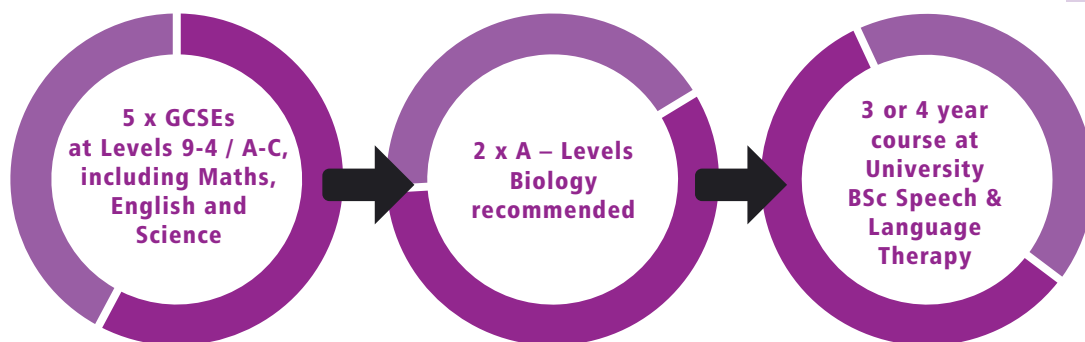
In the UK one of the biggest issues for this career over the last few decades has been working with ethnic minorities. Nowadays speech therapists are trying to work in their patient's native language and even use computer software to help communicate.



### SEARCH

At the time of writing there were 14 Universities that provided a Speech & Language Therapy Course. Check them out by searching UCAS for Speech and Language Therapy.  
[www.ucas.ac.uk](http://www.ucas.ac.uk)

### What to do to get into this career...



### Top Tip

Check out the range of courses at University that would be relevant for this career and then check what the entry requirements are for each of them for a more accurate picture.



### HAVE YOU CONSIDERED?

If you are into speech and sounds you could also check out Audiology, which is a healthcare science career. Or if you are into design and art, why not check out a Maxillofacial Prosthetist.



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