

Master of Speech Language Pathology (MSLP)

Study in New Zealand



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The University of Canterbury Department of Communication Disorders offers a full-time, two-year Master of Speech Language Pathology (MSLP). Students will graduate as trained speech-language pathologists/therapists.

With this hands-on qualification, you will gain clinical experience working with clients of all ages with communication disabilities. There are eight clinics on our campus and you will also go on clinical placements to speech-language therapy clinics at hospitals, schools and other facilities nationwide.

Entry Requirements

Normally the minimum requirement is a three-year bachelor's degree from a New Zealand university, or a qualification or combination of qualifications considered to be equivalent.

If you gained your qualification overseas, these will need to be assessed to make sure they are of an equivalent standard.

Qualification specific requirements

- Students wishing to enrol in the MSLP must have completed any bachelors or master's degree with a minimum of a B average.
- In addition you must have passed one course in each of the following:
 - Biology/Anatomy and Physiology
 - Statistics

Entry into Part I of the Master of Speech and Language Pathology is limited to a maximum of 20 students annually.

Duration

The Master of Speech and Language Pathology can be completed in two years full-time or up to four years part-time.

Career Opportunities

The speech-language therapy profession offers a range of career opportunities. Once you have obtained your MSLP Degree, with at least 300 clinical hours, you are eligible to apply for membership as a Speech-Language Therapist with the NZSTA. Graduates are highly employable as clinicians both in New Zealand and overseas. You can work with people or computers, in a research laboratory, a private clinic or a government agency. You can work with language delayed children in a school setting or with elderly stroke patients in a large hospital or nursing home. You can be an entrepreneur, developing and marketing new communication devices and tests, or build your own private practice.

Degree Structure

Students must pass courses with a total of 240 points from Part I and Part II. Students cannot progress to Part II until Part I has been completed.

Part I

Course code	Course title
CMDS 661	Clinical Linguistics and Language Acquisition
CMDS 662	Fluency Disorders
CMDS 663	Audiologic Assessment and Management
CMDS 664	Professional Studies and Clinical Practice 1
CMDS 665	Speech and Language Disorders in Children
CMDS 666	Voice Disorders
CMDS 667	Neuroscience of Communication and Swallowing
CMDS 668	Evidence-Based Clinical Practice 2

Part II

Course code	Course title
CMDS 669	Dysphagia and Related Disorders – Diagnosis
CMDS 670	Aphasia and Related Disorders
CMDS 671	Applied Research and Clinical Practice 3
CMDS 672	Spoken and Written Language Disorders in Educational Settings
CMDS 673	Motor Speech Disorders
CMDS 674	Dysphagia and Related Disorders: Management
CMDS 675	Complex Communication Disorders
CMDS 676	Professional Studies and Clinical Practice 4



'I chose UC because I wanted to challenge myself. The size of the school and the support that was put into place seemed like the right choice. It was a challenge that was accompanied with a sense of security.'

Classes are small and professors know their students by name, the campus is beautiful! As a student clinician we get the opportunity to go out into the community and provide services to those that may not have been able to get this care on their own.'

'My decision to become a Speech Language Pathologist began at the age of ten, when my sister was born with Down syndrome. I saw how her communication difficulties overshadowed her eagerness to interact and learn, but also how as she grew older, she was able to overcome her communication barriers, helping her participation in school and within her community. From this experience, I knew I wanted to make this kind of impact for many other families.'

The chance to explore a new part of the world while pursuing the area of study she loves, was an opportunity Katrice couldn't pass up.

'Coming to New Zealand I knew I would further develop my independent nature and discover more about myself. I have also had the added benefit of seeing once in a lifetime natural attractions and the opportunity to meet great people from all over the world who will be lifelong friends.'

Katrice Nolan

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) majoring in Speech and Language Sciences, (Brock University, Ontario)

Studying towards a Master of Speech and Language Pathology (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)



Briauna is motivated and excited by the idea that she will be able to make a real difference with her field of study.

'I love that everyone here has the common desire to help people. When having discussions in class, you can see people light up when they talk about working in the specific area that interests them, and how they can't wait to start helping.'

'I came to UC because I loved the city of Christchurch and I loved the people that I was in contact with from the program here. They were very reassuring and made me feel very comfortable with the move, and it meant so much to me that I would have people within the program that could help me with anything I needed and were excited to have me. Here at UC everyone feels like a family. Although it's a New Zealand program, there are many international people in the program. It's a wonderful combination of different cultures.'

'When I am not studying I love going to the city centre and checking out all the awesome small businesses like coffee shops and pubs that fill the city, as well as going to Summer beach in the warmer months. There are so many awesome opportunities for adventure here, you'll never be bored in Christchurch!'

Briauna Wnukowski

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Speech and Language Sciences (Brock University) Studying towards a Master of Speech and Language Pathology (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)

New Zealand



New Zealand is the most prosperous country in the Asia-Pacific region according to the 2014 Legatum Prosperity Index, which measures standards of education, quality of life, governance, ease of doing business, personal freedom and health.

Visitors come from around the world to live, work and study in this 'slice of heaven'. Students experience a relaxed lifestyle, travelling easily between cosmopolitan cities and the breathtaking outdoors for which New Zealand is famous.

World-class learning

New Zealand's education system offers some of the best learning opportunities in the world, with excellent teaching and high-quality programmes at all levels. For five of the last six years, the United Nations' Human Development Index report has placed New Zealand first in the world for Education.

Bicultural heritage in a multicultural society

The first people of Aotearoa New Zealand were long distance seafarers who came on waka (canoes) across the South Pacific ocean from Hawaiki Nui. The Māori people populated New Zealand over 800 years ago, and are the

indigenous people of this land. The land was not known to Europeans until 1642. Over 150 years later, settlers started to arrive from England, Scotland and Ireland. From the 20th century onwards, groups and individuals migrated, in hope of a better life. Today's New Zealanders celebrate a wide and varied heritage – from the Pacific, Europe, Asia, Africa and America.

A friendly welcome

New Zealanders are proud of their land and environment and enjoy showing visitors the sights. 'Kiwis' pride themselves on being welcoming hosts to all cultures and are known for being friendly. Whether it is sport, culture, art or politics, New Zealanders love to take part in community activities.

Clean, green and pristine

Life in New Zealand is good. New Zealand is one of the least crowded countries in the world, with much of the wild habitat still pure and undeveloped. The country is made up of a North and South Island and a third, smaller island called Stewart Island. With 14 national parks, New Zealand's varied natural landscapes are easy to access.

The South Island is home to:

- the breath-taking landscapes of Fiordland
- the ski resort town of Queenstown
- the rainforests and glaciers of the West Coast
- the golden beaches and pristine inlets of Nelson and Marlborough
- and the majestic Southern Alps.

Action and adventure await

If you enjoy outdoor activities and sports, the wide range on offer in New Zealand will excite.

- The country regularly hosts international sporting events such as netball tests, golf tournaments, sailing regattas and multisport competitions, and is home to the legendary All Blacks rugby team.
- Surrounded by sea and dotted with lakes and rivers, New Zealanders are lucky to never be far from water. Water pursuits such as swimming, surfing, sailing, kayaking and other water sports are common pastimes.

Introducing Christchurch and UC

Within two hours of Christchurch, you could be whale watching in Kaikōura, relaxing in the Hanmer Springs thermal pools, fishing on the Waimakariri River, exploring Methven's hills and valleys (of Lord of the Rings fame) or tramping in Arthur's Pass.

How to Apply

To apply to the University of Canterbury Masters programme, please contact Mike Johnson at CANTEACH (mike@canteach.net) for all application details and questions.

Individual appointments and phone calls will be made available to every student on how to apply.

For more information visit www.cmds.canterbury.ac.nz