

## **TEI Patras, Greece**

### **Department of Speech & Language Therapy**

The Department of Speech and Language Therapy of the Technological Educational Institute of Patras (TEI Patras) accepted its first students in 1996 and is one of the three recognized Institutes of higher education in Greece that are licensed to provide education in the fields of Speech, Language, Voice, Communication and Swallowing Disorders leading to a Bachelor Degree in Speech & Language Therapy. The course has an intake of approximately 100 students every year, which have passed successfully the National entry exams. During the academic year 2010-2011 approximately 670 students are enrolled in the program while 600 have graduated so far. Our graduates are eligible to practice as Speech & Language Therapists.

The state-of-the-art 4-year curriculum of studies is designed to offer a background academic preparation in the areas of Linguistics, Medicine and Psychology, followed by courses in the core fields of speech disorders, language disorders, hearing impairment, and application of new technologies in the evaluation and treatment of communication disorders. After completing a core set of required courses, students are expected to engage in 900 hours of supervised clinical practicum in hospitals, schools of special education, institutions and at the Speech and Language Clinic of the Technological Educational Institute of Patras. Clinical practicum is supervised by certified Speech Language Pathologists/Therapists, permanent and adjunct faculty of the Department. The department has five permanent faculty members with expertise in Acquired Communication Disorders, Development Communication Disorders, Audiology, Dysphagia, Application of informatics in Speech & Language Therapy and Linguistics.