University of Essex Speech and Language Therapy placement schedule 2022-23 for early years, education and adult care settings

Pre-clinical placements are invaluable for helping students develop skills and knowledge they require as Speech and Language Therapists – confident and professional interactions with people of all ages; a good understanding of the education, health, and social care system; practice adapting their communication to suit a range of needs and abilities. All our trainee Speech and Language Therapists undertake pre-clinical placements in addition to their clinical placements.

## MSc year A Education placement (HS831) – Autumn 2023

**Dates: 21st, 23rd 24th, 30th November and 1st, 5th, 7th, 8th December 2023.**

Students in the first year of the MSc Speech and Language Therapy course undertake 8 days in *early years or primary school settings.*

Students complete a week in each setting and require a named facilitator to provide feedback via an assessment booklet. Students also complete a workbook of tasks which is assessed by the university.

## MSc Year B Communication Partner placement (HS837) – Autumn and Spring

**Autumn and Spring semesters (October 2023 – May 2024)**

Students in the second year of the MSc Speech and Language Therapy undertake approximately 10 sessions with adults with communication differences/difficulties. The placement days are usually once a week. This placement occurs alongside their teaching on acquired difficulties/disorders and supports the students’ understanding of the lived experience of communication difficulties.

Settings have included the Aphasia iCafe online, care/residential/nursing homes, day centres for older adults and people with learning or physical disabilities, online 1:1 communication partners, and local communication and social groups for people who have experienced stroke, stammering, or progressive neurological conditions which affect their communication such as Parkinsons and Multiple Schlerosis.

## BSc year 1 Rotational placement (HS136) – Spring 2024

Students in the first year of the BSc Speech and Language Therapy course at the University of Essex undertake a rotational placement across three settings: *early years/primary; secondary age/ young adults; adult care/residential/day centre/nursing home settings.*

Students complete a week in each setting and require a named facilitator to provide feedback via an assessment booklet. Students also complete a workbook of tasks which is assessed by the university.

You do not have to offer for every rotation – all offers are welcomed.

| **Rotation** | **Dates** |
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| 1 | 12th – 16th February 2024 |
| 2 | 26th February – 1st March 2024 |
| 3 | 11th – 15th March 2024 |

## Speech and Language Therapy Apprenticeship (HS235) – Spring 2024

Our Apprentices undertake a pre-clinical placement in their second year that is similar to the BSc year 1 students but comprising only two rotations – one in *early years/primary/secondary schools* and one in *adult residential/nursing/day centre/care.*

Dates:

### Practice facilitator training

All practice facilitators must access our training prior to hosting students. This is a professional and regulatory body requirement that helps ensure the quality of placements and the experience for both students and placement facilitators. However we are currently updating how we offer training and at present have several options, including Zoom, face to face visits to larger settings, and pre-recorded videos and webinars.

Please indicate at the point of offering placements whether you have undertaken our training.

We welcome ideas for how best to support you in hosting University of Essex students.

### New placement ideas

Do you have an idea for how trainee Speech and Language Therapists could be effective in your setting, even if you do not currently have a regular Speech and Language Therapist visiting? Email us to discuss: [sltplace@essex.ac.uk](mailto:sltplace@essex.ac.uk) .