

## Presentation

The Health School in Higher Education at Alcoitão (**ESSA**) at Cascais, Portugal is a private higher education institute established by a charity institution - Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa (SCML) responsible for the graduation and master degree on Speech and Language Therapy (SLT).

Cooperation with Portuguese Catholic University (UCP) – Health Sciences Institute (ICS) allows the Master SLT to candidate to the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle – PhD in Health Sciences.

## Prerequisites to be able to study in the programme and the yearly intake

For the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of studies the candidate must have twelve years of secondary school (the minimum required to Higher Education) plus a SLT's declaration of adequate skills on Portuguese speech and writing.

To the 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle (Master degree) the candidate should have a graduation in SLT.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle should have a Master degree and the approval of his/her scientific project by the scientific board of the UCP-ICS.

## The content of the studies and the degree

The 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of studies is a four years full-time degree, 8 semesters, 240 ECTS, (each ECTS in this degree is 28 hours of work) with an intake of 35 students a year.

SLT Degree (1<sup>st</sup> cycle) - ECTS distribution by scientific area

Scientific areas	1 <sup>st</sup> year	2 <sup>nd</sup> year	3 <sup>rd</sup> year	4 <sup>th</sup> year	ECTS	%
Biomedical Sciences	10	10	-----	----	20	8,3
Language Sciences	25	4	-----	-----	29	12,1
Behavioural Sciences	11	7,5	3	-----	21,5	9
Research methodology	-----	-----	3,5	10	13,5	5,6
Management	-----	-----	----	2,5	2,5	1
Speech Language Therapy	14	38,5	53,5	47,5	153,5	64
<b>Total</b>	60	60	60	60	240	

The 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle of studies (Master Degree in SLT) is 90 ECTS, 3 semesters.

## Other information:

ESSA signed the Erasmus Policy Declaration and therefore holds an Erasmus University Charter - **224511-IC-1-2007-1-PT-ERASMUS-EUCX-1**

For more information (address to the web page): [www.essa.pt](http://www.essa.pt)