



## Education programme in Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) at the Åbo Akademi University, Finland

The SLT programme at the Åbo Akademi University is one of the five SLT programmes in Finland and is situated in the Institution of Psychology and Logopedics. Åbo Akademi University is the only Swedish-language multi-faculty university in Finland.

The academic prerequisite to enter the SLT programme is Baccalaureat /A-level. Additionally a written and oral entrance exam has to be passed to be able to begin the studies in the programme. The students are accepted directly on to the SLT programme and the yearly intake is 10-13 students.

The Bologna process has been implemented since 2005. Both first and second cycle studies and 300 ECTS are required to obtain the M.A. degree. Only after obtaining the M.A. degree can the graduate become accredited to work as an SLT.

The studies include theoretical studies in logopedics, medicine, linguistics and psychology, as well as studies in scientific research methods including both B.A. and M.A. thesis. There is also a considerable amount of practice included.

After completing the M.A. degree it is possible to continue with PhD studies in logopedics. The department has active research ongoing in different areas of logopedics/speech and language therapy.

There are about 1100 SLTs in Finland at this moment. The population of Finland is about 5,3 million.

### **For more information:**

Åbo Akademi University, Institution of Psychology and Logopedics

<https://www.abo.fi/student/iplamnen>