Speech Therapy

The Health sector is most likely to be your destination and you will have already developed a familiarity with a clinical environment and be aware that you need to gain Health and Care Professions Council accreditation. If not tied to this option by funding or interest then you could consider other health sector roles. Some choose to work in special schools, prisons for example, but make sure you are properly supported in your first year post graduation.

Roles

Each job title links through to a broad job description, salary and conditions, entry requirements, typical recruiters and links to further pre-assessed useful information.

Speech and Language Therapist

- As a Speech and Language Therapist you may well wish to specialise in a particular kind of client or difficulty. To explore these further, including career progression, look at the NHS Careers Speech Therapy website.
- If you are in a position to look at alternative roles, given your vocational course choice and funding, the NHS Careers website would be a good place to look.

Finding Opportunities

The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists advertise speech and language therapy jobs as do the NHS, Health Service Jobs and HealthJobs.

You need to stand out from your peers when you apply so build experience during your course with the client groups that interest you and get feedback on the applications you create, both from teacher practitioners on your course and from the Careers Adviser for your department. Follow up with interview preparation and mock interviews.

Many students ask us how they can find SLT work abroad. The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists provides introductory information, including details on working in a range of different countries. Details of some national organisations are given below.

- Speech Pathology Australia
- New Zealand Speech-language Therapists Association (NZSTA)
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- CASLPA - The Canadian equivalent of RCSLT
- Irish Association of Speech Therapists

Further Reading

- The Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists.
- The NHS careers information website.