

SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY (SLT)



WHAT IS SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPY

Speech-language therapists assess and treat children and/or adults who have a communication or swallowing disability – either developmental or acquired. This may include difficulties with speech, language, cognition (thought processes), voice or fluency.

Speech Language Therapists also:

- assess and diagnose communication delays and disorders, and swallowing disabilities then develop, implement and monitor treatment programmes.
- make written and oral reports about the client, the intervention strategies used and the client's progress.
- provide information to individuals, carers, families, other health professionals and work within teams to deliver services to individuals/groups.
- support and promote appropriate care and services for people with communication and swallowing difficulties.

Education required	To become a speech-language therapist you need to have a Bachelor of Speech and Language Therapy or an equivalent qualification that meets the requirements of the New Zealand Speech-Language Therapists Association.
Training offered by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Massey University and University of Canterbury; plus• University of Auckland (if you hold an undergraduate degree).
Perks!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• You can travel the world as a SLT.• Great opportunities to further your education while working.
Links	www.speechtherapy.org.nz Speech Language Therapists Association



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