

Prifysgol Wreccsam Wrexham University

Module specification

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Module Code	PHY409
Module Title	Introduction to Speech and Language Therapy
Level	4
Credit value	20
Faculty	FSLS
HECoS Code	100255
Cost Code	GAPT
Pre-requisite module	N/A

Programmes in which module to be offered

Programme title	Core/Optional/Standalone
Standalone module aligned to BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy for QA and assessment purposes	Optional

Breakdown of module hours

Learning and teaching hours	18 hrs
Placement tutor support hours	0 hrs
Supervised learning hours e.g. practical classes, workshops	18 hrs
Project supervision hours	0 hrs
Active learning and teaching hours total	36 hrs
Placement hours	0 hrs
Guided independent study hours	164 hrs
Module duration (Total hours)	200 hrs

Module aims

1. To equip students with an appreciation of the professional practice and scope of speech and language therapy, across a range of settings and populations.
2. To introduce students to the core values, behaviours and attributes of healthcare professionals.
3. To support students to identify own strengths and limitations for personal and professional development in a healthcare context.

Module Learning Outcomes

At the end of this module, students will be able to:

1	Define the difference between speech, language and communication and understand the implications for clinical practice.
2	Demonstrate an understanding of the role of the speech and language therapist across settings and populations and the vocational prospects.
3	Outline the core values, behaviours and attributes required to work in a healthcare context.
4	Recognise and reflect on own strengths and limitations in professional practice and opportunities for personal development.

Assessment

Indicative Assessment Tasks:

This section outlines the type of assessment task the student will be expected to complete as part of the module. More details will be made available in the relevant academic year module handbook.

Assessment 1: An online quiz with sections released each week relating to the session content. The quiz will include multiple choice questions and two written answers summarising learning of weeks 1 – 7. (Duration: 1.5 hours).

Assessment number	Learning Outcomes to be met	Type of assessment	Duration/Word Count	Weighting (%)	Alternative assessment, if applicable
1	1 - 4	Examination	1.5 hours	100%	N/A

Derogations

None.

Learning and Teaching Strategies

The module will be delivered through a range of teaching strategies including: lectures, directed study, group work, peer evaluation, practical demonstrations, group supervision and the individual student experience. Moodle will act as a repository for session materials and supplementary resources.

Welsh Elements

Students can present their work, access forms, resources, email correspondence, work placements and personal tutorials in Welsh.

Indicative Syllabus Outline

- Principles of safe, professional, ethical, practice
- Values and behaviours of professional practice
- Components of speech, language and communication
- The role and vocation of the speech and language therapist
- Principles and models of reflective practice
- Interpersonal and employability skills

Indicative Bibliography

Please note the essential reads and other indicative reading are subject to annual review and update.

Essential Reads:

O'Toole, G. (2020), *Core Interpersonal Skills for Healthcare Professionals*. Elsevier.

Other indicative reading:

Welsh Government (2018), *A Healthier Wales: A long term plan for health and social care*. Welsh Government.

Health and Care Professions Council (2016), *Standards of conduct, performance and ethics*. London, Health and Care Professions Council.

Cummings, L. (2018), *Speech and Language Therapy: A primer*. Oxford University Press.

Bauby, Jean-Dominic. (1988), *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*. Harper Collins

Administrative Information

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