



**BIRMINGHAM CITY**  
University

# SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

## WHAT IS A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY (SLT) DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP?

The SLT degree apprenticeship is a high-quality alternative to a traditional university degree. It allows apprentices to achieve a higher education qualification while working full-time and gaining experience in the workplace and on placements. The apprenticeship provides learners with the opportunity to apply newly acquired knowledge to clinical practice.

The apprenticeship supports the academic, personal and professional development of the learner. The course team are dedicated to developing and delivering education that supports learners to reach their potential in all aspects of the apprenticeship.

## COURSE INFORMATION

This programme is designed to train the next generation of Speech and Language Therapists through a work-based route.

Delivered as a four year degree apprenticeship, learners will study one day per week on campus, one day per week directed study or placement and the rest of the working week undertaking their job role in the workplace - combining academic learning with real-world clinical experience. Learners will also complete placement days in a wide range of settings, as per the requirements of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists (RCSLT).

This programme is ideal for individuals with a passion for supporting people with communication and eating, drinking or swallowing needs, the course equips apprentices with the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to assess, diagnose and manage a wide range of conditions across the lifespan.

Fully aligned with the Speech and Language Therapist standard approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE), this programme helps employers strengthen their allied health workforce while supporting national and local healthcare priorities.



## USEFUL WEBSITES:

[www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/speech-and-language-therapy-bsc-apprenticeship-2025-26](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/courses/speech-and-language-therapy-bsc-apprenticeship-2025-26)

[www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/become-a-speech-and-language-therapist/apprenticeships](http://www.rcslt.org/speech-and-language-therapy/become-a-speech-and-language-therapist/apprenticeships)

[www.bcu.ac.uk/business/apprenticeships/frequently-asked-questions-apprenticeship-employers](http://www.bcu.ac.uk/business/apprenticeships/frequently-asked-questions-apprenticeship-employers)

## HOW TO APPLY

Individuals wishing to undertake this apprenticeship need to be nominated by their employer and must meet the entry requirements at the point of starting the programme.

Funding is available to support the costs associated with this Apprenticeship.

For further advice on funding please email [apprenticeship-enquiries@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeship-enquiries@bcu.ac.uk).

For individuals seeking advice on securing related apprenticeship employment opportunities please refer to these sites.

[www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/nhs-apprenticeships](http://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/study-and-training/nhs-apprenticeships)

[www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship](http://www.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship)

Level 2 Qualifications	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three subjects at grade C/4 or above</li> <li>• Must include Mathematics and English language</li> <li>• Level 2 equivalent qualifications (e.g. Functional Skills) are accepted</li> <li>• Must have been achieved at the point of enrolment</li> </ul>
<b>Plus one of the following:</b>	
Level 3 Qualifications	
UK Qualification	Requirements
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 112 UCAS points (Grades BBC) from 3 A levels or an equivalent L3 qualification. Examples include:</li> <li>• BTEC National/Extended Diploma DDM</li> <li>• Access to HE Diploma (Health or Science related pathway) - Pass with 60 credits overall; 45 credits at level 3 with 12 at Distinction and 24 at Merit. If applying with an Access course, you only need GCSE mathematics and English language at grade C/4 or above. You are not required to hold three GCSEs in total.</li> </ul> <p><i>This is not an exhaustive list of qualifications so please contact your employer for further clarification.</i></p>
<p>For applicants who do not meet typical Level 3 qualifications who have relevant and sufficient experience* can still apply by successfully completing a portfolio of evidence set by our University Admissions team. (The same GCSE qualifications are still required and must have the equivalent of 88 UCAS points at L3).</p> <p>*Speech and Language Therapy Assistant, Teaching Assistant, Senior Health Care Support Worker</p>	
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<b>IELTS</b> Places are subject to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicants who have not received their secondary school education in English will require an overall IELTS score of 7.5, with no subtest below 7</li> <li>• To register with the Health and Care Professions Council, applicants for whom English is not a first language will require an overall IELTS score of 8, with no subtest below 7.5</li> <li>• If English is studied at GCSE Level but as a second language, IELTS must be completed to qualify for UK L2 requirement</li> </ul>
<b>Places are subject to:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupational Health Clearance</li> <li>• Proof of qualifications</li> <li>• Advanced Disclosure and Barring Service report</li> <li>• Successful interview</li> <li>• Pre-employment checks</li> <li>• Successful formal application to university through APTM system and eligibility checks e.g. qualification checks</li> </ul>	

If you have any further questions, please email – [apprenticeship-enquiries@bcu.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeship-enquiries@bcu.ac.uk)